

Rule: DR120
Rule Change Type Standard

From time to time rules are adopted which change the sequence of rule numbering. The rule reference used here is the rule number that appears in the current website version of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Rulebook

Proposed Change:

DR120 Dress. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] Change to read:

1. The dress code for Training through Fourth Levels is a short riding coat of conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie, white or light-colored breeches or jodhpurs, boots or jodhpur boots, ~~a hunt cap or riding hat with a hard shell, derby or top hat~~ *and protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801*. A cutaway coat (modified tailcoat) with short tails is permitted. Half chaps, gaiters and/or leggings are not allowed. Gloves of conservative color are recommended. Exception: Riders through First Level may wear half-chaps, gaiters or leggings in solid black or brown, without fringe, matching the color of their boots, and made of smooth leather or leather-like material. The dress code for the FEI Junior Tests, FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF test for 4-year old horses is a short riding coat of conservative color, with stock or tie, breeches, ~~hunt cap or riding hat with a hard shell, derby or top hat,~~ *except that riders under age 18 competing at any level or test must wear and protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801*. A dark tailcoat is also permitted for the FEI Junior Tests. The dress code for FEI Pony Riders is dark coat or club uniform coat, breeches or jodhpurs, white shirt with tie or hunting stock, gloves, boots and *protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801* ~~hunting cap; top hat or bowler~~ not allowed. Spurs are optional for all of the FEI Pony and Junior Tests, FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF test for 4-year old horses. (See DR120.8)
2. For all tests above Fourth Level, the dress code is: a dark tailcoat with top hat *or protective headgear*, or a dark jacket with a bowler hat, ~~or~~ hunt cap *or protective headgear*, and white or light colored breeches, stock or tie, gloves, and black riding boots. *Exception: All riders under age 18 competing in any FEI level or test must wear protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801*. Spurs are mandatory for FEI tests (except as noted above under DR120.1). (See DR120.8)
3. [...]
4. Members of the Armed Services and police units may ride in the uniform of their service ~~at any level~~. *All riders under age 18 and all riders while on horses competing in national level tests, who choose to wear Armed Services or police uniform, must wear protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801*. Other riders choosing to wear Armed Services or police uniform must wear the appropriate military/police cap or hat for their branch of service, or protective headgear.
5. *At any time while mounted on the competition grounds, all riders under age 18, and all riders while on horses competing in national level tests, all riders competing in Para-Equestrian tests, and all riders while on non-competing horses, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. When a horse is competing in both national and FEI levels or tests (e.g. Fourth Level and PSG), the rider must wear protective headgear at all times when mounted on that horse on the competition grounds and during all tests.* Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Riders at all levels of competition must wear one of the following: ~~A hunt cap or riding hat with a hard shell, derby or top hat, military/police cap or hat, or protective headgear.~~ Any other exhibitors may wear protective headgear at any level of competition without penalty from the judge. *Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Unless jackets are waived, while in the competition ring, exhibitors choosing to wear wearing protective headgear must wear a short, dark jacket, dark tail coat (only permitted for tests above Fourth Level), or Armed Services or police uniform (if eligible), dark hatcovers (where applicable) and must otherwise conform to DR120 (see GR318).*

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Improved safety requirements for riders.

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Proponent

Dressage Committee

Action

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Date

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Committee/Organization

Dressage

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*Budget and Finance Committee Comments:**Staff and Committee Comments*

Safety 11-18-10: The committee supports requiring ASTM/SEI helmets for all riders.

LOC Draft 2 1-19-11: agree in principle but feel the wording is too convoluted with possible inconsistencies in the interpretation.

*Legal Comments:**Other Comments:**Board of Directors*

Action
Approved

Date
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