



# NEW ZEALAND PONY CLUBS ASSOCIATION INC.

## Policy on Tagging Helmets

To provide gear checkers and other officials with an easy means of identifying that riders helmets meet an approved NZPCA safety standard.

The adoption of this policy will replace the necessity to inspect a rider's helmet for compliance to the NZPCA approved safety standards every time they have their gear inspected at pony club rallies, competitions or other pony club activities.

**It will not replace the necessity to check that a helmet is properly fitting, securely fastened and correctly maintained. This remains the responsibility of the rider, parent and coaches.**

### Procedure:

- **Only Chief / Head Coach or Gear Checkers will check and attach the NZPCA approved tag.**
- All helmets that meet NZPCA approved standards will have a NZPCA tag attached to one of the harness straps of the helmet.
- Once tagged – the tag must not be removed.
- Any rider who competes or participates in any NZPCA event or activity must wear a helmet with an approved NZPCA tag attached at all times when mounted. This applies to rallies and to any adult or casual member.
- If there is no tag present –the helmet must be re-checked and then tagged.
- If a helmet safety standard is changed or withdrawn from the system, NZPCA will notify all members and a new tag of a different colour will be issued and ALL helmets must be inspected before it is attached.

### Current NZPCA approved Safety Standards for helmets are:

- AS/NZS 3838 (joint Australian / New Zealand Standard)
- PAS 015 (British Standard)
- BSEN 1384 (joint British / European standard)
- EN 1384 (European standard)
- ASTM F1163 (American standard)

### Attaching tags:

- All helmets must have an NZPCA approved tag attached to one of the harness straps of the helmet by 01 August 2011.
  - **This is done by wrapping the tag onto itself as many times as it will go, onto one of the harness's of the helmet as per the photo below.**
- Only Chief / Head Coaches or Gear Checkers may attach a NZPCA approved helmet tag.
- Tags can be purchased from the NZPCA Supply Centre through the Club Secretary.

**Attachments:** Nil

**References:** PP4.26 of the Pony Club Resource Manual for 'Care, Choosing and Fitting an Equestrian Helmet'.  
HT7.01 Horse Trials Gear Inspection Checklist  
DR8.01 Dressage Gear Inspection Checklist  
G9.01 Games Gear Inspection Checklist

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for any updates or new developments.

