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1963		General Rules	RULE III. – CONDUCT OF RECOGNIZED SHOWS	Part I. General. Sec. 18. Dress. It is the tradition of the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed, and horses properly presented. The management may in its discretion bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.	This is the rule regarding dress prior to the inclusion of the “protective headgear” requirement that is included in the 1964 rule book.
1964		General Rules	RULE III. – CONDUCT OF RECOGNIZED SHOWS	Part I. General. Sec. 18. Dress. It is the tradition of the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed, and horses properly presented. Riders in all classes where jumping is required must wear protective headgear except in Trail and Dressage Classes. Management may in its discretion bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience and must bar riders without protective headgear from classes in which it is required.	This is the first year that the “protective headgear” language was included in the rule book for jumping.
1973	3/1/73	General Rules	Rule III – Conduct – Sec. 20. Dress.	It is the tradition of the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed, and horses properly presented. Riders in all classes where jumping is required must wear protective headgear except in Trail and Dressage Classes. A show committee may in its discretion bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience and must bar riders without protective headgear from classes in which it is required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is intended in the foreseeable future to make the wearing of certified protective headgear mandatory in all classes over fences. Certified headgear is that which meets the “standards for protective headgear” of the Snell Memorial Foundation. 	This rule remained virtually the same as the 1964 version through 1972. In 1973 the Snell Memorial Foundation standard was being considered for future use, but was never enacted (though the rule remained unchanged until 1986).
1978	3/1/78	Combined Training	Rule XV – Combined Training –	Chapter III – Endurance Competition Sec. 4. Dress and Saddlery. Article 61 – Dress. 1. A hunting cap or other equivalent form of hard hat is obligatory. [...] Chapter IV – Jumping Competition Sec. 4 – Dress and Saddlery. Article 79 – Dress. 2. Uniform or hunting attire, including top hat, hunting cap, or regulation headgear.	This is the first year that any requirement for a helmet appears in the Combined Training Division rules (the General Conduct rules are the

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					same as in 1973).
1979	3/1/79	Combined Training	Rule XV – Combined Training –	<p>Chapter II – Dressage Competition Sec. 3. Dress and Saddlery. Article 38 – Dress. Uniform or hunting attire, including top hat, hunting cap, or regulation headgear [...]</p> <p>Chapter III – Endurance Competition Sec. 4. Dress and Saddlery. Article 61 – Dress. 1. Protective headgear secured by a chin strap harness is obligatory both on the course and in the warm-up areas.</p> <p>Chapter IV – Jumping Competition Sec. 4 – Dress and Saddlery. Article 79 – Dress. Uniform or hunting attire. Protective headgear secured by a chin strap harness is obligatory both in the arena and the warm-up area. [...]</p>	This is the first year that protective headgear with a chin strap appears in the Combined Training Division rules (the General Conduct rules are the same as in 1973).
1980-81	3/1/80	Combined Training	Rule XV – Combined Training –	<p>Chapter II – Dressage Competition Sec. 3. Dress and Saddlery. Article 38 – Dress. Uniform or hunting attire, including top hat, hunting cap, or regulation headgear [...]</p> <p>Chapter III – Endurance Competition Sec. 4. Dress and Saddlery. Article 61 – Dress. 2. Protective headgear secured by a chin strap harness is obligatory when jumping a fence on the course or in the warm-up areas. [...]</p> <p>Chapter IV – Jumping Competition Sec. 4 – Dress and Saddlery. Article 79 – Dress. Uniform or hunting attire. Protective headgear secured by a chin strap harness is obligatory when jumping a fence on the course or in the warm-up areas. [...]</p>	Slight change in wording for Chapters III & IV from the 1979 version for the Combined Training Division rules (the General Conduct rules are the same as in 1973).
1982-83	3/1/82	Combined Training	Rule XV – Combined Training –	<p>Chapter II – Dressage Competition Sec. 3. Dress and Saddlery. Article 39 – Dress. Uniform or hunting attire, including top hat, hunting cap, or regulation headgear [...]</p> <p>Chapter III – Endurance Competition Sec. 4. Dress and Saddlery. Article 62 – Dress. 3. Protective headgear secured by a permanent or removable safety harness is obligatory under penalty of elimination when jumping a fence on the course or in the warm-up areas. [...]</p> <p>Chapter IV – Jumping Competition</p>	Slight change in wording for Chapters III & IV from the 1980-81 version for the Combined Training Division rules (the General Conduct rules are the same as in 1973).

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1984-85	3/1/84	Combined Training	Rule XV – Combined Training –	Chapter II – Dressage Test Sec. 3. Dress and Saddlery. Article 37 – Dress. Uniform or hunting attire, including top hat, hunting cap, or regulation headgear [...] Chapter III – Endurance Test Sec. 4. Dress and Saddlery. Article 58 – Dress. 4. Protective headgear secured by a permanent or removable safety harness is obligatory under penalty of elimination when jumping a fence on the course or in the warm-up areas. [...] Chapter IV – Jumping Test Sec. 3 – Dress and Saddlery. Article 74 – Dress. Uniform or hunting attire. Protective headgear, secured by a permanent or removable safety harness, is obligatory under penalty of elimination when jumping a fence on the course or in the warm-up areas. [...]	Rule reference changes from the 1982-83 version for the Combined Training Division rules (the General Conduct rules are the same as in 1973).
1986-87	12/1/85	General Rules	Rule III – Conduct – Sec. 17. Dress.	It is the tradition of the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed, and horses be properly presented. Riders in all classes where jumping is required must wear protective headgear except in Trail and Dressage Classes. A show committee may in its discretion bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience and must bar riders without protective headgear from classes in which it is required. All juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation Sections must wear protective headgear passing testing standards while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the show grounds. Harnesses must be secured and if said headgear has a brim it must be flexible or semiflexible. Any rider violating this rule at anytime must immediately be prohibited from further riding until his headgear is properly in place. Adults are encouraged to comply with this rule, however, it is not mandatory. Adults must wear hard hats when jumping anywhere on the show grounds. A hard hat is defined as a hunt cap of a riding hat with a hard shell.	This is the first change to the General Rules regarding Conduct at all USEF Competitions since the 1973 version and it requires juniors to wear protective headgear in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation Sections.

