NON 4-H MEMBERS and ADULT RIDERS
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT 4-H HORSE PROGRAM EQUESTRIAN HELMET RULE

1. Effective April 12, 2013, ALL ADULTS and non-4-H members participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, regardless of riding seat, shall wear a properly fitted equestrian helmet which carries a current ASTM/SEI approval with secured chin harness properly fastened at all times when mounted on an equine or in a vehicle being pulled by one or more equines.

2. It is the responsibility of the rider or parent/guardian of the minor rider, to see to it that the headgear worn complies with such approved standards and carries the proper seals, and is properly fitted and in good condition. Due to degeneration concerns, equestrian and sport manufacturers recommend replacement every five years. The University of Vermont Extension system, Organizing Committees and Licensed Officials or Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. The University of Vermont makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about such headgear and cautions riders that serious injury may result despite wearing headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities.

3. At any 4-H equestrian activity, the official activity manager (e.g. show manager, clinic organizer, club leader) may, at his/her discretion, check a participant’s equestrian helmet for proper standards. If the participant is found to be wearing an unapproved, defective or improperly fitted helmet, he/she will not be permitted to participate in any mounted or driving activity until proper helmet is acquired.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT 4-H SPONSORED HORSE SHOW NON 4-H MEMBER/ADULT

I have read THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT 4-H HORSE PROGRAM EQUESTRIAN HELMET RULE printed above. I understand that equestrian activity involves certain risks of physical injury. I, none the less, wish to participate in the University of Vermont 4-H sponsored horse show. I do so at my own risk and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the University of Vermont and State Agricultural college, the UVM Extension system, and their trustees, employees, and agents from any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs or other expenses or liabilities arising out of this activity. This release, however, is not intended to release the University of Vermont from causes of action arising out of the sole negligence of the University of Vermont, its trustees, employees or agents.

Name of Exhibitor: ____________________________________________________________
(Please Print)

Signature of Exhibitor: __________________________________________________________
(If age 18 or older)

Parent/Guardian name: _________________________________________________________
(Please Print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _______________________________________________________
(If exhibitor is under age 18,)

This will be my primary coverage if injuries occur while participating in this event:

Health Insurance Company & Policy Number: __________________________________________________

Date: _____________________________  Phone Number: ________________________________

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