

**UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS  
POLICY STATEMENT**

**SUBJECT: SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR HELMETS      **EFFECTIVE DATE: 02/20/2020****

**POLICY NO. 0810      **REVISED DATE: 05/21/2022****

**I.      POLICY STATEMENT AND PHILOSOPHY**

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. recognizes that riding is an inherently dangerous sport, and consideration for safety is of utmost importance. Participation in any equine activity can result in injury or death and individuals must assume responsibility for their own safety. In order to promote high safety standards for our members, it is the policy of the Board of Governors to require properly fitted and securely fastened helmets containing the standards and certifications that meet criteria established by specific safety bodies listed below, to be worn by members during any mounted activity (except vaulting) and during some un-mounted activities.

- ASTM F1163 with SEI Mark (North America) (required for USEF Competitions)
- AS/NZS 3838 with SAI Global Mark (Australia and New Zealand)
- PAS 015 with IC Mark (United Kingdom)

**II.     DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

- A.** The District Commissioner (DC), Center Administrator (CA), and Regional Supervisor (RS) shall have responsibility for this policy at the local and regional levels.
- B.** The Vice Presidents of Instruction, Activities and Regional Administration, as appropriate, and the National Office shall have responsibility at the national level.
- C.** The President and the Chair of the Safety Committee shall have oversight of this policy.

**III.    ENACTMENT**

Established:  Date: 02/20/2020  
(Signature of Board President)

Printed Name of the Board President: H. Benjamin Duke III