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1986-87	12/1/85	Combined Training	Rule XIV – Combined Training –	<p>Chapter II – Dressage Test Sec. 3. Dress and Saddlery. Article 37 – Dress. Uniform or hunting attire, including top hat, hunting cap, or regulation headgear [...]</p> <p>Chapter III – Endurance Test Sec. 4. Dress and Saddlery. Article 58 – Dress. 3. Protective headgear, passing AHSA testing standards, and with the harness secured, is obligatory under penalty of elimination when jumping a fence on course or in the warm-up areas. If said headgear has a brim, it must be flexible or semiflexible. Should a competitor lose his headgear during the Endurance Test he cannot jump or attempt to jump any other obstacle without it, under penalty of elimination. In this circumstance, a rider may receive outside assistance while mounted or dismounted, in or out of the penalty zone, to recover the headgear without incurring a penalty.</p> <p>Chapter IV – Jumping Test Sec. 3 – Dress and Saddlery. Article 74 – Dress. Uniform or hunting attire. Protective headgear secured by a permanent or removable safety harness is obligatory under penalty of elimination when jumping a fence on the course or in the warm-up areas. [...]</p>	The protective headgear rule for the Endurance Test (Cross Country) was expanded.
1988-89	12/1/87	General Rules	Rule III – Conduct – CHAPTER IV. ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT	<p>Article 318. Dress.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the tradition of the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed, and horses be properly presented. 2. Riders in all classes where jumping is required must wear protective headgear (Exception: Trail and Dressage classes.) A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience. 3. All juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear protective headgear passing testing standards while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the competition grounds. Harnesses must be secured and if the headgear has a brim it must be flexible or semiflexible. Any rider violating this rule at anytime must immediately be prohibited from further riding until his headgear is properly in place. Adults are 	Slight changes in wording and formatting for the General Conduct rules.

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				<p>encouraged to comply with this rule, however, it is not mandatory.</p> <p>4. Adults must wear hard hats when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds. A hard hat is defined as a hunt cap or a riding hat with a hard shell.</p>	
1988-89	12/1/87	Combined Training	Rule XVII – Combined Training –	<p>CHAPTER I. GENERAL</p> <p>Article 1718. Exercising and Warming-up.</p> <p>6. HEADGEAR. Protective headgear, passing testing standards, and with harness secured, is obligatory under penalty of elimination, when jumping a fence in the warm-up areas. If said headgear has a brim, it must be flexible or semi-flexible.</p> <p>CHAPTER II. DRESSAGE TEST.</p> <p>Article 1736. Dress.</p> <p>1. Uniform or hunting attire, including top hat, hunting cap or regulation headgear [...]</p> <p>CHAPTER III – ENDURANCE TEST.</p> <p>Article 1759. Dress.</p> <p>4. In all cases, protective headgear, passing testing standards, and with the harness secured, is obligatory under penalty of elimination when jumping a fence on course or in the warm-up areas. If said headgear has a brim, it must be flexible or semi-flexible. Should a competitor lose his headgear during the Endurance Test he cannot jump or attempt to jump any other obstacle without it, under penalty of elimination. In this circumstance, a rider may receive outside assistance while mounted or dismounted, in or out of the penalty zone, to recover the headgear without incurring a penalty.</p> <p>CHAPTER IV – JUMPING TEST.</p> <p>Article 1775. Dress. Uniform or hunting attire. In all cases, protective headgear, passing testing standards, and with the harness secured, is obligatory under penalty of elimination when jumping a fence on the course or in the warm-up areas. If said headgear has a brim, it must be flexible or semi-flexible. [...]</p>	Slight changes in wording and formatting for the Combined Training rules.
1990-91	12/1/89	General Rules	Rule III – Conduct – CHAPTER IV. ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT	<p>Article 318. Dress.</p> <p>1. It is the tradition of the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed, and horses be properly presented.</p> <p>2. Riders in all classes where jumping is required must wear protective headgear (Exception: Trail and Dressage classes.) A Show Committee</p>	This is the first year that the protective headgear as stated in the General Rules for Conduct for juniors riding in Hunter,

