



Gear Checking Article for Pony Club Post & Coaching Newsletter

PCAWA Press Release GEAR CHECKING RULES ROLLING INTO 2017

Gear Checking Rules Change Once a Year

PCAWA reviews its Gear Checking rules once a year, and releases new rules at Jan 1 for every year. These rules are published on the PCAWA Gear Checking Page at http://pcawa.com/gear_checking . Coaches, riders, parents and other members are expected to proactively access this site to remain up to date with relevant PCAWA Gear Checking Rules.

Any Changes are Posted Online

Any rule changes, ratified by State Coaching Panel and thereby the PCAWA Board are posted at all times on this same gear checking page. Coaches, riders, parents and other members are expected to proactively access this site to remain up to date with relevant changes – if on the extremely rare instance they occur mid-year.

Body Protector Rules

Our gear checking rules regarding Body Protectors, found in the 2016 Gear Checking Manual, will remain completely unchanged for 2017.

Helmets

Our gear checking rules regarding Helmets, found in the 2016 Gear Checking Manual, will remain completely unchanged for 2017.

2.1 PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR & FITTING

Acceptable Safety Helmets which comply with one of the following standards:

AS/NZS 3838 (AU)

PAS 015 (UK)

ASTM F 1163 (USA)

VG1 (Europe)

EN 1384 (Europe) *only acceptable for helmets made up to 2015.*



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Consideration is being given to an additional helmet standard, making our permitted helmets more open and not restrictive. This will be confirmed with the posting of the new 2017 Gear Checking Manual at Jan 1 2017, as ratified by State Coaching Panel and the PCAWA Board.

GCAP meets monthly and the group are happy to discuss any gear checking feedback that members may have. The group are contactable at gearchecking@pcawa.com