BRC Hat Guidelines 2016
Information for Competitors v2

How does this affect me?.....

For 2016, all members will be required to have their hats tagged with a new **ORANGE** hat tag before competing in any BRC Qualifiers or Championships.

When you arrive at the competition, take your hat with you when you go to declare. The Official Steward will then check that your hat complies with an accepted standard, and will place a unique BRC tag on it. It is a good idea to allow a little extra time when arriving at a competition for this to be done.

Please note, you will not be allowed to ride anywhere at that event if your hat has not been tagged, and hats which do not comply to an accepted standard will not be tagged under any circumstances.

It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure they arrive at a competition with a hat to the correct standard so it is therefore imperative that you check your hats before you get to the event, in order to avoid disappointment. To do this:

1) Use the following information or the BRC 2016 Rule Book for reference
2) Check that your hat clearly displays one of the accepted standards
3) Check that the standard also shows the correct corresponding date
4) Check that your hat also displays the correct corresponding quality assurance mark
5) Make sure that you do not remove any labels from inside of your hat which may hold the relevant information as a hat will not be tagged without all of the required information permanently visible.

Only hats which comply with **all of the above steps** will be accepted for tagging. If you're in doubt, please contact the BRC office for further advice. If your hat cannot be tagged, you will not be allowed to ride wearing that hat under any circumstances.

Please note: No alterations, protrusions or additions are to be made to a hat under any circumstances. For the Quadrille competition, please see the Quadrille rules in the Rule Book for further information regarding costumes.

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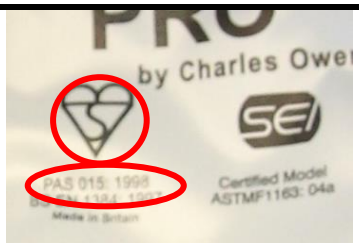
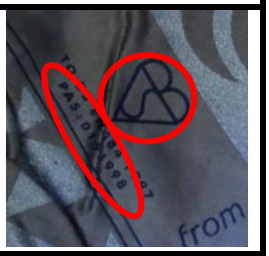
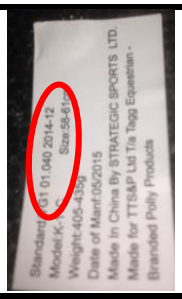
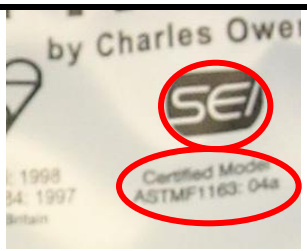
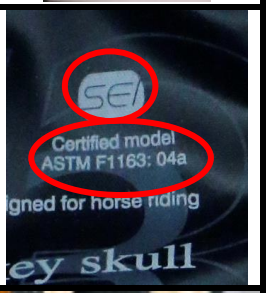
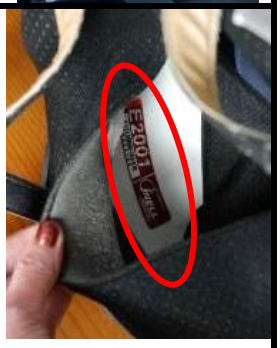
Only hats to the following specification are acceptable at ANY BRC competition.
At all BRC Area Qualifiers and Championships, hats must show a visible BRC orange 'hat tag'.
Any other standards / dates are NOT acceptable and will not be tagged.
Hats must meet ALL of the requirements of one of the following rows:

	Standard and Date	Quality Assurance Mark	Examples
1	**PAS 015 (1998 or 2011)**	**AND MUST HAVE** BSI Kitemark	 
2	**VG1 01.040 (2014-12)**	**AND MUST HAVE** BSI Kitemark	
3	**ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards)**	**AND MUST HAVE** SEI mark	 
4	**SNELL E2001**	**AND MUST HAVE** Official SNELL label and number	
5	**AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards)**	**AND MUST HAVE** SAI Global mark	

IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR 2016:

Due to a change by the European Commission regarding EN1384 and BSEN1384 no longer being an accepted standard, all hats which only meet the standard EN1384 or BSEN1384, and do not comply with another standard from the above list, WILL NOT be accepted and therefore will not be permitted for any BRC competition. Hats which bear EN1384 or BSEN1384 along with another standard from the above list, will be tagged. For example, BSEN1384 & PAS015 (1998 or 2011) along with the Kitemark, would be acceptable, but not BSEN1384 on its own.

IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR THE CROSS COUNTRY PHASE: (updated 19.0416) Only a "Jockey Skull" of an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface, having no peak or peak type extensions may be worn for any XC phase. Noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front, not greater than 5mm, smooth and rounded in nature are permitted. It must also comply with the 'Protective Headwear' criteria and be tagged as set out above. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used.

The use of **HEAD CAMS are strictly prohibited** at any BRC affiliated competition. This includes use on the head, chest, bridle or any other part of the horse or rider.