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				<p>must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.</p> <p>3. Effective December 26, 1989, all juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear protective headgear passing applicable ASTM standards while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the competition grounds. Harnesses must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at anytime must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Adults are encouraged to comply with this rule, however, it is not mandatory. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with such standards, and carries the ASTM and SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) seals, and is properly fitted and in good condition.</p> <p>4. Adults must wear hard hats when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds. A hard hat is defined as a hunt cap or a riding hat with a hard shell.</p>	<p>Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation is required to meet the ASTM standards and SEI certification.</p>
1990-91	12/1/89	Combined Training	Rule XVII – Combined Training –	<p>Article 1718. Exercising and Warming-up.</p> <p>6. HEADGEAR. Protective headgear, passing ASTM testing standards, displaying the SEI seal, and with harness secured, is obligatory, under penalty of elimination, when jumping a fence in the warm-up areas.</p> <p>CHAPTER II. DRESSAGE TEST.</p> <p>Article 1736. Dress.</p> <p>1. Uniform or hunting attire, including top hat, hunting cap or regulation headgear [...]</p> <p>CHAPTER III – ENDURANCE TEST.</p> <p>Article 1759. Dress.</p> <p>4. Protective headgear, passing ASTM testing standards, displaying the SEI seal and with harness secured, is obligatory, under penalty of elimination, when jumping a fence on the course or in the warm-up areas. Should a competitor lose his headgear during the Endurance Test, he cannot jump or attempt to jump any other obstacle without it, under penalty of elimination. In this circumstance, a rider may receive outside assistance while mounted or dismounted, in or out of the penalty zone, to recover the headgear without incurring a penalty.</p>	<p>Changes to the Combined Training division also show the new requirement to meet the ASTM standards and SEI certification for headgear.</p>

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1992-93	12/1/91	General Rules	Rule III Conduct – CHAPTER IV. ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT	<p>Article 318. Dress.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the tradition of the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented. 2. Riders in all classes where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the show grounds must wear protective headgear (Exception: Trail classes). A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience. 3. All juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear properly fitting protective headgear while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the competition grounds. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at anytime must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. 4. AHSA strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the AHSA, Show Committees, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. 5. AHSA makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries. 6. [...] 	The ASTM headgear requirement was relaxed in the General Rules due to the limited number of ASTM/SEI certified models and poor fit issues and further language was added to reduce liability.

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1992-93	12/1/91	Combined Training	Rule XVII – Combined Training –	<p>Article 1718. Exercising and Warming-up.</p> <p>6. HEADGEAR: Protective headgear with harness secured is obligatory, under penalty of elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury, when jumping a fence on course or in the warm-up areas. The AHSA strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) standards. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with the appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted, and in good condition, and the AHSA, Organizing Committees and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. AHSA makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.</p> <p>CHAPTER II. DRESSAGE TEST.</p> <p>Article 1736. Dress.</p> <p>2. Uniform or hunting attire, including top hat, hunting cap or regulation headgear [...]</p> <p>CHAPTER III – ENDURANCE TEST.</p> <p>Article 1759. Dress.</p> <p>4. Protective headgear, with harness secured is obligatory, under penalty of elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury, when jumping a fence on course or in the warm-up areas. The AHSA strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) standards. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with the appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted, and in good condition, and the AHSA, Organizing Committees and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. AHSA makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent</p>	The ASTM headgear requirement was relaxed in the Combined Training Rules as well due to the limited number of ASTM/SEI certified models and poor fit issues and further language was added to reduce liability.

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				<p>dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.</p> <p>Should a competitor lose his headgear during the Endurance Test, he cannot jump or attempt to jump any other obstacle without it, under penalty of elimination. In this circumstance, a rider may receive outside assistance while mounted or dismounted, in or out of the penalty zone, to recover the headgear without incurring a penalty.</p> <p>CHAPTER IV – JUMPING TEST.</p> <p>Article 1775. Dress. Uniform or hunting attire. In all cases, protective headgear with harness secured is obligatory, under penalty of elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury, when jumping a fence on course or in the warm-up areas. The AHSA strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) standards. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with the appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted, and in good condition, and the AHSA, Organizing Committees and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. AHSA makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries. [...]</p>	
1994-95	12/1/93	General Rules	Rule III CONDUCT OF RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS - CHAPTER IV. ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT	<p>Article 318. Dress.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the tradition of the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented. 2. Riders in all classes where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the show grounds must wear protective headgear (Exception: Trail classes). A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience. 3. All juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear properly fitting protective headgear while riding in the 	This version of the General Rules was the first to add a provision that all exhibitors may choose to wear protective headgear in any class or division without penalty from the judge.

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				<p>designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the competition grounds. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at anytime must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) in any division or class without penalty from the judge. 5. AHSA strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the AHSA, Show Committees, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. 6. AHSA makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries. 7. [...] 	
1994-95	12/1/93	Combined Training	Rule XVII – Combined Training Division	<p>Article 1711. Dress</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: Upon arrival, wearing a hard hat or appropriate dressage headgear is compulsory for anyone riding a horse on the flat. Protective headgear, secured by a retention harness, is compulsory for anyone jumping an obstacle. Failure to wear a hard hat or appropriate dressage headgear or jumping an obstacle without protective headgear or with an unfastened retention harness, shall be penalized by elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. The AHSA strongly encourages all competitors to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards. 4. DRESSAGE TEST: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Hunting dress or uniform with regulation headgear. [...] 5. ENDURANCE TEST: [...] Protective headgear, in accordance with paragraph 1 above and boots must be worn. It is recommended that 	The first year that back protectors were recommended for Endurance (Cross Country) tests in the Combined Training division.

