

NZPCA Body Protector Policy

August 2021

REQUIREMENTS AT PONY CLUB

Designed to absorb impact from a fall or kick from a horse, body protectors are compulsory at Pony Club in the cross country jumping phase of certificates or when practicing cross country jumping during rallies and other activities e.g. camps or at any competitions involving cross country jumping.

Wearing a body protector for jumping at all levels is strongly recommended.

As of 1st August 2020 there is a minimum standard of body protector required.

LIFESPAN OF A BODY PROTECTOR

Body protectors should be replaced at least every three to five years, after which the impact absorption properties of the foam may have started to decline.

If you should have a heavy fall, your body protector should be checked immediately for dents. The foam will expand back to its original shape within 30 minutes; but if a dent is showing on examination, then it's likely that this part of the garment has lost its impact absorption properties and should be replaced.

Hidden damage that a body protector may have sustained is also a good reason for avoiding second-hand garments or those with unknown histories.

MINIMUM STANDARD OF BODY PROTECTORS

From 1st August 2020, all body protectors must meet **one** of the following standards:

BETA EN13158 2009(or newer) Level 3

ASTM F1937.

These products show that they are compliant with the required standards by displaying one of the following labels on the garment.



A full list of all compliant BETA body protectors can be found online here <http://www.beta-uk.org/pages/safety-equipment/body-protectors.php>

TAGGING OF BODY PROTECTORS

To assist Stewards and Gear checkers at Pony Club events and activities, the NZPCA have introduced a tagging system to enable them to quickly identify body protectors that have been checked to ensure they are of the correct standard.

All body protectors worn by Members at Pony Club events and activities in which a body protector is mandatory should have on them an NZPCA Approved Body Protector Tag which is red, to assist Stewards and prevent the rider being asked to dismount for inspection, before continuing.

- Only body protectors that meet the NZPCA approved standards (see above) can be tagged.
- Once tagged – the tag must not be removed
- If there is no tag present – the body protector must be checked before the rider can participate in any Pony Club event or activity
- Only the Head Coach/Chief Coach (Clubs without Branches) or their appointee can attach NZPCA Approved body protector Tags
- NZPCA Approved Tags can be purchased from the NZPCA website, via the EShop, or by contacting the NZPCA Head Office

The tag should be placed on the front lower part of the body protector, preferably on the most solid piece of material available, avoiding mesh coverings where possible

Care must be taken when attaching the tag as it is fitted with a security cut so that it cannot be re-used



BODY PROTECTORS THAT MEET THE BETA 2009/18 STANDARDS ARE SHOWN BELOW



USG Eco Flexi Body Protector



USG Flexi Motion Body Protector



Dublin Super Flex Body Protector



Dublin Perfect Fit Body Protector



Dublin Supra Flex Zip Body Protector



Airoware Body Protectors

A 2009 Level 3 (EN-13158 2009)



USG FLEXI EVOLUTION BODY PROTECTOR



Champion Flexiair Body Protector



Harry Hall Zeus Body Protectors



Smart Rider Body Protector



Champion Titanium Body Protector



TATTINI Protective Riding Vest



Airowear Outlyne Body Protector



Airowear Aimesh Body Protector



Racesafe Provent 3.0 Body Protector



Racesafe RS2010 Safety Vest



Champion Titanium Body Protector



Champion FlexAir Body Protectors



SmartRider SR 310/315 Body Protector



SmartRider SR320 Body Protector



Komperdell Safety Vest front zip



Tipperary Eventer Pro Vest



Charles Owen Custom JL9 Body Protector
