



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

Name:	Mark Crowe	Country:	Ireland / Chief Referee
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Summary of Change Requested:

Update of the IMGA hat standard rules because we are currently out of date with respect to other equestrian disciplines and hat standards.

Could Margaret and Warwick please also check NZ / Australian standards I think they are covered with the same year and the new SAI mark inside the hat.

Current Rule Book Wording:

GR5.3. Properly fastened, correctly fitting and undamaged protective headgear must be worn when riding anywhere on the showground. All Protective Headwear must meet one of the following standards:

- PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) (with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC mark)
- VG1 01.040 (2014-12) (with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC mark)
- ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) (with SEI mark)
- SNELL E2001, E2016 or E2021 (with SNELL label and number)
- AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) (with SAI Global mark)

or any new standard approved by FEI that meets or exceeds those stated.

Headwear should be a jockey skull cap, with no fixed peak, peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front and should have an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used if required.

As an exception to this rule riders are allowed to remove their headgear while accepting prizes or during the playing of the National Anthem only; they must refasten their headgear prior to the lap of honour.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

GR5.3. Properly fastened, correctly fitting and undamaged protective headgear must be worn when riding anywhere on the showground. All Protective Headwear must meet one of the following standards:

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- SNELL E2016 or E2021 (with SNELL label and number)
- AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) (with SAI Global mark)

or any new standard approved by FEI that meets or exceeds those stated.

Only a "Jockey Skull" of an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface, having no peak or peak type extensions may be worn for any MGA activity. Noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front, not greater than 5mm, smooth and rounded in nature are permitted. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used.

HEAD CAMS or any recording devices are not permitted for use during IMGA events.

Reason for Change Request:

To align our hat standards with that of international hat standards and that of other equestrian disciplines.

There is an interesting FEI document here:

https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Technical%20report%20FEI%20Helmet%20Working%20Group%20-%20Final%207Dec2023_1.pdf

For additional reference please look at:

For SNELL See <https://smf.org/stds.html>

See also here: <https://www.charlesowen.com/standards>

See also here <https://dseequestrianoutfitters.ie/pages/2023-equestrian-safety-standards-hats-and-body-protectors>

See also here <https://www.bhs.org.uk/media/v24hxyqc/2023-bhs-approvals-and-bhs-assessments-hat-guide-v1.pdf>

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Reference:	2024 – 06
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Submission Date:	26/05/2024
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Decision Date:	14/07/2024
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Votes	
Alun Whitney	Agreed
Jens Martin	Agreed
Jake O'Connor	Agreed
Mark Crowe	Agreed
Margaret Welsby	Agreed
Robin Donnay	Agreed
Warwick Slade	Agreed
Total In Favour:	7
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

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Reason for Decision:

After much discussion the above wording was agreed upon and furthermore it was deemed that it need not be implemented immediately and can wait until next year.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2025
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