

**APPROVED SAFETY VESTS AND SKULL CAPS (18 September 2019)**

 **Safety Vests**

The Racing Integrity Unit has determined that only safety vests conforming to the required standard will be permitted for use in New Zealand racing. These standards are;

Safety Vests Standards

• EN 13158: 2009 Level 1 or EN 13158: 2018.

• ARB Standard 1: 1998

Note: The SATRA Standard, which was the forerunner to EN: 13158, has been deleted as it now considered obsolete.

Note: The Vipa 1 is a lighter version of the previously approved Vipa Safety vest.

Vests currently being used by New Zealand riders, and which are compliant are;

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| VEST TYPE | APPLICABLE STANDARD |
| Racesafe | EN 13158:2009 level 1 & BETA 2009 Level 2 |
| Oz Vest | ARB Standard 1: 1998 |
| Racelite Pro | ARB Standard 1: 1998 |
| Vipa & Vipa 1 | EN 13158:2009 Level 1 |
| USG Flexi Race | EN 13158:2009 Level 1 & BETA 2009 Level 1 |
| Airowear Swift | EN 13158:2018 & BETA Level 3 2018 |

**Skull Caps**

Every licensed person when mounted on a horse shall wear a properly affixed skull cap which conforms to one of the standards that have been approved by NZTR.

Skull Cap Standards

* AS/NZS 3838 2006
* EN1384:2012 or EN 1384:2017
* ASTM F116 3-04a (2011), ASTM F1163-13 or ASTM F1163-15.
* PAS 015:2011
* VG1 01.040

Conditions:

1. All skull caps must be fitted with a nylon interlocking chinstrap clip attachment.

2. All skull caps must be clearly marked with a date of manufacture.

3. Every rider shall be responsible for the care and condition of their skull cap.

4. The Skull Cap must be replaced if;

(a) a period of 5 years has expired since the date of purchase or 8 years from the date of manufacture whichever is the earlier, or

(b) it sustains a severe impact, or

(c) the wearer suffers a concussion following a fall.

5. The Stewards may at any time take possession of a skull cap for inspection and may at their absolute discretion confiscate any skull cap that does not comply with the requirements of this regulation.

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