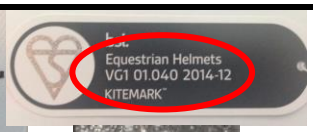
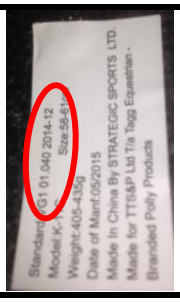
BHS Approved Centres and BHS Assessments Hat Rules 2026

Hats must meet ALL of the requirements of ONE of the following rows:

	Standard and Date	Quality Assurance Mark	Examples
1	PAS 015 (2011)	AND MUST HAVE BSI Kitemark Or Inspec IC Mark	
2	VG1 01.040 (2014-12)	AND MUST HAVE BSI Kitemark Or Inspec IC Mark	 
3	ASTM F1163 (2015 or 2023)	AND MUST HAVE SEI mark	
4	SNELL (E2016 or 2021 onwards)	AND MUST HAVE Official SNELL label and number	
5	AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards)	AND MUST HAVE SAI Global mark	
6	BS EN1384: 2023	AND MUST HAVE BSI Kitemark Or Inspec IC Mark	

IMPORTANT INFO FOR CROSS-COUNTRY ACTIVITIES: Only a "Jockey Skull" of an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface, having no peak or peak type extensions may be worn for any XC activity. Noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front, not greater than 5mm, smooth and rounded in nature are permitted. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used.

HEAD CAMS: When hats are tested against the requirements of a standard, they are done so with no extra additions on the hat i.e. with no head cam attached. Therefore, it is currently not known how the addition of a protuberance such as a head cam, affects how the hat would respond during an impact. Therefore, the use of HEAD CAMS are not recommended at any Approved Centre activity. This includes use on the head, chest, bridle or any other part of the horse or rider. HEAD CAMS or any recording devices are not permitted for use during BHS Assessments.