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1996-97	12/1/95	General Rules	<p>Rule III CONDUCT OF RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS - CHAPTER IV. ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT.</p>	<p>Article 318. Dress.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the tradition of the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented. 2. Riders in all classes where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the show grounds must wear protective headgear (Exception: Trail classes). A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience. 3. All juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear properly fitting protective headgear while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the competition grounds. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at anytime must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. 4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) in any division or class without penalty from the judge. 5. The AHSA strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the AHSA, Show Committees, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. 6. AHSA makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries. 	<p>This version of the General Rules is a slight revision of the previous rule, adding a reference to the SEI in part 5.</p>

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1996-97	12/1/95	Combined Training	Rule XVII – Combined Training Division	<p>CHAPTER 1 - General</p> <p>Article 1711. Dress</p> <p>1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: Upon arrival, wearing a hard hat or appropriate dressage headgear is compulsory for anyone riding a horse on the flat. Protective headgear, secured by a retention harness, is compulsory for anyone jumping an obstacle. Failure to wear a hard hat or appropriate dressage headgear or jumping an obstacle without protective headgear or with an unfastened retention harness, shall be penalized by elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. The AHSA strongly encourages all competitors to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards.</p> <p>4. DRESSAGE TEST:</p> <p>4.1 Hunting dress or uniform with regulation headgear. [...]</p> <p>5. ENDURANCE TEST: [...] Protective headgear, in accordance with paragraph 1 above [...] A body protecting vest must be worn. The AHSA strongly encourages all competitors to wear body protecting vests passing or surpassing the current British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) standards, level 5. [...]</p> <p>6. JUMPING TEST: Hunting dress or uniform. Protective headgear in accordance with paragraph 1 above must be worn [...]</p>	The first year that body protecting vests were required for Endurance (Cross Country) tests in the Combined Training division. The BETA standards were used at this time for the body protecting vests because the ASTM had not yet evaluated them or was still in the process of evaluation.
1998-99	12/1/97	Driving	CHAPTER II. CONTITIONS.	<p>Article 2003. The Competitor – Dress and Whip</p> <p>3. In Competition B, less formal dress is acceptable, but the turnout and dress must be neat and tidy. Competitors should wear a hat, but driving aprons and gloves are optional. [...]</p>	This is the Driving Division rule regarding dress prior to the inclusion of the “protective headgear” requirement in 2000.
2000	12/1/99	Combined Training	RULE XVII – COMBINED TRAINING/EVENTING DIVISION	<p>CHAPTER 1 - General</p> <p>Article 1712. Dress</p> <p>1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: Upon arrival, wearing a hard hat is compulsory for anyone riding a horse on the flat. Protective headgear, specifically designed for equestrian use, secured by a permanently fitted, non-detachable retaining harness, secured to the shell at more than two points, is compulsory for anyone jumping an obstacle. Failure to wear a</p>	Revisions to the rule making the headgear requirements more specific.

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				<p>hard hat while riding on the flat or jumping any obstacle without headgear or with an incorrect or unfastened retention harness shall be penalized by elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. The AHSA strongly encourages all competitors to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards.</p> <p>4. DRESSAGE TEST: 4.1 Novice through Preliminary: Hunt Cap – black or dark blue [...] Intermediate through Advanced: As above except no tweed coat. When tails are worn: Top Hat – black or dark blue [...] Members of armed and police forces, service dress with gloves, regulation headgear [...] Protective headgear may be worn without penalty. (See General Rules, Art. 318)</p> <p>5.1 ENDURANCE TEST: [...] Protective headgear, with chin harness, designed expressly for equestrian use in accordance with paragraph 1 above. This headgear may be any color. A body protecting vest with a shirt with sleeves (any color) must be worn. The AHSA strongly encourages all competitors to wear body-protecting vests passing or surpassing the current British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) standards, level 2. [...]</p> <p>5.2 An approved and completed Medical Card, enclosed in a transparent waterproof carrier, must be securely attached on the upper arm outside of the competitor’s clothing. Riders without the card will not be allowed in the warm-up or on course. Failure to wear one’s own personal armband will constitute a violation of the rules and will be penalized by disqualification and a fine of \$100. (payable to the Organizing Committee).</p> <p>6. JUMPING TEST: Hunting dress or uniform. Protective headgear, with chin harness, designed expressly for equestrian use in accordance with paragraph 1 above must be worn [...]</p>	
2000	12/1/99	Driving	RULE XX. DRIVING DIVISION	<p>CHAPTER I. INTRODUCTION. Article 2003. The Competitor – Dress and Whip.</p> <p>3. In Competition B, less formal dress is acceptable, but the turnout and dress must be neat and tidy. Competitors should wear a hat or protective headgear, but driving aprons and gloves are optional. [...]</p>	This rule introduces the “protective headgear” language to the Driving Division for the first time.
2001	12/1/00		RULE XVII – COMBINED TRAINING/EVEN	<p>CHAPTER 1 – General Article 1712. Dress</p> <p>1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: Upon arrival, wearing a hard hat is compulsory</p>	The main change to this version of the rule for the Eventing

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			TING DIVISION	<p>for anyone riding a horse on the flat. Protective headgear, specifically designed for equestrian use, secured by a permanently fitted, non-detachable retaining harness, secured to the shell at more than two points, is compulsory for anyone jumping an obstacle. Failure to wear a hard hat while riding on the flat or jumping any obstacle without headgear or with an incorrect or unfastened retention harness shall be penalized by elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. The AHSA strongly encourages all competitors to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards.</p> <p>4. DRESSAGE TEST:</p> <p>4.1 Novice through Preliminary: Hunt Cap – black or dark blue [...] Intermediate through Advanced: As above except no tweed coat. When tails are worn: Top Hat – black or dark blue [...] Members of armed and police forces, service dress with gloves, regulation headgear [...] Protective headgear may be worn without penalty. (See General Rules, Art. 318)</p> <p>5.1 ENDURANCE TEST: [...] Protective Headgear must be in accordance with paragraph 1 above. This headgear may be of any color. A body protecting vest with a shirt with sleeves (any color) must be worn. The AHSA suggests that the body protecting vest should pass or surpass the current American Society for Testing and Materials standard F1937, certified by the Safety Equipment Institute. [...] <i>EC 2/16/00 Effective Immediately</i></p> <p>5.2 An approved and completed Medical Card, enclosed in a transparent waterproof carrier, must be securely attached on the upper arm outside of the competitor's clothing. Riders without the card will not be allowed in the warm-up or on course. Failure to wear one's own personal armband will constitute a violation of the rules and will be penalized by disqualification and a fine of \$100. (payable to the Organizing Committee).</p> <p>6. JUMPING TEST: Hunting dress or uniform. Protective headgear, with chin harness, designed expressly for equestrian use in accordance with paragraph 1 above must be worn [...]</p>	Division is on the Endurance Test, where the body protecting vest is now recommended to meet ASTM standards instead of BETA standards.
2001	12/1/00	Driving	Chapter III. COMPETITION B – MARATHON	<p>Article 2047 [FEI Art. 947]. Competitors</p> <p>2. Dress.</p> <p>2.1 Less formal dress is acceptable for Competition B for the Competitor and</p>	The Driving Division rules are reorganized, and the

