

# New Zealand Polocrosse Helmet Standards GREEN TAG for 2021 - 2022 Season



As per the New Zealand Polocrosse By-Law (4.5) any person on a horse at any polocrosse fixture must wear an approved safety helmet at all times whilst mounted; this is also covered by the IPC Rule 21a which states that no player shall be allowed to play in a tournament or match unless he / she wears a protective helmet which has been approved by IPC Member countries Standards Association.

The fit of the helmet and the adjustment of the harness are as crucial as the quality. Members are advised to try several makes to find the best fit. The helmet should not move on the head when the head is tipped forward, with the chinstrap fastened and adjusted so as to prevent movement of the helmet in the event of a fall.

Helmets must be replaced after a severe impact as subsequent protection will be significantly reduced. Helmets deteriorate with age and should be replaced after three to five years depending upon the amount of use. It is strongly recommended that second hand helmets are not purchased.

## Helmet Standards

This policy defines the quality of manufacture that is required for Equestrian Riding Helmets for polocrosse events – these are based on standards adopted by the NZ Pony Club and Equestrian Sports New Zealand.

- **Please Note: Helmet Standards EN1384 and BSEN 1384 are NO LONGER compliant.**

- The PAS 015: 1998 or 2011 and the Snell E2001 meet higher impact criteria and therefore give more protection. These types of helmets, often referred to as jockey helmets, have no fixed peak, peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front and should have an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface.

## Helmet Tagging

All helmets worn by persons whilst mounted must have on them an NZPX Approved Helmet Tag.

- Only helmets that meet the NZPX approved helmet standards (see list) can be tagged.
- Once tagged – the tag must not be removed
- If there is no tag present – the helmet must be checked and tagged before the rider can participate in any Polocrosse event or activity
- Only members of the Umpires Panel or the Club or Association Chief Umpire can attach NZPX Approved Helmet Tags.
- The colour of the NZPX Approved Helmet Tags shall change each season.

## APPROVED STANDARDS

HELMET STANDARD	SAFETY MARK
AS/NZS 3838 (1998, 2003 or 2006)	
VG1	
ASTM-F1163-04, F1163 -11 or F1163-15	
PAS 015:1998 or 2011	
Snell E2001	

NZPX Approved Helmet Tags must be attached to one of the harness straps of the helmet. This is done by wrapping the tag onto itself as many times as it will go, onto one of the harness straps of the helmet as shown in the photograph.

Please leave your previous years tags on as this will help give an indication (over time) of how old your helmet is.



**NOTE:** Tagging indicates that a helmet meets the accepted standards, NO check of the fit and condition of the helmet is implied. It is considered to be the responsibility of the player, player's parent / guardian to ensure that their helmet complies with the required standards and is tagged before they go to any Polocrosse event. Also, they are responsible for ensuring that the manufacturer's guidelines with regard to fit and replacement are followed.

If a helmet safety standard is changed or withdrawn from the system, NZPX 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.

\* If you require more helmet tags during the season please contact either the NZPX Secretary or the Umpires Panel Administrator.

#### DISCLAIMER:

All players, spectators or public that enter polocrosse grounds (or grounds where polocrosse is being played), or take part in the sport of polocrosse, do so at their own risk.

Whilst all care and due diligence will be used to ensure the safety of those participating in the sport of polocrosse, New Zealand Polocrosse Incorporated, its affiliated Clubs or Associations, cannot be held liable for any damage, injury or the like caused to, or suffered by, any persons, animal or property.

Umpires, or others, that carry out gear checks or make recommendations on gear, use of gear, playing or riding recommendations cannot be held liable – it is the responsibility of the rider, or parent / guardian of the rider, to ensure that all playing gear is correct and of a safe, recommended or approved standard.

#### TAG PLACEMENT

Wrap the helmet "tag" around the harness, high up, so it is visible, but out of the way



#### HELMET STANDARDS ARE USUALLY FOUND IN THE HELMET'S LINING:

-  on an info tag;
-  direct onto the lining;
-  or on a sticker.