

## Hat Tagging Guidelines

### Introduction

The Association of Irish Riding Clubs introduced hat tagging to assist tack stewards to easily identify riding hats which are of the approved standard for riding activities.




### Eligibility

As per the rules of the Association's (D04/12), the following riding hats are approved for competition:

- PAS 015
- ASTM F1163 2004a onwards with SEI mark
- SNELL E2001
- AS/NZS 3838: 2003
- VG1 01.040 2014-12 with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark

If the hat is not of any of the above standards, the hat **cannot** be tagged. If there are any objections, please refer to the Steward on the day.

Hats bearing a QAS (quality assurance symbol) are batch tested and are of a constant standard.



BSI Kitemark	SEI Mark	Inspec Certified
		

The identifying label must be stitched into the lining by the manufacturer of the helmet. Please note that the CE mark on its own is not an acceptable standard.

### Tags

From 2016, hat standard EN1384 is no longer approved for AIRC activities which means ALL hats must be retagged as the old hat tag is no longer accepted.

In addition, fixed peaked hats are **not** permitted for cross-country and riding hats, will be tagged as follows:

Hat Type	Accepted Phase	Approved Hat Tag	
Skull Cap (no peak)	DR, SJ, XC	Bright Green	
Fixed Peak	DR & SJ ONLY	Bright Green and White	

### Securing a Tag

- Hat tags must be placed on the left hand side of the hat and secured to the side strap of the harness.
- The hat tag should be wrapped around itself for greater security.

Please note hat tags **cannot** be used on body protectors.

**Tagging at Shows**

Riding hats will only be tagged at National Events and designated regional shows around the country.

At regional shows, only regional designated officers, who are fully aware of the new rules, may tag hats at any show.

Regional secretaries may apply for a batch of hats tags but they must ensure that the tags are applied to riding hats in accordance with the rules of the Association.

Tags can be ordered by returning the order form (F36/16) to National Office.