

Helmet Tagging Policy

It is now a requirement that all helmets used for Pony Club in NSW are tagged to indicate that they meet the required safety standards.

Who can tag a helmet?

Any qualified Pony Club Instructor in NSW (Old System or NCAS) and Qualified Gear Check Certificate holders. Only Clubs or zones are able to purchase helmet tags.

How are helmets tagged?

Eligible helmet taggers (as above) are to check the safety standard on the inside of the helmet. The internal and external condition of the helmet must also be checked for damage and if found to be damaged should not be tagged. Standards are sometimes located beneath the helmet lining. If there is no labelled standard, the helmet must not be tagged. Helmets are to be tagged on the left hand side of the helmet (the riders left hand side) on the strap that goes in front of the ear. If there is no room on the strap due to another safety tag being put there, please attach to the strap that goes behind the ear, as high as possible, on the riders left hand side.

The tag will wrap around the helmet strap multiple times and must sit flush with the strap. Try to attach the tag as straight and even as possible.

In the event of a fall, the rider's helmet must be checked. If there is visible internal or external damage to the helmet, the helmet tag must be removed, and a new helmet must be sought.

Why are helmets being tagged now?

This is due to Covid-19 restricting on how hands on we can be in our gear checking, helmet tags are an efficient and safe way to minimise the amount of contact we have with others. If a helmet is tagged, the gear checker can easily identify that this helmet falls within our safety standards and is suitable for use. If the gear checker believes the helmet should not be tagged, they still have the right to physically check the helmet if deemed necessary. This will also streamline our State Events, where helmet tagging was previously undertaken at each event.



2017 Helmet Standards Pony Club NSW

Helmet Code	Marking Required	Approved by PCANSW
AS/NZS3838		
ARB HS 2012		
ASTM F1163		
SNELL E2001		
PAS 015 (1998 or 2011)		
VG1		
EN/1384 (manufactured prior to 2016)	n/a	
EN/1384 (manufactured in 2016 or onwards)	n/a	

PCANSW recommends that riders upgrade their riding helmet every 5 years, or after any fall or damage to the helmet. This is a recommendation, however is not enforced.



This helmet standard was located underneath the liner – this is a VG1 helmet standard.