

HELMET TAGGING POLICY 2022

It is mandatory for all NZPCA members to wear a approved protective helmet at all times when mounted (including at prize-giving) with a chinstrap fastened and adjusted so as to prevent movement of the helmet in the event of a fall.

The fit of the helmet and the adjustment of the harness are as crucial as the quality. Members are advised to try several makes to find the best fit. The helmet should not move on the head when the head is tipped forward.

Helmets must be replaced after a severe impact as subsequent protection will be significantly reduced. Helmets deteriorate with age and should be replaced after three to five years depending upon the amount of use.

It is strongly recommended that second hand helmets are not purchased.

Helmet Standards









ESNZ and NZPCA have had a complete review of helmet standards, and our tagging policy. As a result, we will be changing the tagging policy and procedure from 1 August 2023, with best practice health and safety for all in mind.

The existing **red** helmet tags will continue to be used and accepted up until **31 July 2023**. From **1 August 2023** approved helmets will need to be fitted with a new **yellow** helmet tag to be worn at an NZPCA rally, venue activity or event. Existing red tagged helmets need to be reinspected and re-tagged yellow if they meet the updated standards, to be used from **1 August 2023**.

The updated table on the following page states which helmets with applicable helmet standards will be able to be fitted with a new **yellow** helmet tag. Red tags can also still be fitted to helmets that don't meet the new yellow tag standards, but can only be worn up until 31 July 2023. Helmets can continue to be tagged by an approved NZPCA or ESNZ helmet tagger – either in your own time or at a rally or event, prior to your competition.

A helmet must show on a label that it meets at least one of the below standards with the appropriate quality mark, but may bear multiple standards, in which case at least one must also bear the applicable quality mark.

Standards underlined and in red will not be allowed from 1 August 2023 and cannot receive a yellow tag.

Helmet Standard	Safety Mark	Allowed at the following activities:
PAS 015: <u>1998</u> or 2011 (or later) with BSI Kitemark or IC mark	 or 	All Activities
VG1 01.040 (2014-12 or later) - Must carry BSI kitemark or IC mark from August 2023	 or 	All Activities
Snell <u>E2001</u> , E2016 (or later) with the official Snell logo and number	 	All Activities
ASTM-F1163 2004a (or later) with the SEI mark	 Certified by SEI to ASTM F1163	All Activities
AS/NZS 3838 <u>1998, 2003</u> , 2006 (or later) with 5 ticks mark		All Activities

Helmet Tagging

All helmets worn by Members at Pony Club rallies, events and activities must have on them an NZPCA Approved Helmet Tag.

- Only helmets that meet the NZPCA approved helmet standards (see above) can be tagged.
- Once tagged – the tag must not be removed

- If there is no tag present – the helmet must be checked and tagged before the rider can participate in any Pony Club event or activity ¹
- Only Chief / Head Coach or Gear Safety Checkers can attach NZPCA Approved Helmet Tags.
- NZPCA Approved Helmet Tags can be ordered from the NZPCA website, via the EShop, or by contacting the NZPCA Head Office, postage may apply.

NZPCA Approved Helmet Tags must be attached to one of the harness straps high up on the left hand side of the helmet where it is easily visible. This is done by wrapping the tag onto itself as many times as it will go, onto one of the harness straps of the helmet as shown in the photograph.



Tagging indicates that a helmet meets the accepted standards, NO check of the fit and condition of the helmet is implied. It is considered to be the responsibility of the Member's parent/guardian to ensure that their helmet complies with the required standards and is tagged before they go to any Pony Club event. Also, they are responsible for ensuring that the manufacturer's guidelines with regard to fit and replacement are followed.

If a helmet safety standard is changed or withdrawn from the system, NZPCA will notify all members and a new tag of a different colour will be issued and ALL helmets must be inspected before it is attached.

This policy

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References NZPCA General Regulations (Specific Regulation: 16.2 Helmets)

¹ If the OC is unable to provide a tag at an event, the helmet must be checked and the rider may continue with the permission of the gear safety inspector/senior official