



RIDING INSTRUCTION REGISTRATION, AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE

Rider

Last Name: _____ First _____ M.I. ___ Female Male Birthday ___/___/_____

Rider cell phone: (____)____-____ Home Phone (____)____-____ Work Phone (____)____-____

Cell Provider AT&T Cingular Sprint T-mobile Verizon Do you want to receive lesson reminders by text? Yes No

Parent name (first, last): _____ Parent name (first, last): : _____

Cell phone: (____)____-____ Cell phone: (____)____-____

Please print neatly

Address: _____

Email _____

City _____

We will not share your email. Do you want to receive newsletters and special offers by email? Yes No

State: ___ Zip _____

Health Insurance Company: _____

Emergency Contact: Relationship _____

Policy Holder _____ Policy # _____

Last Name: _____ First _____

Referred by:

Current/ Previous Student Who? _____

Cell Phone (____)____-____

Internet

Home Phone (____)____-____

Print Advertising

Social Buying

Health concerns, allergies, or special needs: Yes No

Wilson Tech

For safety please list any and all issues that we should be aware of:

Other

Source: _____

Riding experience: No prior Walk Walk/ Beg Trot Walk/Trot Walk/Trot/Beg Canter Walk/Trot/Canter Jump

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING ON BACK

SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOU or YOUR CHILD’S PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY. GEC DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY. IT IS HEREBY AGREED TO AS FOLLOWS THAT:

- A. **REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE:** In consideration of the payment of a fee and the signing of this agreement, I, the rider or the parent of the minor(s) listed on this registration form, do hereby voluntarily request and agree to my or my child(ren)’s participation in riding, at GEC, and that this RIDER will either ride his/her own horse, or school horses provided by GEC for instructional purpose today and on all future dates.
- B. **AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS:** This agreement shall be legally binding upon the registered RIDER and the parents or legal guardians 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 New York State and Suffolk County. Any disputes the rider shall be litigated in, and venue shall be in Suffolk County. 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 horse or ponies, whether from the ground or mounted. The term “RIDER” shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The term “I” shall herein refer to the riding school student or parent of the registered student.
- C. **ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION:** 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. 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.

Signature required on reverse

- D. **NATURE OF GEC HORSES:** I understand that GEC chooses their school horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use for RIDERS and GEC follows a rigid safety program. Yet, no riding horse is completely safe. 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 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 a much smaller, weaker predator animal (human) tries to impose its will on, and become one unit of movement with, another 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 directions or speed at will; shifting its weight; bucking; rearing; kicking; biting or running from any perceived danger.
- E. **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 depends upon his/her ability to follow simple instructions, his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal, and the adherence to GEC's safety rules, which I agree to learn before engaging in any riding activity.
- F. **CONDITIONS OF NATURE AND INSPECTION OF PREMISES:** I understand that GEC 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, or fly near or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-doors groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape. I have inspected GEC's facilities and am satisfied that all premise conditions are reasonably safe for rider's intended purpose, usage, and presence upon GECs premises.
- G. **SADDLE GIRTHS/NATURAL LOOSENING:** I understand that Saddle girths (saddle fasteners around horse's belly) may loosen during a ride. If a rider notices this, he/she must alert the riding instructor as quickly as possible so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and a potential fall from the animal.
- H. **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.
- I. **ASTM APPROVED PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR IS REQUIRED:** I agree to purchase protective headgear which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI CERTIFIED ASTM STANDARD F 1163 Equestrian Helmet. It will be worn while riding and being near horses and I do understand that the wearing of such headgear at these times may reduce the severity of some of the wearer's head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer's death from happening as the result of a fall and other occurrences.
- J. **LIABILITY RELEASE:** I agree that in consideration of GEC allowing myself or my child's participation in these riding activities, under the terms set forth herein, I, the rider or the parent, for myself and on behalf of my child(ren) and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do agree to hold harmless, release and discharge GEC, its owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises and trails, affiliated organizations, and insurers, and others acting on its behalf (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "Associates"), of and from all claims, demands, causes of action and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to GEC's and/or IT'S ASSOCIATES ordinary negligence; and I, the rider or the parent, do further agree that except in the event of GEC's gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against GEC and IT'S 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 GEC, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of GEC, or participating in any of the school activities, whether on or off the premises of GEC.
- K. **PHOTO RELEASE:** I give my permission for GEC to use any photos and/or videos of me and/or my child(ren) for any print or digital marketing materials.

RIDERS OVER 21 OR Parent or legal guardian must sign below after reading this entire document:

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENTS, WARNINGS, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING THE RIDER'S PHYSICAL CONDITION, EXPERIENCE, AND AGE ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Signature (if under 21 Parent MUST Sign)

Date