

Thank you for volunteering to become a helmet tagger. As indicated, below are the expectations of a helmet tagger and some FAQs. Could you please review the requirements and respond to me confirming you are happy to undertake these duties.

Upon your confirmation, I will send out the helmet tags and documentation. I have also attached the helmet standards for your information.

The expectations of a helmet tagger are:

- Undertake the training (read the attached material and if needed, attend a Zoom / Microsoft Teams Training meeting)
- Make yourself available to tag at events by arrangement (we usually suggest that it is a block of time e.g. 9am-10am on specific day or at an event)
- Keep helmet tags secure and do not leave them with other un-trained people
- Let EA know when you are tagging so we can add the times to the website <https://www.equestrian.org.au/content/helmet-tagging-times-and-days>. (If you are happy to provide a phone number or email as contact details (not mandatory) please include them with the notification)
- At the end of each tagging session, report the number of compliant and non-compliant helmets tagged via this link: to <https://form.jotform.co/91788142202859>

FAQs:

- EA standards do not mandate helmet replacement after 5 years (Manufacturers do recommend replacement of helmets older than 5 years however, that is not an EA requirement, onus is on the rider)
- Helmet taggers are only checking compliance of the helmet against EA Standards, not condition, age or any other factors. An approved helmet is one that meets the EA Standards.
- The colour of the tag will only change if EA Standards change
- If helmets are being tagged at an outlet/franchise (eg. Horseland, Saddleworld, etc.) this must be done by an approved EA Tagger
- Does the Helmet Tagger need to be an EA member? An EA member is preferred, however it is understood some OC members are not EA members and can be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

Recording of helmets tagged

When the taggers complete a tagging session, they need to go to <https://form.jotform.co/91788142202859> and complete the form.

Please advise the office if you do not wish for your name, email and suburb to be on the NSW website for members to contact you in regards to getting their helmet tagged.

FAQs

Of all the emails/phone calls/etc. received, the most common FAQs are:

- **How do I become a helmet tagger?**
Find out their details, club, etc. and then assess. If suitable, follow the process for new helmet taggers.
- **Is there someone available in my area to tag my helmet/come to my event?**
Look at the list/use local knowledge/send out request to helmet taggers e.g. all taggers in NSW to see if anyone is available. If the club is willing to nominate someone to tag for their club, follow the process for new helmet taggers.
- **Do helmets need to be <5 years old to be tagged?**
EA do not require that helmets are less than 5 years old. This is a manufacturers recommendation because, as you know, plastics do deteriorate over time.
- **If my helmet is tagged, does that mean that it is safe?**
Tagging only shows that the helmet complies to EA/FEI standards. It does not guarantee that the helmet has not been dropped or compromised in any way. This is the rider's responsibility.
- **Does the colour of the sticker change every year?**
The colour will only change when the EA/FEI Helmet Standards change. Then, the helmet will need to be re-tagged to ensure that it complies with current standards.
- **When will the standards be updated?**
EA follows FEI Helmet standards. Once the FEI updates standards, EA will follow these updated standards.