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				grooms. "Shorts" are not permitted. Competitors must wear a hat but gloves and apron are optional.	"protective headgear" language is removed from the Competition B – Marathon rules (and it does not return until the 2005 rule book).
2002	12/1/01	General Rules	Rule III CONDUCT/COM PETITION STANDARDS - CHAPTER IV. ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT.	<p>Article 318. Dress.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the tradition of the competition ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented. 2. Riders in all classes where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the show grounds must wear protective headgear (Exception: Trail classes). A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience. 3. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, all juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear properly fitting protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. <i>EC 2/16/00 Effective 12/1/01</i> 4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) in any division or class without penalty from the judge. 5. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for 	Slight revisions to the wording of the General Rules.

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				<p>equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. <i>EC 2/16/00 Effective 12/1/01</i></p> <p>6. The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.</p> <p>7. [...]</p>	
2002	12/1/01	Eventing Division	<p>RULE XVII – EVENTING DIVISION PART ONE – General Rules for all Eventing Competitions <i>BOD 1/14/01 Effective 12/1/01</i></p>	<p>Article 1712. Dress</p> <p>1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: Upon arrival, wearing a hard hat is compulsory for anyone riding a horse on the flat. Protective headgear, specifically designed for equestrian use, secured by a permanently fitted, non-detachable retaining harness, secured to the shell at more than two points, is compulsory for anyone jumping an obstacle. Failure to wear a hard hat while riding on the flat or jumping any obstacle without headgear or with an incorrect or unfastened retention harness shall be penalized by elimination, at the discretion of the Ground Jury. The Federation strongly encourages all competitors to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards.</p> <p>4. DRESSAGE TEST:</p> <p>4.1 Tests and Horse Trials (Novice through Preliminary) – Hunt cap – black or dark blue [...]</p> <p>4.2 Horse Trials (Intermediate and Advanced) – Two Day & Three Day Events. As above except no tweed coat. When tails are worn: Top Hat – black or dark blue [...] Members of armed and police forces, service dress with gloves, regulation headgear [...] Protective headgear may be worn without penalty. (See General Rules, Art. 318) [...] <i>BOD 1/14/01 Effective 12/1/01</i></p> <p>5. CROSS COUNTRY TEST: [...] Protective Headgear must be in accordance with paragraph 1 above. This headgear may be of any color. A body protecting vest with a shirt with sleeves (any color) must be worn. The Federation suggests that these should pass or surpass the current American Society for Testing and Materials standard F1937, certified by the Safety Equipment Institute. [...] <i>BOD 1/14/01 Effective 12/1/01</i></p>	<p>Reorganizing and relabeling of the Eventing Division rules with some slight revisions to the wording as well.</p>

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				6. JUMPING TEST: Hunting dress or uniform. Protective headgear, with chin harness, designed expressly for equestrian use in accordance with paragraph 1 above must be worn [...]	
2003	12/1/02	General Rules	Rule III CONDUCT/COM PETITION STANDARDS - CHAPTER IV. ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT.	<p>Article 318. Dress.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the tradition of the competition ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented. 2. Riders in all classes where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds must wear protective headgear (Exception: Trail classes, except for Paso Fino Trail classes which do require protective headgear. See Paso Fino Division rules for applicability). A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience. <i>BOD 1/13/02 Effective 3/1/02</i> 3. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, all juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear properly fitting protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. 4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) in any division or class without penalty from the judge. 5. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. 	This version of the General Rules sets the protective headgear requirements for the Paso Fino Division.

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				<p>6. The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.</p> <p>7. [...]</p>	
2004	12/1/03	General Rules	<p>Rule III CONDUCT OF RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS - CHAPTER IV. ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT.</p>	<p>Article 318. Dress.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the tradition of the competition ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented. 2. Riders in all classes where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds must wear protective headgear (Exception: Trail classes, except for Paso Fino Trail classes which do require protective headgear. See Paso Fino Division rules for applicability). A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience. 3. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, all juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, must wear properly fitting protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. 4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) in any division or class without penalty from the judge. 5. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds to wear protective headgear with harness secured which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear 	Slight revisions to the General Rules regarding conduct (reorganizing the wording).

