

HEADS UP



The Newsletter of the Snell Foundation

This is the 76th of the Foundation's newsletters to the helmet manufacturing industry. The 75th went out last February. Comments and items for inclusion in subsequent issues are invited.

Snell Leadership Transition

Since last February Mr. Stephen Johnson has had a smooth transition in the leadership role as the Executive Director. He has reported to the annual October board meeting on Snell programs and operations.

"I am honored and excited to take on the role of Executive Director at Snell Foundation, and preserve the integrity of the organization and commitment to public safety." - Steve Johnson

New E2021 Standard Finalized

In July the Board of Directors approved the final version of the E2021 Standard drafted by Mr. Ed Becker, Director of Standard Development. The new E2021 standard for equestrian sports is posted on the Snell website.

Timelines for E2021 and E2016

Certification testing for E2021 began in July 2021 and E2016 certification testing ended at the same time. 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 and E2021 labeled helmets will be available by the end of October 2021. E2016 labels will be available through April 1, 2022. E2016 labeled production must cease by September 30, 2022.

Rotational Testing

FIM FRHPhe#01 includes a rotational testing component in which a novel instrumentation package captures the test head form response and stores it for download later, after testing is complete. Engineers and technicians at the Snell lab have been working with one of these instrumentation packages to collect repeatable and reliable test results so that in the future we are confident to offer such test as a service to interested manufacturers.

Impact severities and injury criteria for helmet testing must still wait on definitive statements from medical and epidemiological experts.

Snell Public Outreach

There is a new update on the Snell website FAQ section regarding M2020D and M2020R differences. In June Ms. Zhang, Director of Education, held a seminar in Montana at the annual BMW MOA rally and gave an online presentation to the staff of the California State OHV Department. If anyone is interested in online presentation and lab tour, please contact Ms. Zhang.

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