

RIDERS EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING – SKULL CAPS, BODY PROTECTORS, SPECTACLES, WHIPS AND SPURS

SKULL CAPS (REGULATION 115 (ii) and APPENDIX C)

7.6 The only approved pattern of skull caps for riding in races is one which:

- meets PAS 015: 2011, **SNELL E2016**, VG1 01.040 2014-12, or UTAC/CRITT 04/2015.
- carries a CE marking;
- is in serviceable condition.

As the Skull Cap is designed to absorb the energy of any impact by partial destruction, any Skull Cap which has been subjected to a severe impact or has been worn by a rider suffering concussion will not be regarded as being in serviceable condition and should be discarded.

The Skull Cap must be of the correct fitting for the individual rider, the harness must be correctly adjusted and the chin-strap fastened at all times when mounted. The chin strap must pass under the jaw and be attached to the harness by a quick release buckle. Metal hooks are expressly forbidden. Skull Caps must not have a chin cup, cradle or draw lace.

During the current Season, each Point-to-Point Area must nominate a fixture and arrange for Skull Caps to be checked.

Any queries on Skull Cap specifications should be directed back to the PPA who will take up the matter with the BHA.

BODY PROTECTORS (REGULATION 115(iv) and APPENDIX C)

7.7 All riders are required to wear a Body Protector which meets the following Standard:

(BS) EN 13158: 2009 or 2018.

The minimum acceptable standard for a Body Protector is Level 2. Body Protectors must not be modified in any way and must be in a serviceable condition. There is a 4lb weight allowance given for the Body Protector.

Organisers staging a Point-to-Point Area's first meeting of the Season must arrange for all Body Protectors to be checked at their fixture

Any queries on Body Protector specifications should be directed back to the PPA who will take up the matter with the BHA.

USE OF SPECTACLES AND CONTACT LENSES

7.8 In the interests of safety the BHA, having taken expert medical advice, has decided that no person shall ride in a Point-to-Point wearing spectacles or lensed goggles. In the case of people wishing to ride in contact lenses, the BHA directs that the lenses must be of the soft type.

WHIPS (REGULATIONS 13(xi) & 117 and APPENDIX O)

7.9 Only whips which fall within the following specifications are approved:

- (a) A maximum length, including the flap, of 68cms
- (b) A minimum diameter of 1cm

The only additional feature which may be attached to the whip is a flap. If a flap is attached it must fall within the specifications below:

- (c) A maximum length of flap from the end of shaft of 10cms
- (d) A maximum width of flap of 4cms, with a minimum width of 2cms
- (e) The flap from the end of the shaft must not contain any reinforcements or additions
- (f) There shall be no binding within 23cms of the end of the flap
- (g) The contact area of the shaft must be smooth, with no protrusion or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material throughout its circumference such that it gives a compression factor of at least 6mms
- (h) The flap must have similar shock absorbing characteristics to that of the contact area;
- (i) The overall weight must not exceed 160gms.

Clerks of the Scales will from time to time check the whips used by riders to ensure that they fall within the approved specifications. These checks will be carried out at the time of weighing out and any rider found with a whip which does not conform will be required to find an alternative whip which does comply.

SPURS

7.10 The BHA will not permit spurs of any type to be used in any race.

Stewards are asked to watch for the use of any type of spurs when riders are either weighing out or in the Parade Ring.