

Clemson University
South Carolina State 4-H Horse Program
Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Child Participant/Rider Name: _____

I acknowledge and agree that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor child identified above. I would like my child to participate in the following South Carolina State 4-H Horse Program (hereinafter ACTIVITY):

which is sponsored/organized by the _____ 4-H _____
and will take place on the following date(s) _____.

In consideration for my child being allowed to participate in this ACTIVITY, I the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. I have an accident and health insurance policy that will provide coverage for any injury or illness that may occur during my child's participation in this ACTIVITY. I understand that I am responsible for any and all costs relating to medical treatment or care of injuries or illness that my child may suffer as a result of, or while participating in, the ACTIVITY.
2. I understand that this ACTIVITY is physically strenuous and I know of no medical reason why my child should not participate.
3. I agree that my child will comply with the South Carolina State 4-H policy on Headgear Safety Equipment which is attached.
4. Equine activity, is an inherently dangerous activity, because of but not limited to: the propensity of the equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to people or other equine; the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sound, sudden movement, an unfamiliar object, a person or another animal; certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; and collisions with other equine or objects; the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within the participant's ability. **KNOWING AND UNDERSTANDING THESE RISKS, I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, THE SC 4-H HORSE PROGRAM, THE SC 4-H COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM, 4-H CLUBS AND ALL OF THEIR TRUSTEES, EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS OR CAUSES OF ACTION FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF AN INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE INCURRED BY MY CHILD WHILE SAID CHILD IS PARTICIPATING IN THE ABOVE REFERENCED ACTIVITY.**
5. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Clemson University, the SC 4-H Horse Program, the 4-H Cooperative Extension System and 4-H Clubs for any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees that may occur as a result of

my or my child's negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in this
ACTIVITY.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF
RISK AND HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO SEEK EXPLANATION OF THE
PROVISIONS CONTAINED ABOVE. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, I SIGN THIS
DOCUMENT VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT ON BEHALF OF MY
CHILD.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

DATE

South Carolina State 4-H Policy on Headgear Safety Equipment

The South Carolina Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Horse Program (4-H Program) requires that all **riders** wear protective headgear that meets or surpasses current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards while **riding** in all 4-H Horse Program sponsored events and activities, including events and activities offered at the County, District or State level. The headgear must be properly fitted, properly worn on the top of the head, and worn with the strap or harness securely fastened. Events and activities covered by this policy include but are not limited to State 4-H Horse Show, 4-H Horsemanship Camp, District 4-H Horse Shows and Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championship. The term “riding” as used in this policy refers to the mounting, riding or driving of a horse or pony in any 4-H sponsored event or activity. The term “rider” refers to a person engaged in riding.

It is the responsibility of the rider, and the parent or guardian of the rider, to confirm that the headgear worn by the rider complies with the safety standards set forth above; is properly fitted, fastened and work; and is in sufficiently good condition that it would protect the rider in the event of an accident. The 4-H Program and the show committees, officials, judges, extension personnel and volunteers associated with the 4-H Program are not responsible for providing headgear and are not responsible for checking headgear worn by riders in order to comply with this rule.

Any rider found to be riding in violation of this policy by 4-H Horse Program employees or volunteers will be immediately prohibited from further riding, and shall be barred or disqualified from the event or activity in which the rider is engaged at the time of the violation.

The 4-H Horse Program makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, concerning the headgear worn by any rider during a 4-H Program sponsored event or activity. In particular, the 4-H Program makes no representation or warranty concerning the safety performance of any headgear worn by any rider. The 4-H Program cautions riders and their parents and legal guardians that death or serious injury may occur despite wearing safety headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk. No headgear can protect against all possible injuries.