

ATTACHMENT A TO POLICY 0125

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR HELMETS

Criteria and Disclaimer:

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc., recognizes that riding is an inherently dangerous activity and that injury and death can occur even if the rider has a proper helmet and all other customary and recommended safety precautions are observed. Each person participating in riding and working with horses must recognize these dangers and participate at his own risk.

Based upon the best information, standards and testing procedures available, the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. requires that the following conditions be met when participating in an activity sponsored by the USPC, its regions or registered clubs. These requirements are not intended to be an endorsement, guarantee or warranty of the products specified. The requirements are made based upon the judgment of the manufacturers and the testing facilities that these items provide the best protection now available.

REQUIREMENTS

1. When mounted (except when vaulting or engaged in polo) all Pony Club members must wear properly fitted and securely fastened equestrian helmets that comply with the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) Standard.
2. The helmet must have a seal bearing the letters Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) that will verify that the helmet meets the ASTM Standard.
3. Polo has protective requirements that demand special considerations:
 - A. When mounted for a USPC-sponsored polo instruction clinic, at which there is no scrimmage or contact play and at which mallets will not be swung above the horse's withers, *either* of the following must be worn:
 1. A helmet meeting the ASTM Standard and bearing the SEI seal, *or*
 2. A polo helmet with a facemask that meets the National Organization Committee for Safety Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) Standard of Severity Index (SI) of <1100.
 - B. At a mounted polo instruction clinic at which there is scrimmage or contact play, or at which a mallet will be swung above the horse's withers, a helmet with a facemask that meets the NOCSAE Standard of SI of <1100 must be worn.