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USEF has just announced an extraordinary rule change that requires protective headgear for dressage riders in open and Arabian competitions, effective March 1, 2011.

Not riding dressage? This rule could still apply to you!

- **Helmet requirements for *adults* are determined by the horse.** If the horse is entered in any dressage test at Fourth Level or below then *anyone* riding that horse anywhere on the show grounds, *including when schooling for/competing in other classes* such as sport horse under saddle, show hack, and FEI dressage, must wear protective headgear (with an SEI tag, helmet and harness properly fitted and secured).
- **Juniors entered in dressage at any level must wear protective headgear whenever mounted on their dressage horse, including when schooling for/competing in other classes.**
- AHA is working on an exemption which would limit the helmet requirement to dressage schooling and competition. Until then, be aware that management of all competitions offering dressage *must* enforce this rule as written.
- For a list of approved helmets, visit <http://www.seinet.org/search/search.php>. Scroll down and click on *Equestrian Helmets (2004a)*, then click on *Equestrian Helmet* to view the up-to-date list of ASTM/SEI certified equestrian helmets. Note that your helmet must bear the SEI label.
- Members of the Oregon Dressage Society may contact office@oregondressage.com for a list of retailers in the region offering discounts to ODS members on ASTM/SEI certified helmets.

See <http://www.usef.org/documents/rules/ruleChanges/2011/2011AnnualMeeting.pdf> for the full text of the revised rule DR120.

Again, these protective headgear requirements take effect March 1 of this year!