

DECLARATION OF INDEMNITY AND ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

WEARING OF PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR AT WES EVENTS

The human head is very vulnerable and may suffer considerable damage owing to injuries caused by a fall or impact from a horse. Injuries to the head may have long term effects and in some cases can be life threatening. It has been proven that wearing a correctly fitted, good condition riding hat can protect the wearer from injury or reduce the overall effect of any impact or injury. The Western Equestrian Society promotes safe riding and competition and in order to further this aim strongly recommends that protective headgear to approved standards is worn while handling exercising riding or competing any horse or pony.

DECLARATION

I am aware of the risks involved in riding or competing without a solid and unbroken properly fitted BSI-approved riding hat or helmet bearing the CE mark and certified to BSEN1384/ BS PASO15 or ASTM-F1163/SEI or above and with the straps properly adjusted and fastened. I understand that the Western Equestrian Society (WES) permits competitors without protective headgear to handle exercise ride or compete horses at their own risk subject to submission of the relevant disclaimer below.

Adult Competitors

As an adult aged 18 years or over I hereby confirm that I accept full responsibility for not wearing protective headgear to the standards specified above while attending WES events. Having taken this decision I hereby indemnify WES against all losses including but not limited to loss of income and all types of indirect or consequential loss that may be suffered or liability which may accrue to WES as a result of any injury suffered by myself as a result of not wearing appropriate safety headgear while handling exercising riding or competing.

Name.....Membership No.....
Please print in capitals
Signature.....Date.....

Parents or Guardians

As parent or guardian of the undermentioned youth aged 14 years to 17 years I hereby confirm that I accept full responsibility for the youth not wearing protective headgear as specified above while attending WES events. Having taken this decision I hereby indemnify WES against all losses including but not limited to loss of income and all types of indirect or consequential loss that may be suffered or liability which may accrue to WES as a result of any injury suffered by the youth as a result of not wearing appropriate safety headgear while handling exercising riding or competing.

Youth Member Name.....Membership No.....
Please print in capitals
Parent/Guardian Name.....
Please print in capitals
Parent/Guardian Signature.....Date.....

Show Secretary Name.....
Please print in capitals
Show Secretary Signature.....Date.....

Failure to complete this declaration will result in refusal of entry and if seen on the showground without protective headgear competitors may be asked to leave the showground and entry fees may be forfeited, and show Approval could be refused in future. WES Management Council

Retain in show file for the duration of the show or event and return originals to Show Coordinator with results.