

FEI HELMET RULE – REMINDER



What you need to know

FEI General Regulations Article 140 requires that whilst riding on the show grounds the use of a properly fastened protective headgear is mandatory. This rule acts in conjunction with discipline-specific rules which govern protective headgear requirements in the competition arena venue and adjacent warm-up areas, as well as riding from one to the other and from the stables for the purposes of competing.

All the rules can be found here www.fei.org.

A summary covering the general and sport specific rules can be found here www.fei.org/fei/your-role/athletes/faq.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: The event is starting tomorrow but I have already arrived on the show grounds. Does the "helmet rule" (article 140 General Regulations) already apply?

A: Yes and regardless of your discipline. The rule applies as long as you are present on the show grounds for the purpose of FEI competition (from arrival to departure).

Q: The general rule states "riding" on the show grounds so does this include "Vaulting" or "Driving" ?

A: No, "riding" is meant literally.

Q: Are the rules the same for the warm-up and training arenas?

A: • Training: the general rule (art.140 General Regulations) applies to all disciplines: Protective headgear is mandatory

• Warm-up prior to competing: the specific discipline rules apply.

Q: Protective headgear may be removed in ceremonial situations in Jumping (Art. 256.1.4, Jumping Rules). Does that include a victory gallop around the arena?

A: The athlete must put his protective headgear back on after receiving the prize and before setting off for a victory gallop.

Q: I am under 18, can I wear a top hat whilst competing in Dressage or in Para-Equestrian Dressage?

A: No - If you are under 18, you must wear protective headgear at all times whilst mounted.

Should you have any questions of your own, a helpful summary per discipline can be found at <http://www.fei.org/fei/your-role/athletes/faq> or contact the FEI legal department at feilegal@fei.org for further clarification.

Safety First

The FEI rules are applicable at all international FEI competitions, however, the FEI strongly recommends the use of protective headgear at all times.



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