

Instructions

Section A - Licences, Training, Employees & Multiple Ownership

A8 SKULL CAPS AND BODY PROTECTORS

Pursuant to Rule 51 (iii) the HRA requires every trainer to ensure that whenever a person is mounted on a horse in his care in his capacity as a Trainer, that person is wearing a correctly fitted and fastened skull cap which meets the description in instruction F1 and a body protector which meets the description in Instruction F3. Disciplinary action may be taken against any Trainer whose horses are seen to be ridden by persons who are not wearing the required protective items.

Moreover, having regard to the obligations in Rule 51 (i), it is recommended that Trainers carry out a risk assessment regarding the wearing of body protectors by persons who are dismounted and engaged in other potentially hazardous stable tasks, e.g. lunging, long reigning, clipping etc.

Section F - Pre-race requirements (Trainers & Riders)

F3 BODY PROTECTORS

Only body protectors described below are approved by the HRA for use "in races" or at all other times:

1. In Races

The body protector must conform to EN 13158:2000, BS EN 13158:2000 or SATRA Jockey Vest Standard Document M6 Issue 3.

NB: Riders should note that the above body protectors (Level 1) are designed to meet the weight restrictions that apply to Riders in races and therefore Riders when not riding in races, may wish to consider wearing a Level 3 body protector which gives greater protection.

2. At All Other Times

The body protector must conform to EN13158:2000, BS EN 13158:2000 or BETA 2000 Standard Level 1. Moreover, having regard to the obligation in Rule 51 (i), Trainers are advised to carry out a risk-assessment concerning the riding of their horses and if it is decided that additional protection is required, a Level 3 standard should be used.

Body Protectors may not be modified in any way and must be in a servicable condition. It shall be an offence to bring a modified body protector onto racecourse property and the Stewards may order the seizure and destruction of such a body protector under Rule 14 (xii).