

RIDING SAFETY HELMET POLICY



Helmets are required at all 4-H County, Area and State horse events when riding or driving

The Kentucky 4-H Horse Program **REQUIRES** all 4-Hers to wear protective head gear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness

secured and helmet properly fitted while riding or driving during County, Area and State 4-H Horse Program events and activities. This includes but is not limited to: 4-H Horse Shows, 4-H Horsemanship Camps, 4-H Trail Rides, 4-H Horse Drill Teams, etc.

Any rider violating this rule at any time will be immediately prohibited from further riding or driving until such headgear is properly in place.

It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition; and the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Judges, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

The Kentucky 4-H Horse Program makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.

The Kentucky 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Judges, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders will bar 4-H'ers from participation in events and activities when riding or driving without protective headgear and may bar any 4-H'ers or person from participating if not suitably attired.

I have read and will adhere to the policy as stated above.

Signature of 4- H Member

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date