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MGAA Members,

The IMGGA rulebook will have an update to rule GR5.3 regarding helmets for the 2019 season.

GR5.3. Properly fastened and correctly fitting protective headgear must be worn when riding anywhere on the showground. All Protective Headwear must meet one of the following standards :

- PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) (with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC mark)
- VG1 01.040(2014-12) (with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC mark)
- ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) (with SEI mark)
- SNELL 2001 or 2016 (with SNELL label and number)
- AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) (with SAI Global mark)

or any new standard approved by FEI that meets or exceeds those stated.

Headwear should be a jockey skull cap, with no fixed peak, peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front and should have an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used if required

As an exception to this rule riders are allowed to remove their headgear while accepting prizes or during the playing of the National Anthem only; they must refasten their headgear prior to the lap of honour

In response to member concern, the MGAA board has discussed this change while keeping our members' current equipment and financial obligations as well as rider safety in mind.

While we strongly encourage riders purchasing new helmets to fully meet this rule, we are giving our members a grace period of 3 years to adapt the peakless/brimless requirement.

Starting January 1, 2022 riders are expected to fully meet this rule.

So as not to hurt new riders coming into the sport, the Novice and Lead Line divisions will remain exempt from this portion of the rule.

*Currently and in the future, helmets must meet one of the following standards as stated in the rule; PAS, VGI, ASTM, SNELL, AS/NZS, or any new standard approved by FEI that meets or exceeds those stated.

Respectfully,

The 2018 MGAA Board of Governors

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