



NEW YORK EQUESTRIAN CENTER  
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New York Equestrian Center Stable name, hereinafter known as “This Stable”

**Please read Carefully Before Signing**

Serious injury may result from participation in this activity.

This Stable does not guarantee your safety.

- A. Registration of riders and agreement purpose - In consideration of the payment of a fee and the signing of this agreement, I/We, the following listed individuals, and the parent or legal guardians thereof. If a minor, do hereby agree to hire from this Stable a horse, tack and equipment, personnel and trail for the purpose of horseback riding today and on all future dates:

**Rider Name                      age                      Weight                      Riding Exp (circle one)**

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**1. \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner Intermediate Advanced**

Does this rider have physical and mental health conditions, problems, and/or disabilities which may affect his/her safety and ability to ride a horse? YES or NO (circle one) If “YES” describe below:

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**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Birthday:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What are you interested in? (circle one)**

**How did you hear about us?**

**Pony Rides**

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**Trail Rides**

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**Boarding Information**

**Lessons**

**Pony Party/Special Event**

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **A. REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE:** In consideration of the payment of a fee and the signing of this agreement, I, the following individual, and the parent or legal guardian thereof if a minor, do hereby agree to hire from New York Equestrian Center Ltd. A horse, tack and equipment, personnel and trail for the purpose of horseback riding.

\_\_\_\_ **B. AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS:** This agreement shall be legally binding upon the registered rider and the parents and legal guardian thereof. If a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns including all minor children and personnel representatives and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state of New York Equestrian Center Ltd. physical location. The term "HORSE" herein shall refer to all equine species. The term "HORSEBACK RIDING" shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. The term "RIDER" herein refers 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 refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians if a minor.

\_\_\_\_ **C. ACTIVITY RISK CLARIFICATION- I UNDERSTAND THAT:** Horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions, such as, collisions with trees, brush, and other animals or objects, resulting in broken bones, severe injuries to the head, neck, and back which may result in severe impairment or death. According to NEISS (National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems of the United States Consumer Products) horse activities rank 64<sup>th</sup> 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. The potential for a participant to fail to exercise to take reasonable care, take adequate precautions, or use adequate control when engaging in a domesticated animal activity, including failing to maintain reasonable control of the animal of failing to act in a manner consistent with the persons abilities.

\_\_\_\_ **D. NATURE OF STABLE HORSES- I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS STABLE** chooses its rental horses for their claim dispositions and sound basic training as is required to use as riding horses for novice

and beginner riders, and New York Equestrian Center Ltd. Follows a rigid safety program. Yet, no 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 humans. If a rider falls from a horse to ground, it will generally be at a distance of from 3 ½ feet to 41/2 feet, and the impact may result injury to the rider. Horseback riding is the only sport where one such smaller, weaker predator animal(human) tried to impose its will on 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 accordingly to its natural survival instincts which may include but not limited to: Stopping short: Changing directions or speed at will: Shifting its weight: Bucking, Rearing, Kicking, Biting, or Running from danger. The propensity of an equine (horse) to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to the participant regardless of the equines previous training and past performance. The inability to predict an equines (horse's) reaction to sound, movements, unfamiliar environment, objects, persons, or animals.

\_\_\_\_ **E. RIDER RESPONSIBILITY: I UNDERSTAND THAT: Upon mounting the 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 and physical coordination on a moving animal included but not limited to fatigue, and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his her own safety.

\_\_\_\_ **F. CONDITIONS OF NATURE: I UNDERSTAND THAT: THIS STABLE IS NOT** responsible for total and or partial acts, occurrences elements of nature that can scare a horse, causes it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. **SOME EXAMPLES ARE:** including but not limited to, Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild or domestic animals,, and reptiles that may walk, run, fly near, bite, or sting a horse or person: and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change or condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape including but not limited to: avalanche, rock fall, inclement weather, severe and or varied wind temperature and all other weather conditions.

