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To United States Polo Association Member:

SEI – NOCSAE Certification Program:
United States Polo Association Requirements

Please allow us to introduce you to the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI). Recently, US Polo Association issued a mandate stating that all players at United States Polo Association (USPA) events will be required to wear helmets certified to the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) polo helmet Standard. This mandate takes effect June 1, 2020.

The SEI NOCSAE certification program includes polo helmets to be certified to NOCSAE ND050-11m15: Standard Performance Specification for Newly Manufactured Polo Helmets. SEI also offers certification of polo eyewear to NOCSAE ND055-aam15: Standard Performance Specification for Helmet Mounted Polo Eye Protection. We at SEI and USPA, are committed to work closely with manufacturers to make this transition to third-party certification as straightforward as possible for your company so that your products achieve certification by June 1, 2020.

As you may be aware, SEI is a nonprofit, third-party certification organization which was established in 1981. SEI is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) to ISO 17065, Conformity Assessment – Requirements for Bodies Certifying Products, Processes and Services. The prestigious accreditation affirms SEI’s certification program complies with international guides pertaining to testing, inspection and certification. SEI operates to the highest standards of confidentiality and impartiality.

If you have polo helmet models that you would like to have certified, please contact Brandon Bonair, SEI Program Assistant, at bbonair@seinet.org and he will send you an SEI information email detailing the steps to become an SEI participant and NOCSAE licensee. We hope this brief introduction to SEI was helpful to you. You may visit the SEI website for additional information at www.SEInet.org. In the meantime, please feel free to call the SEI office if you have any questions or if we can be of other assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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