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## EQUINE JUMPING GUIDELINES for club practices (for parents, leaders, & members)

- \*ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmet is required.  
(as stated in the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book, 2004, pg. 3)
- \*4-H Member MUST be at least Level 2 English; having passed written & riding, and be working toward the Level 3 skills. (specify i.e. all Level 2 skills, plus...)
- \*Parental consent/approval. All parents must confirm with their 4-H Club Leader if they will allow their child to jump during practices.
- \*Appropriate English tack must be used, as Western tack is unsafe/unacceptable for jumping. (refer to the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book, 2004, pg. 75)  
Western tack is appropriate for rider learning to "step over" a log, as would be found out on the trail.
- \*The use of safe standards/jumps in good condition is mandatory.  
"Home-made" jumps discouraged.
- \*The maximum of 2' jumps are only allowed until the 4-H member has passed the Level 3 testing (written & riding).  
Appropriate progression: (Begin with cavalletties, crossed poles, 1' jump, 1 ½' jump, starting with one jump to two, then three, up to a pattern of 8 jumps.
- \*4-H Members must be riding a horse that has the ability to jump and not be using a horse that has never jumped before. Horse needs to be wearing protective leg wraps or splint boots
- \*Recommend/Encourage all 4-H Equine Leaders to attend a State 4-H Rater training. (would like to see this become a requirement similar to Shooting Sports Leader training)
- \*Special "Thank You" to our Summit County 4-H Freedom Riders Club for establishing these jumping guidelines to ensure a positive and safe environment for equine jumping enthusiasts.

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