

Explanatory Cover – July 20 2021 - E2021

To Snell E2016 Certified Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties

Subject: E2021 draft as of July 20, 2021 and E2021 Policy and Implementation

The E2021 Standard for Protective Headgear For Use in Horseback Riding is complete. The Snell laboratory is ready to accept submissions for certification to E2021 at any time.

E2021 is technically identical to E2016 other than minor updates to text and graphics. This release and publication of E2021 serves to review current certified products that continue to utilize Snell standards and certification in protective headgear used in equestrian Eventing, Dressage, Vaulting, Jumping and similar horse related activities.

To helmet users, periodic republication of helmet standards indicate that review and reevaluation of testing requirements are an ongoing process, and integral for assessing the needs of participants wearing Snell certified protective headgear.

Please review the July 20, 2021 release of E2021 carefully. Comments and advice are sought on every aspect of the E2021 standard.

Timeline for E2021 Implementation:

- Certification Testing begins immediately
  - Note: Models that attained E2016 certification after April 1, 2019 and remain compliant to E2016 requirements may apply for abbreviated E2021 certification testing.
- E2021 Certification labels first available for shipment on October 1, 2021
- E2021 labeled helmet units may be available for sale or use on October 1, 2021

Helmet models certified to E2021 are held to meet the requirements of E2016 and will be included in the E2016 program upon request.

Timeline for E2016 shutdown:

- E2016 Certification Testing ends immediately
- E2016 labels will be available through April 1, 2022
- E2016 labeled production must cease September 30, 2022

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