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				<p>intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.</p> <p>6. The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.</p> <p>7. [...]</p>	
2004	12/1/03	Eventing	RULE XVII. EVENTING DIVISION PART ONE – General Rules for all Eventing Competitions	<p>Article 1713. Dress</p> <p>1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.</p> <p>1.1 At all levels of eventing competition, from beginner novice through advanced, at U.S. Equestrian Endorsed competitions and recognized competitions, riders must wear headgear as follows in 1.2 through 1.6, except as may otherwise be mandated by local law (see also Art. 318):</p> <p>1.2 Upon arrival, wearing a hard hat is compulsory for anyone riding a horse on the flat.</p> <p>1.3 While jumping any obstacle, commencing on January 1, 2003, all riders must wear properly fitting protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted.</p> <p>1.4 It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.</p> <p>1.5 The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.</p> <p>1.6 Violation of this rule at any time, at the discretion of the Ground Jury, shall be penalized and may result in elimination.</p> <p>2. PROTECTIVE VESTS. A body protecting vest must be worn in the cross-country test. Stable, team or club colors are permitted. The Federation</p>	The Eventing rules are reorganized, grouping all of the rules regarding dress in one place without dividing it by test.

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				recommends that the vest should pass or surpass the current ASTM standard F1937 or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute.	
2005	12/1/04	General Rules	GR318 Dress.	<p>SUB-CHAPTER 3-D ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT.</p> <p>GR318 Dress.</p> <p>1. It is the tradition of the competition ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented.</p> <p>2. Riders in all classes where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds must wear protective headgear (Exception: Trail classes, except for Paso Fino Trail classes which do require protective headgear. See Paso Fino Division rules for applicability.) A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.</p> <p>3. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, all juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, must wear properly fitting protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.</p> <p>4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) in any division or class without penalty from the judge.</p> <p>5. See DC147.2b for protective headgear requirement in Combined Driving. EC 3/15/05 Effective 4/1/05</p> <p>6. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear protective headgear with harness secured which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show</p>	The main change to the General Rules in 2005 is the Combined Driving requirement reference (see details in next entry) and slight rule reference changes.

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				<p>Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.</p> <p>7. The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.</p> <p>8. [...]</p>	
2005	4/1/05	Combined Driving	DC147.2.Dress	<p>Less formal dress is acceptable for Competition B for the Competitor and Grooms. "Shorts" are not permitted. Competitors should wear a hat - preferably protective headgear – but gloves and apron are optional.</p> <p>At USEF sanctioned National events:</p> <p>a. The penalty for contravening rules regarding dress is five (5) points.</p> <p>b. All persons in the vehicle in Competition B, Marathon, Section E, Obstacles, must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. The responsibility for compliance rests with all the persons in the vehicle. Failure to comply results in elimination, and the competitor will not be allowed to continue in the Marathon. (See DC103.3g)</p> <p>c. Protective vests and Medical Armbands are strongly recommended.</p> <p>EC 3/15/05 Effective 4/1/05 and BOD 7/12/05 Effective 8/1/05</p>	This rule change was put in to follow the FEI's rules and is the first year that ASTM/SEI certified helmets are required and is the first time that protective vests are recommended for use in Combined Driving competition.
2005	12/1/04	Eventing	EV113 Dress	<p>1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.</p> <p>a. At all levels of eventing competition, from beginner novice through advanced, at Federation Endorsed competitions and recognized competitions, riders must wear headgear as follows in 1b through 1f, except as may otherwise be mandated by local law (see also GR318):</p> <p>b. Upon arrival, wearing a hard hat is compulsory for anyone riding a horse on the flat.</p> <p>c. While jumping any obstacle all riders must wear properly fitting protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted.</p> <p>d. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian</p>	Slight changes to the formatting and rule reference for the Eventing Division rules in 2005.

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				<p>use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.</p> <p>e. The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.</p> <p>f. Violation of this rule at any time, at the discretion of the Ground Jury, shall be penalized and may result in elimination.</p> <p>2. PROTECTIVE VESTS. A body protecting vest must be worn in the cross-country test. Stable, team or club colors are permitted. The Federation recommends that the vest should pass or surpass the current ASTM standard F1937 or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute.</p>	
2006	2/1/05	General Rules	GR318 Dress.	<p>1. It is the tradition of the competition ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented.</p> <p>2. It is compulsory for riders in all Hunter, Jumper and Hunt Seat Equitation classes, and Paso Fino classes, both open and breed restricted including Hunter Hack, where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience. <i>BOD 1/16/05 Effective 12/1/05</i></p> <p>3. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, all juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections, and all sub-juniors riding in the Paso Fino division, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, must wear properly fitting protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such</p>	

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				<p>headgear is properly in place. <i>BOD 1/16/05 Effective 12/1/05</i></p> <p>4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) in any division or class without penalty from the judge.</p> <p>5. See DC147.2b for protective headgear requirement in Combined Driving.</p> <p>6. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear protective headgear with harness secured which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.</p> <p>7. The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.</p> <p>8. [...]</p>	
2008	12/1/07	General Rules	CHAPTER 8 CONDUCT OF LICENSED COMPETITIONS SUBCHAPTER 8- A ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT.	<p>GR801 Dress.</p> <p>1. It is the tradition of the competition ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented.</p> <p>2. It is compulsory for riders in all Hunter, Jumper and Hunt Seat Equitation classes, and Paso Fino classes, both open and breed restricted including Hunter Hack, where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.</p> <p>3. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, all juniors riding in</p>	This is the first year that all exhibitors may choose to wear protective safety vests in any class or division (in addition to protective headgear) without penalty from the judge. The 2008 Rule Book was re-organized and the dress rules moved to Chapter 8.

