

R&M Stables

Riding Rules and Release Form

Please read carefully before signing. Serious injury may result from your participation in this activity. R&M Stables does not guarantee your safety.

I, the following listed individual hereinafter known as the %rider+, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate in horseback riding activities offered by R&M Stables.

Name of Rider _____ Age (if under 21) _____

This agreement shall be legally binding upon, me the registered rider, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children and personal representatives. The term %stable+herein shall refer to R&M Stables. The term %horse+herein shall refer to all equine species. The term %horseback riding+shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses whether from the ground or mounted. The terms %he+, %me+, %my+herein shall refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

I understand that this stable chooses their horses for their calm disposition and sound basic training and that this stable follows a rigid risk reduction program. Yet **no horse is a completely safe horse. Any horse can, at any moment revert from its training and act on its natural instincts.** These could include but are not limited to bucking, shying, rearing, biting and/or bolting back to the barn. Horseback riding is classified as a %rugged adventure sports activity+, and there are numerous obvious and non-obvious risks always present in such activities despite all safety precautions. Horseback Riding is defined as the only sport where one much smaller predator type animal attempts to exert its will and control over one much larger prey type animal each with a very limited understanding of the other. **Horses are 4-5 times faster and 10 – 15 times stronger than a human.** A fall from a horse could be at a distance of 4 . 6 feet and could result in serious injury or even death to a participant. Your participation in this activity may expose you to some of the following situations plus others too numerous to list: Rough, slippery or wet terrain, other riders, trees and bushes, domestic and wild animals and sudden weather changes. Arena rides will be conducted in an enclosed area.

I agree that in consideration of this stable allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I ,the rider, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives, or assigns, do agree to hold harmless, release and discharge this stable, its owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises, owners of trails, affiliated organizations, and insurers, and others acting on its behalf (hereinafter, collectively referred to as %Associates+), or and from all claims, demands, causes of action, legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to this stables and/or its associates ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of this stables gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against this stable 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 operations of this stable, to include while riding, handling or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and

control of this stable whether on or off the premises of this stable.

Note: Under Texas code (chapter 87, civil practice and remedies code) an equine professional is not liable for any injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

I/we the undersigned have read and do understand the foregoing agreement, warnings, release and assumption of the risk.

Signature of rider _____ Date _____

Signature of parent /guardian_____ Date _____

Address in full

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

R&M STABLES HORSEBACK RIDING RULES

1. Everyone must wear a smooth sole, pull on cowboy boot or riding boot with at least a 1/2-inch heel. No tennis shoes, sandals, or hiking boots will be allowed.
2. Jeans or long pants must be worn to participate in riding activities.
3. Everyone must wear a helmet, which we will provide.
4. If your child has any special needs please inform us in the space below.
5. All equine activities are subject to environmental conditions and/or other safety related issues that will be decided on by the R&M Stables staff.
6. For safety reasons most riding activities are using western saddles. The system that we teach by improves basic riding skills no matter what type of saddle is used.

Please fill out the following questionnaire pertaining to your child's previous horseback riding experience. Please make sure that the information you provide us with is as accurate as possible as it will assist us in determining which horseback riding class to put your daughter in. **Our #1 goal is safety** and we do not want to put any student in a class too far above or below their level.

Name _____ Age _____

Has your child ridden before?

_____ No (If no, you need not proceed.)

_____ Yes -- Check **ONE** of the following.

_____ Has ridden 1 or more times but only double (with someone else or with someone leading the horse).

_____ Has ridden by herself 1-3 times (at a friends house, on a vacation trail ride, at a camp).

_____ Has ridden several times (3 or more) and exhibits little fear and a desire to learn.

Possibly rode at a camp last year and has maybe trotted a few times.

_____ Has walked and trotted. Rides on a more regular basis 2-3 times a month over the past 6months - 1 year. Maybe family owns a horse.

_____ Takes or has taken regular riding lessons within the past 6 months. Owns own horse and rides at least once a week. Walks, trots, and possibly canters.

I have read the above rules and understand and agree to comply with them. I have answered the questions to the best of my ability and understand that my answers will be used to help the R&M staff place my child in a safe and appropriate riding class.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____