



Policy Name:	Helmet Policy
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Policy Statement

To protect athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and judges.

Purpose (reason of policy)

Ensure all athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and judges wear certified, non-damaged helmets during sanctioned trainings and competitions on snow.

Scope of application

All athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and judges (hereafter referred to as members)

Related Documents

CSCP Operational Manual
CS Events & Competitions Guidelines
Officials Operational Manual
Judges Operational Manual

Responsibility and Accountability

- The responsibility to correctly wear a certified, non-damaged helmet during sanctioned training activities or competitions rest with the members.
- The accountability of athletes wearing certified, non-damaged helmets during sanctioned training activities or competitions rest with the coach.



- The accountability of officials, volunteers and judges wearing certified, non-damaged helmets during sanctioned training activities or competitions rest with the FIS Technical Delegate and/or the highest certified Official.

Definitions & Principles

It is mandatory for all members to wear a properly fitting, certified, non-damaged helmet for snow sports.

To be covered for liability insurance and to ensure the highest level of safety all members must wear certified helmets inside training and/ competition areas (inside the field of play)

Exceptions:

- **Start and Finish Areas during competitions:**
All members are except of wearing helmet in those areas, unless a Provincial/ Territorial or SnowSports Resort policy and/or law says something different.
- **Judges Towers (without scaffolding) during competitions:**
All members in the judges towers are except of wearing helmet unless a Provincial/ Territorial or SnowSports Resort policy and/or law says something different.
- **Judges Towers (with scaffolding) during competitions:**
All members in the judges towers are except of wearing helmet unless a Provincial/ Territorial or SnowSports Resort policy and/or law says something different. However, all members will need to wear a properly fitting, certified helmet in order to enter or exit the judges towers.
- **Areas designated by the Technical Delegate or Highest certified Official:**
All members are except of wearing helmet in those areas, unless a Provincial/ Territorial or SnowSports Resort policy and/or law says something different.

There are a number of popular helmet brands and models that are either not certified, or not certified specifically for snow sports. Please refer to the manufacturer's website to verify and confirm if the helmet you're using or looking to purchase is **Certified for Snow Sports**.

In competitions, Technical Delegates and/or Highest Certified Official will be checking for certification so make sure you're wearing a certified helmet.

The accepted certification standard codes for snow sports helmets are:

- Helmet model to be certified under EN 1077 (class B) or ASTM 2040 as minimum standards
 - soft ear padding is allowed



- crash helmets fulfilling higher safety standards can be used. This includes:
 - EN 1077 (Class A), SNELL 98 and all helmets fulfilling the specific standards described above such as CEN 1385

If your helmet does not have this certification, it's not covered. If you are unsure, please contact the manufacturer or refer to their website.

Crash Helmets:

Ski and Snowboard helmets are designed for a single-impact. Any helmet that sustains a considerable impact should be replaced. Any crack or break in the surface of the helmet reduces its ability to absorb an impact and minimize injuries.

The use of crash helmets is compulsory for all snowboard events. Helmets used in Snowboard events shall be specifically designed and manufactured for the respective discipline and shall bear a CE mark and confirm to recognized and appropriate standards such as CEE 1077 or US 2040, ASTM 2040.

Guidance

For interpretation or guidance on the application of this policy, please contact Canada Snowboard at info@canadasnowboard.ca. Any recommended changes or formal application of this policy resides under the authority of the Canada Snowboard Management Team.

Review and Approval

This policy will be reviewed every even numbered year by the Sport & System Development Team and then brought forward to the Canada Snowboard Management Team for approval. This policy was approved by Canada Snowboard's Management Team on the 1st day of October, 2018 and is therefore due for review and approval before the 1st day of October, 2020.