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				<p>Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections, and all sub-juniors riding in the Paso Fino division, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, must wear properly fitting protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.</p> <p>4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) and/or a protective safety vest, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge. The Federation recommends that the vest meet or surpass the current ASTM standard or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute. BOD 6/26/07 Effective 12/1/07</p> <p>5. See DC147.2b for protective headgear requirement in Combined Driving.</p> <p>6. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear protective headgear with harness secured which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.</p> <p>7. The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.</p> <p>8. [...]</p>	
2009	12/1/08	Combined Driving	DC117.6.	<p>6. Dress in Competition B</p> <p>6.1 Less formal dress is acceptable in Competition B for the Competitor and Grooms: shorts are not permitted; Infringement will incur 10 penalties per person.</p> <p>6.2 Competitors and Grooms must wear securely fastened protective head gear on Section E. Infringement will incur Elimination.</p>	The 2009 version was just reorganized under new rule references in the chapter.

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				<p>6.3 At USEF licensed National Competitions/Events: All persons in the Vehicle in Competition B, Marathon, Section E, Obstacles, must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with Harness secured. The responsibility for compliance rests with all the persons in the Vehicle. Failure to comply results in elimination, and the competitor will not be allowed to continue in the Marathon.</p> <p>6.4 At USEF licensed National Competitions/Events protective vests and Medical Armbands are strongly recommended.</p>	
2009	12/1/08	Eventing	EV114	<p>EV114 Dress.</p> <p>1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.</p> <p>a. At all levels of eventing competition, from beginner novice through advanced, at Federation Endorsed competitions and recognized competitions, riders must wear headgear as follows in 1b through 1f, except as may otherwise be mandated by local law (see also GR801):</p> <p>b. Upon arrival, wearing a hard hat is compulsory for anyone riding a horse on the flat.</p> <p>c. While jumping any obstacle all riders must wear properly fitting protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted.</p> <p>d. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.</p> <p>e. The Federation makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.</p> <p>f. Violation of this rule at any time, at the discretion of the Ground Jury, shall be penalized and may result in elimination.</p> <p>2. PROTECTIVE VESTS.</p> <p>a. A body protecting vest must be worn warming-up for and in the cross-</p>	The rule references in the Eventing Division were renumbered and the protective vest rule was strengthened to include warm-up for cross country and a possible penalty for non-compliance.

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				country test. Stable, team or club colors are permitted. The Federation recommends that the vest should pass or surpass the current ASTM standard F1937 or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute. b. Violation of this rule shall be penalized at the discretion of the Ground Jury, and may result in elimination. BOD 1/13/08 Effective 12/1/08	
2010	2/1/10	Combined Driving	DC117.6.	6. Dress in Competition B 6.1 Less formal dress is acceptable in Competition B for the Competitor and Grooms: shorts are not permitted; Infringement will incur 10 penalties per person. 6.2 Competitors and Grooms must wear securely fastened protective head gear and back protectors on Section E. Infringement will incur Elimination. BOD 1/17/10 Effective 2/1/10 6.3 At USEF licensed National Competitions/Events : All persons in the Vehicle in Competition B, Marathon, Section E, Obstacles, must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with Harness secured. The responsibility for compliance rests with all the persons in the Vehicle. Failure to comply results in elimination, and the competitor will not be allowed to continue in the Marathon. 6.4 At USEF licensed National Competitions/Events protective vests and Medical Armbands are strongly recommended.	This is the first year that back protectors are required (effective 2/1/10) for the Combined Driving Division in Competition B.
2011	1/23/11	General Rules	GR801.6.	6. See DR120 for protective headgear requirement in Dressage. BOD 1/23/11 Effective immediately	This addition to the General Rules allows the protective headgear requirement for Dressage competitors as detailed below.
2011	3/1/11	Dressage	DR120.1.-.5.	DR120 Dress. 1. The dress code for Training through Fourth Levels is a short riding coat of conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie, white or light-colored breeches or jodhpurs, boots or jodhpur boots, and protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801. A cutaway coat (modified tailcoat) with short tails is permitted. Half chaps, gaiters and/or leggings are	Protective headgear is now required for all Dressage riders under the age of 18 in all national level Dressage tests below

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				<p>not allowed. Gloves of conservative color are recommended. Exception: Riders through First Level may wear half-chaps, gaiters or leggings in solid black or brown, without fringe, matching the color of their boots, and made of smooth leather or leather-like material. The dress code for the FEI Junior Tests, FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF test for 4-year old horses is a short riding coat of conservative color, with stock or tie, breeches, <i>and protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801</i>. A dark tailcoat is also permitted for the FEI Junior Tests. The dress code for FEI Pony Riders is dark coat or club uniform coat, breeches or jodhpurs, white shirt with tie or hunting stock, gloves, boots <i>and protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801</i>. Spurs are optional for all of the FEI Pony and Junior Tests, FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF test for 4-year old horses. (See DR120.8)</p> <p>2. For all tests above Fourth Level, the dress code is: a dark tailcoat with top hat <i>or protective headgear</i>, or a dark jacket with a bowler hat, hunt cap <i>or protective headgear</i>, and white or light colored breeches, stock or tie, gloves, and black riding boots. <i>Exception: All riders under age 18 competing in any FEI level or test must wear protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801</i>. Spurs are mandatory for FEI tests (except as noted above under DR120.1). (See DR120.8)</p> <p>3. At all test levels, riders may wear jackets in other colors within the international HSV color scale, as described in FEI Dressage Regulations, Art. 427.1. Contrast coloring and piping is allowed. Hats, stocks, ties, gloves and riding boots may be the same color as the coat. <i>For Grand Prix Freestyle only: any single color tailcoat will be allowed; striped or multi-colored coats are not permitted, and tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar of a different hue or modest piping or crystal decorations, are acceptable. EC 3/21/11 Effective immediately</i></p> <p>4. Members of the Armed Services and police units may ride in the uniform of their service. <i>All riders under age 18 and all riders while on horses competing in national level tests, who choose to wear Armed Services or police uniform, must wear protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801. Other riders choosing to wear Armed Services or police uniform must wear the appropriate military/police cap or hat for their branch of service, or protective headgear.</i></p> <p>5. <i>At any time while mounted on the competition grounds, all riders under age 18, all riders while on horses competing in national level tests, all riders</i></p>	Fourth Level.

