Accepted Helmet Standards for EA National Competition*

effective from January 2027

*Note: A Quality Testing Mark is required for at least one of the standards (see next page)

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	British PAS015: 2011 & Updates	American Snell E2021 & E2016	CE Mark Products Referencing EN1384:2023	American ASTM F1163:23	American ASTM F1163:2015	CE Mark products Referencing VG1 & EN1384:2017	Australian AS/NZ 3838 (2006)
Competition under EA Rules 1 January 2027 until 31 December 2028	✓	✓	✓	✓	only in combination with one of the 4 accepted standards (ASTM excluded)	only in combination with one of the 4 accepted standards	✗
1 January 2029 Onwards	Any combination of at least two(2)of the above accepted standards				✗	✗	✗

✓ Accepted Standards

✓ Accepted only under specified conditions

✗ Not Accepted

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Quality Testing Marks

Quality testing monitors the ongoing quality of the product according to the original standard.

Quality testing labels include, but are not limited to:



Note: SNELL combines a standard with subsequent quality testing; therefore, no additional quality testing mark is required with Snell standards.

Note that the CE mark is NOT a quality mark as referred to in the standards.

Notes:

- Athletes are encouraged to upgrade to helmets that meet the EA 1 Jan 2029 (FEI 1 Jan 2028) standards as soon as possible.
- Perfect fit and the correct adjustment of the retention harness are essential to the performance of your helmet.
- Even if your helmet is purchased on line, it is strongly recommended to try it on before use.
- Ideally helmets should be fitted by a qualified professional.
- Taking into account daily wear and tear and material fatigue, the FEI recommends replacing your helmet every three to five years.
- Even if there is no visible damage, a helmet that has sustained a significant impact should be replaced immediately as it may not adequately absorb a second impact.
- It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure they wear helmets that meet the currently accepted standards.
- EA utilises a tagging process to assist officials in identifying riders wearing compliant helmets.