

**Message:** Track Bulletin 2001 - 4  
**From:** Delaware Valley Chapter, BMW CCA, Inc.  
Lou Millinghausen, Driving Events Chairman  
**Re:** Helmet Requirements

The BMW Car Club of America and its Chapters established and agreed upon Driver School Minimum Standards a number of years ago that apply to these events.

With regard to Helmets, it is accepted that the minimum standard will apply to require that the Snell Approval must be present. The use of Helmets that are only approved by the Department of Transportation, "DOT", will not be permitted at our events.

It is recognized that traditionally, the Snell Foundation upgrades their approvals every five (5) years. BMW CCA requires the use of helmets that are no more than one approval period behind the most current Snell approved Helmet.

It is common when a new Snell Approval period begins that availability of the latest version helmet may be limited. Distributors often wish to deplete existing supplies before the new version of Snell approved helmets are released.

In response to this, we generally treat the first year following a new release for Snell rated helmets on a transition basis.

To the best of our knowledge Snell 2000 Helmets became available on a limited basis during the month of December 2000.

Our present minimum requirement is for a Snell 90 Helmet. The calendar year 2001 will be a transition year where this level of approval will be accepted at our events.

Beginning with our events held in the calendar year of 2002, the minimum requirement for Helmets at a Delaware Valley Chapter Driving Event will be a Snell 95 SA or M approved Helmet.

We recommend, however, that you consider purchasing the most recent Snell approved Helmet available. If your car is equipped with a roll bar or cage, we strongly recommend and urge you to purchase a Snell 2000 SA approved Helmet.

Finally, it is very important that your Helmet fit properly in order for it to afford you the protection that it was designed to offer and a Helmet that has suffered damage from an impact or a fire should be replaced.

Helmets are checked for specification during the vehicle tech inspection at our events. Any helmet not meeting our minimum requirements will be confiscated and held until the end of the event.