

HARD HAT DISCLAIMER



DECLARATION OF INDEMNITY AND ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

WEARING OF PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR AT AQHA UK EVENTS

The human head is very vulnerable and may suffer considerable damage owing to injuries caused by a fall or impact from a horse. Injuries to the head may have long term effects and in some cases can be life threatening. It has been proven that wearing a correctly fitted, good condition riding hat can protect the wearer from injury or reduce the overall effect of any impact or injury. The American Quarter Horse Association, United Kingdom promotes safe riding and competition and in order to further this aim strongly recommends that protective headgear to approved standards is worn while handling, exercising, riding or competing any horse or pony.

Declaration

I am aware of the risks involved in riding or competing without a solid and unbroken properly fitted approved riding hat or helmet to BSEN1384 or BSEN 1384 and PAS015, SNELL E2001, AS/NZS3838 or ASTM-F1163 and bearing the appropriate kite or certified mark with the straps properly adjusted and fastened. I understand that the American Quarter Horse Association, United Kingdom permits competitors without protective headgear to handle exercise ride or compete horses at their own risk subject to submission of the relevant disclaimer below.

Adult Competitors

As an adult aged 18 years or over I hereby confirm that I accept full responsibility for not wearing protective headgear to the standards specified above while attending AQHA UK events. Having taken this decision I hereby indemnify AQHA UK against all losses including but not limited to loss of income and all types of indirect or consequential loss that may be suffered or liability which may accrue to AQHA UK as a result of any injury suffered by myself as a result of not wearing appropriate safety headgear while handling exercising riding or competing.

Name _____





Signature _____ Date _____

Youth competitors age 18 and under must wear protective headgear at all times when riding or handling horses at an AQHA UK event; this includes clinics and shows for the entire duration on the show ground or any private facilities being hired by the AQHA UK.

Riders who fail to complete this declaration will not be permitted to ride without protective headgear and may be asked to leave the event and any fees may be forfeited.

INFORMATION - Hard Hat Standards 2016

The European Commission have made changes to the EN1384 hat standard (this also includes BSEN1384) and it will no longer be recognised as an acceptable standard for riding hats in the UK. Since 1 January 2016 hat rules have changed and are tabled below.

Either PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) or BSEN 1384 (1997 or 2012) or EN 1384 (1996)	ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a)	SNELL E2001	AS/NZS 3838 (2006)	From 1
MUST HAVE BSI Kitemark	MUST HAVE SEI Kitemark	MUST HAVE The official SNELL label and number	MUST HAVE SAI Global Mark	
				

January 2016, All hats that only meet the standard EN1384 or BSEN1384, and do not comply with another standard from the above table are no longer acceptable. Hats which bear EN1384 or BSEN1384 along with another standard from the above table are acceptable. For example, BSEN1384 & PAS015 (1998 or 2011) along with the Kite-mark, but BSEN1384 on its own is not.

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