

HELMET TAGGING



TAG PLACEMENT

Wrap the helmet “tag” around the harness, high up, on the left hand side so it is visible, but out of the way.

HELMET STANDARDS ARE USUALLY FOUND IN THE HELMET’S LINING:

- on an info tag;
- direct onto the lining;
- or on a sticker.

Standards as at December 11, 2024



Helmets must conform to **one** of the current approved safety standards:

HELMET STANDARD	SAFETY MARK
AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked	
ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked	
ASTM F1163 (2004a and any subsequent updates) provided they are SEI marked	
SNELL E2001 (and any subsequent updates)	
PAS 015 (1998 or 2011 and any subsequent updates) provided they are BSI Kitemarked	
VG1 (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark (remains until 31 December 2026). From 1 January 2027, VG1 must be accompanied by a quality testing label (Safety Mark).	
EN1384:2023 with a quality testing label (Safety Mark)	

<https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/current-approved-safety-standards-helmets>

HELMET TAGGING INSTRUCTIONS AND TIPS

- Check all helmets carefully to find the standard/s. There may be more than one and they may not be together. You may need to remove the lining to find the standard/s. It will be either on a sticker on the inside shell, on the outside of the shell or directly on the liner (the liner may be removable and the standard is usually on an information tag attached to the liner).
- The symbols/marks are Quality Assurance Marks and signify that the helmet has undergone extra safety testing – they are not mandatory, the main thing to look for is the Standard itself, the marks are just an extra.
- The years that are associated with applicable standards are not the year of manufacture for that helmet, but the year the helmet standard was released, superseding the previous standard.
- More than one standard is fine, provided one of them is a compliant standard. Familiarise yourself with our accepted safety standards on the EA website at <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/current-approved-safety-standards-helmets>
- When a standard has a year attached to it (eg AS/NZS 3838 **2006**) – the year refers to the date the Standard came out (or was published), not the year of helmet manufacture – so anything from that standard year onwards is compliant.
- We will accept helmets with standard **ASTM F1163** (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked. Remember, **AS/NZS 3838** (2006 onwards) is compliant provided they are SAI Global marked.
- Wrap the helmet tag around the harness so it can be easily seen by an official/steward from the ground (see picture for preferred placement). Make sure you are out of any wet/rain as they don't seem to stick very well if not dry.
- After each tagging session, go to <https://form.jotform.com/201251007856852> and complete the form recording the number of compliant and non-compliant helmets
- Questions or additional tags? Please contact your State Branch – details can be found here: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/helmet-tagging-information>