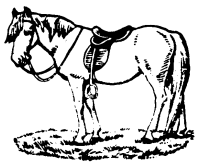
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SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL 2026 NFPB&CS POINT-TO-POINT COMPETITORS AND MOUNTED STEWARDS

From 2026, all competitors and mounted stewards must wear:

- An approved Skull Cap meeting current safety standards *(fixed peaks not permitted)*
- An approved Body Protector to current UK standards *(Beta Level 3, 2018 Blue Label)*
- Suitable footwear with a smooth sole and defined heel.

Approved Standards for 2026:

- Current Safety Standards approved by the NFPB&CS follow those issued by the BHS and British Eventing and are listed on the two pages below.

Please also note:

- Hat chin straps must be correctly fastened at all times when mounted.
- Air jackets may be worn over an approved body protector, but not instead of one
- Hats and body protectors should be professionally fitted by a qualified equestrian safety equipment fitter
- Adult competitors are strongly advised to have their hat and body protector checked and refitted every two years
- Children should have their equipment checked more frequently due to growth.
- Riding hats should generally be replaced every 3-5 years, depending on age, condition and wear.

Hat Tagging and Equipment Checks:

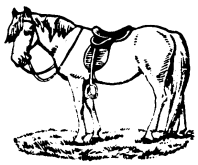
- All hats must be tagged with an official NFPB&CS Hat Tag prior to race day.
- **There will be no hat tagging available on race day**
- On race day, all hats will be checked for Society Tags and body protector labels will be checked when competitors obtain their numbers at the meeting point (the same applies to mounted stewards reporting in at the meeting place)
- Any competitor or steward who does not present a hat carrying a valid NFPB&CS hat tag or a body protector meeting the required safety standards will not be permitted to race or take part.

Obtaining NFPB&CS Hat Tags:

- A pre-race safety briefing event for all competitors and stewards will be held on **Friday 11 December 2026, Lyndhurst Community Centre SO43 7FZ, 7.30pm**
- All competitors are strongly encouraged to attend
- Compulsory NFPB&CS hat tagging will be available at the briefing event or by individual arrangement with the Society.

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Riding Hat Standards 2026

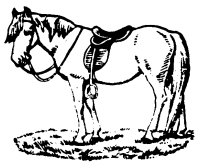
Reference guide based on current BHS accepted standards

Standard and Date	Quality Assurance Mark	Visual Example
PAS 015:2011	BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark	bsi / INSPEC CERTIFIED STANDARD No.
VG1 01.040: 2014-12	BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark	bsi / INSPEC CERTIFIED STANDARD No.
ASTM F1163: 2015 or 2023	SEI mark	SEI ® Certified by SEI to ASTM F1163
SNELL E2016 or E2021 onwards	Official SNELL label and number	SNELL E2016 SAMPLE 123456 / SNELL CERTIFIED ®
AS/NZS 3838: 2006 onwards	SAI Global mark	Certified Product ™
BS EN 1384:2023	BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark	bsi / INSPEC CERTIFIED STANDARD No.

Important: the hat must meet all the requirements in **one row**.
The standard and the appropriate quality assurance mark must both be present.

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Body Protector Standards 2026

Reference guide for British Eventing body protector checks

Standard and Date	Quality Assurance Mark	Visual Example
BETA 2018 Level 3	**MUST HAVE** blue BETA 2018 Level 3 label	 ✓ ACCEPT
BETA 2018 Level 2	Orange BETA 2018 Level 2 label	 ✗ Not acceptable where a body protector is required
BETA 2018 Level 1	Green BETA 2018 Level 1 label	 ✗ Not acceptable where a body protector is required
BETA 2009 Level 3	Purple BETA 2009 Level 3 label	 ✗ No longer accepted

Important: For British Eventing, only BETA 2018 Level 3 is accepted where a body protector is required.

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