

**UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS
POLICY STATEMENT**

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

POLICY NO. 0810

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 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 (North America) (required for USEF Competitions)
- AS/NZ 3838 (Australia and New Zealand)
- PAS 015 (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