

**Registration of Rider's Agreement**  
**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING**

**REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE:** In consideration of the payment of a fee and the signing of this agreement, I, the following listed individual, and the parent or legal guardian thereof if a minor, so hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate in riding instruction as a student of THIS RIDING FACILITY, and that this student will either ride his/her own horse, or horses provided by THIS RIDING FACILITY for instructional purpose as well as summer camps, pony rides and pleasure riding, today and all future dates. Furthermore, I agree that any photographs or videos taken by THIS RIDING FACILITY or its representatives remain the property of THIS RIDING Facility or its Representatives and that they shall be allowed to use them to advertise their facility or for other commercial reasons without further permission or payment to the student or the student's parent or guardian.

**AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS –** This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered student, and the parents or legal guardian thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state and county of THIS RIDING FACILITIES legal residence. Any disputes by the rider shall be litigated in, and venue shall be the country in which THIS RIDING FACILITY is legally located. If any clause, phrase, or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term **"HORSE"** herein shall refer to all equine species. The term **"HORSEBACK RIDING"** herein shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses and ponies, whether from the ground or mounted. The terms **"STUDENT"** and/or **"RIDER"** shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms **"I"**, **"ME"**, **"MY"** shall herein refer to the above registered student rider and the parents or legal guardian thereof if a minor.

**ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION – I UNDERSTAND THAT:** Horseback riding is classified as a RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORTS ACTIVITY and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. According to NEISS (National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems of United States Consumer Products) horse activities rank approximately 64th among the activities of people relative to injuries that result in a stay at U.S. hospitals. Related injuries can be severe requiring more hospital days and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities.

**NATURE OF THIS RIDING CENTER HORSES – I UNDERSTAND THAT:** THIS RIDING FACILITY chooses its horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use for STUDENT RIDERS, and THIS RIDING FACILITY follows a rigid safety program. Yet, no riding horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 3 ½ to 5 ½ feet and the impact may result in injury to the rider. Horseback riding is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal (human) tries to impose its will on and become one unit of movement with, another much larger, stronger prey animal with a mind of its own (horse) and each has a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: Stopping Short; Changing Direction Suddenly; Increase or Decrease of Speed at Will; Shifting its Weight; Bucking, Rearing, Kicking, Biting, or Running from Danger.

**WARNING**

**Under Florida Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, Pursuant to Florida Title XLV Chapter 773.**

**RIDER RESPONSIBILITY – I UNDERSTAND THAT:** Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins, the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety, including that of an unborn child if the rider is pregnant. Pregnant women should ride horses only under the advice of their physician. THIS RIDING FACILITY advises pregnant women not to ride horses.

**CONDITIONS OF NATURE AND INSPECTION OF PREMISES – I UNDERSTAND THAT:** THIS RIDING FACILITY is NOT responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles which may walk, run, fly near, or bite a horse or a person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made-changes in landscape. The rider and parent or legal guardian have inspected the instructional facilities and are satisfied that all premise conditions are reasonably safe for rider's intended purpose, usage and presence upon THE PREMISES.

**EQUIPMENT AND TACK: I UNDERSTAND THAT:** In consideration of being permitted to use the equipment and/or tack of THIS RIDING FACILITY, I/we for myself and my personal representatives, heirs, distributees, guardians, legal representatives, next of kin, and assigns acknowledges, agrees and represent that he/she has, or will immediately prior to using such equipment or tack, and will continuously thereafter inspect such equipment and/or tack, and does further warrant that his/her use of such equipment and/or tack constitutes an acknowledgement that he/she finds and accepts such equipment and/or tack as being safe and reasonable suited or the purposes of its use, and he/she further agrees and

warrants that if, at any time, he/she feels any equipment and/or tack are unsafe, he/she will immediately advise his/her instructor and will immediately cease using such equipment and/or tack or will immediately correct the condition which makes the equipment or tack unsafe. For Example: Saddle girths (saddle fasteners around horse's belly) may loosen during a ride. If a rider notices this he/she must alert the instructor as quickly as possible so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and a potential fall from the animal.

**ACCIDENT/MEDICAL INSURANCE – I AGREE THAT:** Should emergency medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses.

**PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WARNING – I AGREE THAT:** I have been fully warned and advised by THIS RIDING FACILITY that I should purchase my own riding helmet and wear protective ASTM/SEI approved headgear for the purpose of riding horses. I do understand that the wearing of such headgear while mounting, riding, dismounting, and otherwise being around horses, may prevent or reduce severity of some head injuries and may even prevent death from happening as the result of a fall or other occurrence.

**LIABILITY RELEASE – I AGREE THAT:** In consideration of THIS RIDING FACILITY allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the rider, and parent or guardian thereof if a minor, do agree to hold harmless and release THIS RIDING FACILITY, ITS agents, employees, premises owners, affiliated organizations, and insurers from legal liability due to THIS RIDING FACILITIES ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of THIS RIDING FACILITIES gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demand, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against THIS RIDING FACILITY and its ASSOCIATES as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operation of THIS RIDING FACILITY, to include while riding, handling, or other wise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of THIS RIDING FACILITY.

**All Riders and Parents or Legal Guardians must sign below after reading this entire document:**

**SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS**

I/We, the undersigned, have read and so understand the foregoing agreement, warnings, release and assumption of risk. I/We further attest that all facts relating to the applicant's physical condition, experience and age are true and accurate. This Statement and conditions within this document are effective for ALL attendances and lessons at THIS RIDING FACILITY.

**Time** \_\_\_\_\_ **(a.m. / p.m.)** **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**RIDER: (If Rider over the age of 18 years)**

**Signature of Rider** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone** (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone** (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL Phone** (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address City State Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT or GUARDIAN: (If Rider is under the age of 18 years)**

**Signature of Parent or Guardian (if Rider is under 21 yrs)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone** (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone** (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone** (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address City State Zip** \_\_\_\_\_