

July 22, 2011

Alberta 4-H Equine Members

RE: HELMET REQUIREMENTS

Good day Alberta 4-H Equine Members,

On behalf of the Alberta 4-H Council, I would like to announce two recently amended 4-H policies; Equine Policy 6.06 and Rodeo Policy 7.05. Please find the policies attached. With the support of the 4-H and Agriculture Education Branch, these amendments have been approved and will be implemented for the upcoming 2011/2012 4-H year.

The policy change was made in response to the Provincial Equine Advisory Council survey results gathered from all equine 4-H clubs and members this spring. Regional representatives voted to support the policy change as directed through the membership. The process was challenging, but the council is confident in the decision.

As with any change, we anticipate many questions. Information will be available on the 4-H web site, as well through the 4-H and Agriculture Education Branch. We believe this policy will give Alberta 4-H equine programs higher standards for safety. This is a goal we strive for in all 4-H programs.

We appreciate your support and commitment to safety as this new policy comes into effect.

Yours in 4-H,



Stacy Price
Alberta 4-H Council, President

4-H Equine Helmet Requirement

- Effective October 1, 2011, a properly fitted ASTM/SEI (American Society for Testing and Materials / Safety Equipment Institute) or BSI (British Standards Institution) approved equestrian helmet must be worn by:
 - all Horsemanship Level 1, 2 and 3 members while mounted and
 - all 4-H members born in 2000 and later while mounted.

Members involved in Vaulting are not required to wear a helmet.

- It is highly recommended that all other riders wear a properly fitted ASTM/SEI (American Society for Testing and Materials / Safety Equipment Institute) or BSI (British Standards Institution) approved equestrian helmet.

Alberta 4-H Legacy Builders