

# **Ascot Riding Center**

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This document covers the taking of riding lessons from instructors at Ascot Riding Center, Inc. (Ascot). Please read this document carefully and do not sign it unless you fully understand it.

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Lesson Procedure**

New students will be instructed in grooming and tacking the lesson horse in a series of grooming – tacking - beginner riding lessons. These beginning lessons are an hour in duration and the student will also participate in beginner riding lessons during this time. When the student is proficient at grooming and tacking up, they will move to ½ hour private lessons. At that time, students should arrive at the stable at least 30 minutes before the scheduled lesson time and note the horse reserved for that lesson. This should give the student sufficient time to groom and tack the lesson horse reserved for them. During the lesson the student shall follow the directions of the instructor. Group lessons are always encouraged and occur when the student can handle their horse or pony unaided.

When the lesson is over, the student is required to cool out the horse if necessary, remove tack and brush or sponge saddle area. The student shall then return the horse to its stall and the tack to the tack room. The bit of the bridle shall be rinsed off and the bridle placed onto its labeled bridle hook.

## **Equipment Required**

The student is required to wear regulation headgear. A chin strap with a safety harness is mandatory for all lessons. Hard-soled shoes or boots with a heel of at least ½” are required footwear for all students. Pants (Jeans, leggings, etc...) protect the leg.

## **Conduct**

Any vandalism or disturbances cause by the student or any person(s) accompanying the student while on the premises of Ascot, will be grounds for immediate termination of this agreement and the parent or guardian and/or the student will be held liable for any and all damages incurred.

The student will respect the rights of others at Ascot and will not take any liberties in using equipment or horses other than that assigned by the Instructor at the time of the lesson. The student (or parent or guardian) will be held liable for the total cost of replacement or repair of any damaged or lost equipment or injury to persons, equipment, and horses caused either directly by himself/herself or by persons accompanying him/her while on the premises of Ascot.

Medical insurance coverage and life insurance for the student described herein and insurance for any personal property belonging to the student is not included as an obligation of Ascot or the instructor.

## **Release**

I recognize the inherent risks of injury involved in horseback riding generally and in learning to ride in particular. In taking lessons at Ascot Riding Center, I assume any such risk of injury and further, I voluntarily release Ascot, its instructors, employees, and agents from any responsibility on account of any injury I or my child or ward may sustain while receiving instruction or while riding in connection therewith, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Ascot Riding Center, its instructors, employees and agents on account of any such claim.

## **Medical Authorization**

In the event that the above named student requires emergency medical treatment on account of any accident or injury which may occur in connection with any activities at Ascot, the instructor at Ascot and its owners are hereby given full authority to engage any necessary emergency medical services for the above named student including the administration of anesthesia.

## **Cancellation Policy**

There is a "No Cancellation Policy" for any student who takes lessons on a school horse at Ascot. The school horses are maintained specifically for students who want to learn how to ride but do not have their own horse. The school horse hours are managed for both physical and financial reasons. If a student cancels a lesson, there is no way for Ascot to make that time up. For that reason, the student will be required to pay for that reserved lesson horse whether the student rides or not. Your individual instructor will make every effort possible to reschedule a lesson during the week if an emergency makes you cancel your regular lesson time.

I/WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RIDING INSTRUCTION STUDENT APPLICATION,  
HAVE READ THIS APPLICATION CAREFULLY AND AGREE TO THIS DOCUMENT BY  
SIGNING BELOW:

Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

“I hold a tremendous appreciation and affection for the school horses as well as the students who ride them. Nothing gives me more pleasure than seeing a student able to perfect their skills while learning to ride on the school horses here. I personally consider the students and school horses an integral part of our riding center, and I would like students at Ascot to someday develop the same appreciation for these horses that I have myself.”

...Jerry Kenney