



BRC Hat Rules 2022

Information for Competitors v1

How does this affect me?.....

For 2022, the requirement remains for all BRC members to have their hats tagged with an **AQUA** hat tag before competing in any BRC Qualifiers or Championships.

BRC, British Eventing and The Pony Club have joined together to unify hat standards, resulting in a single hat tag now being accepted across all three Member Bodies. This means that each organisation will be using the same aqua coloured tag, but it will carry the logo of the body that tags the hat. However, any aqua tag, with any of those three logos, will be permitted at all three organisations, preventing the need for separate tags for each Member Body competition.

When you arrive at the competition, take your hat with you when you go to declare. The Official Steward will then check that your hat complies with an accepted standard, and will place an aqua BRC tag on it. It is a good idea to allow a little extra time when arriving at a competition for this to be done. Please note, you will not be allowed to ride anywhere at that event if your hat has not been tagged, and hats which do not comply with an accepted standard will not be tagged under any circumstances.

It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure they arrive at a competition with a hat to the correct standard so it is therefore imperative that you check your hats before you get to the event, in order to avoid disappointment. To do this:

- 1) Use the following information or the BRC 2022 Handbook for reference
- 2) Check that your hat clearly displays one of the accepted standards
- 3) Check that the standard also shows the correct corresponding date
- 4) Check that your hat also displays the correct corresponding quality assurance mark
- 5) Make sure that you do not remove any labels from inside your hat which may hold the relevant information, as a hat will not be tagged without all of the required information visible and attached.

Only hats which comply with **all of the above steps** will be accepted for tagging. If you're in doubt, please contact the BRC office for further advice. If your hat cannot be tagged, you will not be allowed to ride wearing that hat under any circumstances.

In order to ensure riders are wearing the most up to date riding hats, please note that from the 1 January 2023, the following hat standards will no longer be accepted, due to the age of hats made to these standards:

1. **PAS O15 1998**
2. **SNELL 2001**

To manage this change, a new colour of hat tag will be required for all BE, PC and BRC activities from 1 January 2023.

Please note: No alterations, protrusions or additions are to be made to a hat under any circumstances. For the Quadrille competition, please see the Quadrille rules in the Handbook for further information regarding costumes. Important additional information regarding hats for XC and head cams, can be found below.



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Only hats to the following specification are acceptable at ANY BRC activity.
At all BRC Area Qualifiers and Championships, hats must show a visible AQUA 'hat tag'.

This can be a BRC, BE or PC aqua tag.

Any other standards / dates are NOT acceptable and will not be tagged.

Hats must meet ALL of the requirements of one of the following rows:

	Standard and Date	Quality Assurance Mark	Examples		
1	PAS 015 (1998* or 2011)	<p>AND MUST HAVE</p> <p>BSI Kitemark</p>  <p>Or Inspec IC Mark</p> 			
2	VG1 01.040 (2014-12)	<p>AND MUST HAVE</p> <p>BSI Kitemark</p>  <p>Or Inspec IC Mark</p> 			
3	ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards)	<p>AND MUST HAVE</p> <p>SEI mark</p> 			
4	SNELL E2001* or E2016	<p>AND MUST HAVE</p> <p>Official SNELL label and number</p> 			
5	AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards)	<p>AND MUST HAVE</p> <p>SAI Global mark</p> 			

IMPORTANT INFO FOR THE CROSS COUNTRY PHASE: Only a "Jockey Skull" of an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface, having no peak or peak type extensions may be worn for any XC phase. Noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front, not greater than 5mm, smooth and rounded in nature are permitted. It must also comply with the 'Protective Headwear' criteria and be tagged as set out above. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used.

The use of **HEAD CAMS** are strictly prohibited at any BRC affiliated competition. This includes use on the head, chest, bridle or any other part of the horse or rider.

*Until 31 December 2022 only