\_\_\_\_ **G. CARRY ON OBJECTS AND SHARP NOISES – I UNDERSTAND THAT:** Riders must not carry loose items on rides which may fall, blow away, flap in the wind, bounce, or make sharp noises, possibly scaring the horse. **SOME EXAMPLES ARE:** cameras, hats not securely fastened under the chin, toys, and purses. Riders must not make sharp, loud noises such as screaming or yelling which may scare a horse.

\_\_\_\_ **H. SADDLE GIRTHS: NATURAL LOOSENING – I UNDERSTAND THAT:** Saddle girths (saddle fasteners around horse's belly) might loosen during ride. If a rider notices this, he/she must alert the nearest guide or wrangler as quickly as possible so actions can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and potential fall from the animal. There is a possibility of equipment failure and/or malfunction of my own or others equipment. Saddles or bridles may loosen or break which may cause the participant to be jolted or fall.

\_\_\_\_ **I. 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.

\_\_\_\_ **J. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR OFFERING-** I, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, have been offered protective headgear (riding helmet) by New York Equestrian Center Ltd. And do understand that the warning of such headgear while mounting, riding, dismounting and otherwise being around horses, may prevent or reduce severity of some head injuries. Even though headgear may not be of perfect fit for each rider's head, and that once provided I/WE will be responsible for securing these helmets on this rider's head at all times. Mark and "X" below in the box before the statement, which describes your choice to wear, or not to wear. STABLE PROVIDED protective headgear.

\_\_\_\_ **K. SHOULD YOU OR ANY PART OF YOUR GROUP BRING SUIT:** or claim against New York Equestrian Center Ltd. And allege my lack of capacity to bind said party to this agreement due to

their being a minor, or by reason of my being the non-custodial parent, or any other reason, I hereby agree to indemnity and hold harmless New York Equestrian Center Ltd. for all expenses, cost, judgments, and reasonable attorney fees incurred by reason of said suit.

**L. LIABILITY RELEASE:** IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS STABLE ALL OWN IF MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY, UNDER THE TERMS SET FORTH HERE, I, THE RIDER, AND THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN THEREOF IF A MINOR, DO AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND RELEASE THIS STABLE: ITS OWNERS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, MEMEBERS, PREMISES OWNERS, AND AFFILIATED ORGINIZATIONS FROM LEGAL LIABILITY DUE THE STABLES ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE; AND I DO FURTHUR AGREE THAT EXCEPT IN THE EVENT OF THIS STABLE'S GROSS AND WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE, I SHALL BRING NO CLAIM DEMANDS, ACTIONS AND CAUSES OF ACTION, AND/OR LITIGATION AGAINST THIS STABLE AND ITS ASSOCIATES AS STATED ABOVE IN THIS CLAUSE, 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 OPERATIONS OF THIS STABLE, TO INCLUDE WHILE RIDING, HANDELING, OR OTHERWISE BEING NEAR HORSES OWNED OR IN THE CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THIS STABLE.

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**( ) PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR ACCEPTANCE: I/WE REQUEST TO WEAR PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WHICH THIS STABLE PROVIDES**

**( ) PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REFUSAL: I/WE REFUSE TO WEAR ANY TYPE OF PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR AND/OR WILL PROVIDE MY OWN. I/WE ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILTY FOR MY/OUR SAFETY IN THIS DECISION. (MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO REFUSE SAFETY HEADGEAR)**

All riders and parents or legal guardians must sign below after reading this document:  
SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS- I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT WARNING, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTIONS OR RISK. I/WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING TO THE APPLICANTS'S PHYSICAL CONDITIONS.

DOES THIS RIDER HAVE ANY PHYSICAL OR MENTAL PROBLEMS THAT MAY AFFECT HIS/HER SAFETY AND ABILITY TO RIDE ON A HORSE?  
( ) YES ( ) NO

IS THE RIDER CONSIDERED A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD OR ADULT?  
( ) YES ( ) NO

If yes please indicate \_\_\_\_\_

**ONCE MOUNTED, NO REFUNDS**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_