

HISA Rule 2293: Equipment

(a) Helmets

- (1) Any rider mounted on a Covered Horse or Pony Horse anywhere on racetrack grounds shall wear a properly secured safety helmet.
- (2) All Starting Gate persons shall wear a properly secured safety helmet at all times while performing their duties or handling a horse.
- (3) The safety helmet may not be altered in any manner and the product marking shall not be removed or defaced.
- (4) The Stewards, or their designee, shall inspect safety helmets at the beginning of a race meet and randomly throughout the race meet.
- (5) The clerk of scales shall report to the Stewards any variances of safety helmets seen during the course of their work.
- (6) The helmet must comply with one of the following minimum safety standards or later revisions:
 - (i) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM 1163);
 - (ii) European Standards (EN-1384 or PAS-015 or VG1);
 - (iii) Australian/New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ 3838 or ARB HS 2012); or
 - (iv) Snell Equestrian Standard 2001.

(b) Vests

- (1) Any rider mounted on a Covered Horse or Pony Horse on the racetrack grounds must wear a properly secured safety vest.
- (2) All Starting Gate persons must wear a properly secured safety vest at all times while performing their duties or handling a horse. All Starting Gate persons are required to securely attach to their safety vest one or more medical information cards describing their medical history and any conditions pertinent to emergency care, including a listing of any previous injuries, drug allergies, and current medications.
- (3) The safety vest may not be altered in any manner and the product marking shall not be removed or defaced.

(4) The Stewards shall inspect safety vests at the beginning of a race meet and randomly throughout the race meet.

(5) The clerk of scales shall report to the Stewards any variances of safety vests seen during their course of work.

(6) The safety vest must comply with one of the following minimum standards, as the same may be from time to time amended or revised:

- (i) British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA):2000 Level 1;
- (ii) iEuro Norm (EN) 13158:2000 Level 1;
- (iii) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F1781-08 or F1937;
- (iv) Shoe and Allied Trade Research Association (SATRA) Jockey Vest Document M6-3; or
- (v) Australian Racing Board (ARB) Standard 1.1998.

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