

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

We believe if an official sees an obvious violation of the intent of protective headgear to be "properly fitted," a licensed official may be empowered to bring it to the rider's attention prior to the point where the participant is simply eliminated when they enter the dressage arena. We believe this is better aligned with the Federation's goals and purpose regarding the safety of participants

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Linked Rules	Comments
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DR120 Dress. Change to read:

1. Dress. The Dress Code provisions of this section apply to all classes and levels, including Championships, at USEF Licensed-USDF recognized dressage competitions. FEI Dress rules apply only to FEI recognized dressage events (CDIs).

1.1 Protective Headgear. Protective headgear in compliance with the accepted testing standards published on the Federation's website. Protective headgear must carry the applicable quality testing tag and/or label. See GR801. From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds, including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, mounted participants in exhibition classes, and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para Dressage tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until the headgear is properly in place. ***A Technical Delegate or Judge may prohibit a rider from entering the ring if the headgear is not properly secured.*** Protective headgear may be the same as or a coordinating color with the coat, and may include contrast coloring, accent, and crystal decoration. See DR136 for dress code rules for exhibitions.