

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	8/31/2017	

Proposed Change

GR1316 Accidents Involving Competitors [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 13-E RETURN TO COMPETITION GR1316 Accidents Involving Competitors]

GR 1316

4. Unconsciousness/Concussion. If qualified medical personnel determines that a competitor has sustained unconsciousness or a concussion, he/she must be precluded from competing until cleared to compete under paragraph 6 below **and the helmet will be retained by the horse show organizers.**

6. Return to Competition. In the event that a competitor is determined ineligible to compete under one of the preceding paragraphs, the competitor shall submit to the Federation, a signed release, which includes criteria established by the Federation from time to time, completed by a licensed physician in order to be eligible to once again compete in Federation-Licensed or endorsed competitions **and show proof that a new helmet has been purchased.**

7. For all competitors evaluated pursuant to this rule, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a properly completed Accident/Injury Form, **helmet and any available video** and, if applicable, any corresponding signed release to the Federation Director of Competitions by 6:00 p.m. on the day following the last day of the competition.

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Rule Change Intent

If a rider has had a fall and the helmet is visibly damaged, it is no longer safe to wear for any reason, in competition or out of competition and should be confiscated. If a rider has a loss of consciousness, the helmet must be confiscated regardless of appearance because the integrity of the helmet has obviously been compromised.

Too many riders continue to ride in helmets they take falls in "because it looks ok" and any fall thereafter is exponentially more dangerous.

This practice will continue to happen but can be mitigated by retaining helmets from falls in competitions. Seemingly innocuous falls can become life threatening if a helmet is compromised by previous damage.

Not all helmets will be confiscated, if the judge saw no contact with the head, or the rider lands on their feet, etc.

Video of rounds can be used to verify if a helmet was kicked by a horse or if riders head came in contact with jumps, equipment, or the ground.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: Helmets in Rider Fall

Committee Actions

American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017	Draft 1: Difficult to enforce
Andalusian/Lusitano	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2017	Draft 1: This would be difficult to enforce at competitions and not all competitions have vendors where a new helmet could be purchased.
Arabian	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/15/2017	Draft 1: This rule change would be difficult to enforce.
Athletes Advisory	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Breeds/Disciplines	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Carriage Pleasure Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2017	Draft 1: Feels this is unenforceable. If there are no vendors at the show can you borrow a helmet?
Competition Management	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017	Draft 1: The committee does not support this, competitions and licensed officials should not be involved in personal property seizure.

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2017

Draft 1: This does not seem enforceable. Who will collect the damaged helmets, as this is a violation of private property? These should be more of recommendations not rules.

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2017

Draft 1: Would be difficult to enforce and impractical. Many helmets can be used over four years per manufacturer based on amount of uses, etc.; would also be a liability for shows and TDs. TD's cannot steal someone's helmet.

Driving

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

English Pleasure

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017

Draft 1: The Eventing Sport Committee recommends disapproval as the administration of the rule is burdensome and it is not within the purview of the Federation to seize personal property.

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/14/2017

Draft 1: Like the intent but would like to see language regarding the ability to borrow a helmet. What if there are no vendors or if the vendor does not have your size?

Governance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: No Action 11/20/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Hearing Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/28/2017

Draft 1: JSC feels we should focus on better education regarding concussions and helmet safety.

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/27/2017

Draft 1: This rule is unenforceable by competition management and would be extremely difficult to monitor.

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: Would be difficult to enforce and would cause a burden to show management and stewards/TDs.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2017

Draft 1: This rule is unenforceable.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2017

Draft 1: This would be difficult to enforce. What if there are no vendors or tack shops available to purchase another helmet?

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/30/2017

Draft 1: This rule change will be difficult to enforce at licensed competitions.

Reining

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: No Action 11/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/20/2017

Draft 1: Rule would be difficult to enforce and monitor.

Safety

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/21/2017

Draft 1: This rule is not practical. Competitions and Licensed Officials should not seize personal property from individuals. Additionally, some helmet manufacturers offer discounts on new helmets if a helmet is returned after a fall.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/01/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/29/2017

Draft 1: This rule is unenforceable by competition management and would be extremely difficult to monitor.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: This rule change proposal is beyond the scope of the Federation's responsibility, and there are legal ramifications for mandating surrender of personal property.

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/25/2017

Draft 1: How will this data be tracked from one competition to another? Who will verify that the "new" or different helmet is safe to use? There is also the issue of taking someone's personal property when the competition retains the helmet, and often times a manufacturer will provide a discount towards the purchase of a new helmet when the damaged one is returned.

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 11/21/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/07/2017

Draft 1: This rule would be difficult to enforce. What if you trade in your helmet vs. purchase a new one?