

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

4-H EQUESTRIAN HELMET POLICY

1. Effective July 1, 1994, all youth and adults participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, regardless of riding seat, shall wear properly fitting equestrian helmet which meets ASTM/SEI approval with secured chin harness properly fastened at all times when mounted on an equine or in a vehicle being pulled by one or more equines.
2. It is recommended that helmets be worn at all times when handling any equine (i.e., grooming clipping, lunging).
3. It is the responsibility of the rider or the parent or guardian of the minor rider, to see to it that the headgear worn complies with such approved standards and carries the proper seals, and is properly fitted and in good condition. The University of California Cooperative Extension staff and agents are not responsible for checking headgear for compliance. The University of California makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about such headgear and cautions riders that serious injury may result despite wearing headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian sports.
4. At any time during a 4-H equestrian activity, the 4-H Activity Leader (i.e. Horse Show manager, clinic organizer, club leader) may check a participant's equestrian helmet for proper standards. Individuals found to be wearing an unapproved or defective helmet will not be permitted to participate in any mounted or driving activity until a proper helmet is acquired.

It is the University of California's policy "that if any individual group, or club does not adhere to this policy, they will cease to be affiliated with the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program." This policy is effective July 1, 1994.

I agree to adhere to the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program policy on Equestrian Helmet use.

Leader/Member Name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor: _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

4-H Club _____ **Phone:** _____

Important Note: Project Waiver, MC Livestock/Animal Policy, and Helmet Policy Agreement must be on record at the 4-H Office for members/leaders to participate in any 4-H activities involving horses/ponies.