



VT Policy Guidelines for Open vs. 4-H Horse Events

4-H Youth only Horse Event:

- Helmet policy enforced for 4-H youth riders.
- A separate equine waiver is recommended for each event.
- A new or copy of health history form **may** be required to be on file at the event.
- Age policies must be followed.
- No bareback or double riding classes are allowed.
- VT liability plan provides coverage for employees and registered volunteers while acting within the scope of their duties and responsibilities as a representative of Virginia Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension.
- Additional Special Activities Coverage for Accident or Illness insurance can be purchased through American Income Life.

Open Horse Events/4-H sponsored:

- 4-H Helmet policy enforced for **all** youth aged riders. Helmet highly recommended for adult use with signature of adult non-helmet use statement on equine waiver required.
- An equine waiver is required for all participants.
- If a new or copy of a health history form is required for 4-Hers to participate in this event, then a health history form must be required for non-4-Hers to participate. If we do not require an event specific health history form from our 4-H'ers, then we don't require one from non-4-Hers.
- Age policies must be followed for all participating youth.
- No bareback or double riding classes are allowed.
- VT liability plan provides coverage for employees and registered volunteers while acting within the scope their duties and responsibilities as a representative of Virginia Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension. **State funds cannot be used to buy additional liability insurance.**
- If we bring in outside professionals to do demonstrations and they are not registered volunteers (ie- Cowboy Mounted Shooting or roping demo) – they should have their own liability coverage and we should ask for a copy.
- Additional Special Activities Coverage for Accident or Illness insurance can be purchased through American Income Life.

Open Horse Events/Non 4-H sponsored (proceeds to benefit a particular 4-H Club):

- No policies specific to 4-H or VT apply.
- **The clover cannot be used in advertising or for soliciting sponsors!!!**
- **NOT covered by VT liability!!!**