

Silver Spurs 4H Horse & Pony Club Safety Rules

1. All 4H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified equestrian helmet whenever mounted or driving at all county, area, and state 4H horse and pony events, shows, and activities. The 4H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. No approved helmet – you will not be allowed to ride or drive!
2. 4H riders must wear proper attire when mounted; i.e., boots, long pants, approved helmet.
3. Only 4H members or leaders may ride or drive on 4H property.
4. Stallions may not be ridden/driven during any mounted meeting or show.
5. At least one horse length must be in between every horse and rider.
6. Horses must remain in-hand at all times, unless properly tied up.
7. When mounted, you must always sit in proper position (hands on reins, both feet in stirrups, facing forward) unless doing an instructed exercise.
8. Absolutely no cantering on pavement or in grass will be permitted unless doing an instructed exercise or class.
9. If a horse is acting in an unsafe manner:
 - The member may circle their horse;
 - Move to a safe distance from the other horses;
 - Ask for assistance from an adult;
 - Dismount and walk the horse.
10. Absolutely no aggression will be permitted toward horses or other riders.
11. Any 4H leader may correct a member's behavior. One warning will be given. After one warning, then the member may be asked to leave the arena.
12. Any 4H member, and those exhibiting horses/ponies at the County 4H Completion Show, MUST abide by all state and county 4H Horse and Pony rules and policies. For state rules please refer to the Indiana State 4H Horse and Pony Handbook available at the Floyd County Extension Office.
13. All horses and ponies must be considered safe for use in the Silver Spurs 4H Horse and Pony Club. If a horse/pony is deemed unsafe for use in club