

**EQUESTRIAN HELMET POLICY**  
**FOR THE BARRINGTON RIDING CENTER EQUESTRIAN FACILITY**

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS POLICY IS: APRIL 14, 2004.

The Barrington Countryside Park District ("BCPD") hereby establishes an Equestrian Helmet Policy for the Barrington Riding Center. It is the intent of the BCPD in adopting this policy to promote safety within a defined public area. In adopting this policy the BCPD makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about such headgear and cautions that serious injury may result at any time any one is engaged in an equine activity despite wearing this headgear, as no headgear can protect against all injuries in equestrian sports.

From and after the effective date of this policy, all Participants (as defined below), regardless of riding seat, shall wear a properly fitted equestrian helmet which meets ASTM/SEI standards, with secured chin harness properly fastened at all times when engaged in any equine activity at the Barrington Riding Center equestrian facility or upon its grounds. For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. "Barrington Riding Center" means the buildings and grounds located on Bateman Road in Barrington Hills, Illinois, which consists of equestrian facilities and grounds comprised of approximately fifteen (15) acres and which is owned by the BCPD.
- b. "Equine" means a horse, pony, mule, donkey, or hinny.
- c. "Engaged in an equine activity" includes, but is not limited to, riding, training, driving or being a passenger in any vehicle being drawn by an equine
- d. "Equine activity" includes, but is not limited to equine shows, fairs, competitions, performances, or parades that involve any or all breeds of equines and any of the equine disciplines
- e. "Participant" means any person, regardless of age, whether amateur or professional, engaged in an equine activity.

It is the sole and complete responsibility of the Participant or the parent or guardian of any minor Participant, to insure that the required headgear is worn, is in compliance with the ASTM/SEI standards, and is properly fitted and in good condition. **The Barrington Countryside Park District, and its commissioners, employees, agents and volunteers are not responsible for checking for or insisting upon compliance with this policy.**

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