

Tarheel Chapter Helmet Standards updated 7/2024

Cut/Pasted from the Driving Events Ops manual posted on the national site (version July 2024). Please visit <https://www.bmwcca.org/files/driving-events-manual> for further clarification.

2.2.10 Helmets. Helmets, if required, must be rated to the following Snell or FIA standards:

2.2.10.1 Snell-Rated Helmets. Snell helmets must be rated to the current or prior Snell standard. Snell SA2015, SA2020, M2015, and M2020 are allowed as of the date of this manual. There is an exception that a helmet may be used until the end of the eleventh year of its standard's release. Example: If the current standard is Snell 2020, helmets meeting the Snell 2015 standard are allowed through the grace period (the eleventh year) until the end of calendar year 2026.

SPECIAL NOTE: Snell Motorcycle (M) Helmets. On the release of the Snell 2025 standard, "M"-rated (motorcycle) helmets will no longer be allowed. M2020 helmets will be grandfathered until 12/31/2026.

Recommendation: Any helmet used during the grace period should be replaced as soon as possible with one that meets the current standard.

2.2.10.2 FIA-Rated Helmets. FIA standards are generally updated every 8 to 10 years.

☒ FIA 8860-2010 helmets are accepted until 12/31/2028

☒ FIA 8860-2018 and 8860-2018APB helmets currently do not have an expiration date.

☒ FIA 8859-2015 helmets currently do not have an expiration date.

2.2.10.3 Helmet Recommendations. Open-face helmets are allowed, however full-face helmets are recommended. Face shields are recommended for all helmets, and they should be in the down and locked position whenever the car is on the course with helmets required. If a face shield is not present, some form of eye protection should be worn