

# 4-H Horse Helmet Policy & Acknowledgement of Education



4-H YEAR from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

## Montana State University Extension: 4-H Horse Helmet Policy

A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities, and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole races, stake races, rescue races, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in this policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock.

Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and/or view the video "Every Ride Every Time" once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior 4-H member (14 and up).

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against.

Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. Counties may establish more stringent policies regarding helmet use.

**I have read, understand, and agreed to adhere to the above Montana 4-H Horse Helmet Policy in order to participate in the Montana 4-H Horse Project.**

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*signatures are required yearly*

## Montana State University Extension: 4-H Acknowledgement of Receiving Horse Helmet Education

I have attended a 4-H horse helmet safety workshop and/or viewed the video "Every Time, Every Ride". I acknowledge that helmet education is required twice during my 4-H membership - first in my junior years, 4-H age 9-13, and again in my senior years, 4-H age 14 and up, unless I joined 4-H as a senior member whereas I need only receive training once.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_