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				<i>competing in Para-Equestrian tests, and all riders while on non-competing horses, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. When a horse is competing in both national and FEI levels or tests (e.g. Fourth Level and PSG), the rider must wear protective headgear at all times when mounted on that horse on the competition grounds and during all tests. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Any other exhibitor may wear protective headgear at any level of competition without penalty from the judge. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Unless jackets are waived, while in the competition ring, exhibitors wearing protective headgear must wear a short, dark jacket, dark tail coat (only permitted for tests above Fourth Level), or Armed Services or police uniform (if eligible), dark hatcovers (where applicable) and must otherwise conform to DR120 (see GR801). BOD 1/23/11 Effective 3/1/11</i>	
2011	3/1/11	Arabian	AR156.1.	SUBCHAPTER AR-12 DRESSAGE SECTION. AR156 Dressage classes. Dressage classes held in the Arabian Division to be conducted in accordance with Dressage Chapter DR, except as stated herein: 1. When cross entry <i>by rider or horse/rider combination</i> is permitted between Dressage and other Arabian classes at a competition, <i>DR120 and DR121</i> apply only to the designated Dressage warm-up and competition areas, or when exhibitor is actually warming-up for Dressage class. <i>EC 2/22/11 Effective 3/1/11</i>	This rule requires competitors at Arabian competitions in Dressage classes to wear protective headgear as required in the Dressage rule as detailed above.
2011	2/22/11	Morgan	MO197.14.a.(4).	14. MORGAN DRESSAGE a. Dressage classes held in the Morgan Division to be conducted in accordance with Dressage Chapter DR, except as stated herein: (1) Junior Exhibitors in Morgan Dressage classes are not permitted to show stallions in Junior Exhibitor Performance or Equitation classes. (DR132 and DR119.1) (2) One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, is permitted in all Morgan Dressage classes. (3) A caller, if supplied by the competitor, may be used in any Federation Morgan class. (DR122.1) (4) When cross entry <i>by rider or horse/rider combination</i> is permitted	This rule requires competitors at Morgan competitions in Dressage classes to wear protective headgear as required in the Dressage rule as detailed above.

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				between Dressage and other Morgan classes at a competition, <i>DR120 and DR121</i> apply only to the designated Dressage warm-up and competition areas, or when exhibitor is actually warming-up for Dressage class. <i>EC 2/22/11 Effective immediately</i>	
2011	3/21/11	Morgan	MO197.17.	17. MORGAN BEGINNER LEADLINE. Open to riders who are at least two (2) but less than seven (7) years old (GR126). Leaders must be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age (GR103). Safety is of the utmost importance in presentation, tack and attire. It is required that equipment fit the rider with rider's feet in the stirrups. Failure to comply will result in elimination and the entry will be asked to leave. Stallions are prohibited. Entries will be led both ways of the ring, only at a walk. Attire of the rider shall include Saddle Seat, Hunter Seat, Western Seat, Dressage Seat, Side-Saddle, or Roadster silks. <i>Protective headgear (See GR801) must be worn by riders in lead line classes at all times while mounted.</i> Rider and leader's apparel does not have to match. The rider should be in control of the reins, but the leader must hold a lead that is attached to the bridle/headstall appropriate to the saddle used. Riders may be lined up side by side or head to tail. Not to mount or dismount. Entries will not be asked to back. <i>EC 3/21/11 Effective immediately</i>	Protective headgear is now required for all riders in Morgan lead line classes.
2011	1/23/11	Eventing	EV114.1.b.	EV114 Dress. 1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR. a. At all levels of eventing competition, from beginner novice through advanced, at Federation Endorsed competitions and recognized competitions, riders must wear headgear as follows, except as may otherwise be mandated by local law (see also GR801): b. Upon arrival, <i>anyone riding a horse must wear properly fitting protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. BOD 1/23/11 Effective immediately</i>	Protective headgear is now required for all national level Eventing participants at all times when mounted.
2012	4/1/12	General Rules	GR801.2-.7	GR801 Dress. [Chapter 8 Conduct of Licensed Competitions. Subchapter 8-A Attire and Equipment] 2. It is compulsory for riders <i>all persons at Federation licensed hunter, jumper or hunter/jumper competitions</i> in all Hunter, Jumper and Hunt Seat Equitation classes, <i>when mounted anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment</i>	Protective headgear is now required for all national level Hunter, Jumper and Hunter/Jumper participants at all times when

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				<p><i>Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. And It is compulsory for riders in</i> Paso Fino classes, both open and breed restricted including Hunter Hack, where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the competition grounds to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. A Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.</p> <p>3. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, all juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections, and all sub-juniors riding in the Paso Fino division, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, must wear properly fitting protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.</p> <p>7. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation strongly encourages all riders, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear protective headgear with harness secured which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. <i>(Exception hunter, jumper, or hunter/jumper competitions refer to GR801.2)</i></p> <p>It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. BOD 1/14/12 Effective 4/1/12</p>	mounted.