

**BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA  
STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION**

**IN RE:** :  
**EQUIPMENT - SAFETY HELMETS & VESTS :**  
**(THOROUGHBRED HORSE RACING ONLY) : Administrative Docket 2017-16**  
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**ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, in accordance with its general authority and jurisdiction over pari-mutuel racing activities and specifically, under the authority set forth in §9311(h) of the Racing Act (3 Pa. C.S. §9311(h)) to adopt temporary regulations, the Commission hereby approves the following provision governing the mandatory use of safety helmets and vests at all times while on the grounds of the racetrack and the specific standards for those helmets and vests based upon ARCI Model Rule 008-010 (Z)(2), as set forth in the attached Annex A.

**BY THE PENNSYLVANIA  
STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION:**

  
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**Russell C. Redding, Chairman**

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION**

**PART VIII**

**Subpart E Thoroughbred Rules of Racing**

**Equipment - Safety Helmet & Vests**

**Section 1. Safety Helmets.**

- (a) All jockeys, apprentice jockeys, or any other persons mounted on a horse or stable pony while on the racetrack or association grounds, must wear a protective helmet securely fastened under the chin, which meets the applicable safety standards set forth below for protective headwear.
- (b) The protective helmet must comply with one of the following minimum safety standards or subsequent revisions:
- (1) Snell Equestrian Standard 2001; or
  - (2) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) 1163

**Section 2. Safety Vests.**

- (a) All jockeys and/or apprentice jockeys participating in a race or any person mounted on a horse or a stable pony while on the racetrack surface or backside must wear a properly secured safety vest at all times. The safety vest must comply with one of the following minimum safety standards or later revisions:
- (1) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F2681-08 or F1937; or
  - (2) Shoe and Allied Trade Research Association (ATRA) Jockey vest document M6 Issue 3.

**Section 3. Alterations prohibited.**

No protective helmet or safety vest shall be altered or modified in any manner, nor shall the product marking be removed.

**Section 4. Penalties.**

Failure of a driver or other person to adhere to the above safety helmet and safety vests provisions shall subject the person to the following penalties:

- (1) First offense – a written warning;
- (2) Second offense - \$50 fine
- (3) Third or subsequent offense - \$250 fine or suspension at the discretion of the Board of Judges.