

ALLEN COUNTY SAFETY POLICY FOR MINI 4-H HORSE AND PONY MEMBERS

The safety and well-being of our 4-H youth is of the utmost importance.

The State 4-H Youth program at Purdue University has agreed to allow Mini/Exploring 4-H members in grades K-2 to participate in Non-Competitive animal projects subject to certain conditions. These conditions are specified below.

1. Mini 4-H Horse and Pony members, in grades K through 2, will be allowed to show, work with, or care for animal projects AFTER their parent or legal guardian has signed a liability release.
2. The parent or legal guardian who has signed the 4-H Liability Release Form will be the ONLY person allowed to assist the Mini 4-H Horse and Pony member. Exception: any family with more than two mini 4-H Horse and Pony members can have a third approved handler. The alternate must submit a written statement of qualifications to be approved or denied by leaders.
3. The word "assist" means that the parent or legal guardian who has signed the 4-H Liability Release Form will be in control of the animal at all times.
4. While mounted, the Mini 4-H Horse and Pony member must wear an ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmet. It is up to the parent or legal guardian to make sure specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness in place and fastened whenever the rider is mounted.
5. The approved handler must wear long pants, boots and a long sleeve shirt while assisting the Mini 4-H Horse and Pony member in the show ring. Boots must be worn anytime while assisting throughout the week of the fair. Hats are optional for handler, but if wearing a hat must be class appropriate (no ball caps).
6. In addition to the helmet, all Mini 4-H Horse and Pony members must wear boots, long pants and a long sleeve shirt while in the show ring. Boots must be worn anytime while working with their animal throughout the week of the fair. Proper attire and equipment per State Class rules is required.
7. If the guidelines stated in this policy are not followed for a particular event or activity, then such event or activity shall NOT be considered to be a 4-H event or activity and shall not be under the auspices of the Extension 4-H educators or covered by Purdue University. Any mini participant that doesn't adhere to all guidelines will be issued one verbal warning by 4-H leader. Next occurrence mini will be dismissed from showing the remainder of the fair or handling their animal the remainder of the fair.
8. Mini 4-H Horse and Pony members will be allowed to show one (1) horse, pony or miniature horse and must select animal and submit an ID sheet by May 15, at 4:30 p.m. No substitution will be allowed without the approval of the leaders.
9. This is NOT a State Fair Entry.
10. Mini 4-H Horse and Pony members may NOT ride, walk, or lunge, etc. any other horse, pony, or miniature horse that is not identified on their ID sheet.
11. Members must be enrolled by April 15.
12. All fees must be paid in full by June 30th to be eligible to show.
13. The classes will NOT be judged.
14. All other Allen County Horse and Pony 4-H rules apply.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Printed Name

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Printed Name

Signature of Other Adult Designee

Printed Name

Printed Name of Mini 4-H Member