



Helmet Tagging for AgShows

All Equestrian Australia (EA) Affiliated Shows do need to have helmets tagged for Showjumping, so you would need to have someone in place who could check to ensure that helmets are tagged and/or tag helmets according to current Australian Standards.

EA has some helmet taggers in Anembo, Huskisson, Gerringong, Moruya, Wamboin, Moss Vale, Avoca, and Kangaroo Valley. All taggers are voluntary, and they may be able to attend for specified periods. The other alternative would be to nominate someone who would be interested in working with you to tag helmets. Included below the expectations of a voluntary helmet tagger, and some FAQs. There is no cost to the athlete to tag a helmet.

The expectations of a helmet tagger are:

- Undertake the training (read the attached material and if needed, attend a Zoom / Microsoft Teams Training meeting)
- Make yourself available to tag at events by arrangement (we usually suggest that it is a block of time e.g., 9am-10am on specific day or at an event)
- Keep helmet tags secure and do not leave them with other un-trained people
- Let EA know when you are tagging so we can add the times to the website <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/helmet-tagging-times-and-days>. (If you are happy to provide a phone number or email as contact details (not mandatory) please include them with the notification)
- At the end of each tagging session, report the number of compliant and non-compliant helmets tagged via this link: to <https://form.jotform.co/91788142202859>

FAQ which may be of use to answer any questions:

- EA standards do not mandate helmet replacement after 5 years (Manufacturers do recommend replacement of helmets older than 5 years however, that is not an EA requirement, onus is on the rider)
- Helmet taggers are only checking compliance of the helmet against EA Standards, not condition, age, or any other factors. An approved helmet is one that meets the EA Standards
- The colour of the tag will only change if EA Standards change
- If helmets are being tagged at an outlet/franchise (eg. Horseland) this must be done by an approved EA Tagger
- Does the Helmet Tagger need to be an EA member? Followed up after the meeting, being an EA member is preferred, however it is understood some OC members are not EA members and can be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Merity (Communication Liaison Officer, Equestrian Australia) – jenny.merity@equestrian.org.au if you have any questions.