



# Riding Lesson Registration Packet

## Western EC

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Our lesson program has been designed for riders of all ages and ability levels. In order to maintain safety as our primary concern, all riders must read and fill out all forms contained in this packet which provides essential information designed to make your experience as fulfilling and safe as possible. Please ask a Western EC staff member if you have any questions regarding these forms or our lesson program.

### 1. Lesson Policies

- Riders must be at least five (5) years old
- The weight limit for riders is 230 pounds
- Proper attire must be worn and includes jeans or breeches, leather boots with a heel. An ASTM approved riding helmet will be provided. Gloves are optional. No muck boots, sandals, bulky hiking boots. No slick outdoor fabrics for riding pants, no shorts, no leggings unless riding specific.
- Payment is due at time of service and shall be made in the form of cash or online payment to Western EC.
- 24 hours' notice is required if you are unable to attend your lesson. This is a courtesy to ensure that proper notice is given to staff and so that your spot may be filled with another rider. If you do not give 24 hours' notice, you may be held responsible for paying for your scheduled lesson.
- Lessons canceled with 24 hours' notice or by the instructor will be rescheduled. During inclement weather, please contact your instructor if you would like to reschedule or switch to indoor horsemanship lessons, 24 hour notice policy does not apply for cancelations due to inclement weather.
- Refunds will not be given once the lesson has started and without 24 hours' notice prior to the start time of the scheduled lesson.
- One hour lessons will be no less than one hour TOTAL, half hour lessons will be no less than one half hour TOTAL.
- Horsemanship lessons include grooming, tacking, lunging as needed, riding, untacking, and putting the horse away.
- Riding lessons include basic education of the horse and tack, horse tacked up when you arrive, and 40-50 minutes of ride time

### 2. Lesson Program Fees

- 1 Hour Private Lesson \$65,
- 1 Hour Group Lesson (no more than 2 riders) \$90
- Additional Half Hour Private Lesson \$30

- Temperature controlled tack storage: \$30/mo

**3. Written Disclosure:**

- All riders and guests must be given a written disclosure. Please read entirely and know where our warning and visitor responsibilities signs are posted throughout the facility. SEE ATTACHED WRITTEN DISCLOSURE.

**4. Facility Rules & Policies**

- Participants, parents, and guests are responsible for familiarizing themselves with all facility rules and regulations and following them at all times. SEE ATTACHED FACILITY RULES.

**5. Lesson Agreement, Liability Release, and Hold Harmless Form**

- EVERYONE entering the facility needs to sign a release form. This includes but is not limited to family members and guests. PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE ATTACHED RELEASE FORM (OR CONTACT STABLE FOR FORM).

**6. Photo Release**

- PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE ATTACHED PHOTO RELEASE FORM.

**7. PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM ENTIRELY.**

- RIDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
- AGE: \_\_\_\_\_
- DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_
- Weight: \_\_\_\_\_
- ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_
- ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_
- HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_
- CELL: \_\_\_\_\_
- E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_
- MEDICAL/EMERGENCY INFORMATION DESCRIBE ANY PHYSICAL AILMENTS/ DISABILITIES THAT MAY AFFECT ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN HORSEBACK RIDING ACTIVITIES:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- LIST ANY CURRENT MEDICATION(S):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- FAMILY DOCTOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
  - PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_
  - INSURANCE COMPANY & POLICY #: \_\_\_\_\_

- EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

- NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

- HORSEBACK RIDING EXPERIENCE Please list all previous riding experience, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- I acknowledge the receipt of a copy of Western EC Facility Rules, Lesson Policies, Written Disclosure, Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnification Agreement, Photo Release, and Registration Form. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand all of the terms in the above listed forms.

PRINT NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR RIDERS UNDER 18)



## Western EC Written Disclosure

BEFORE STARTING YOUR ACTIVITY AT Western EC, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO READ THE POSTED WARNING TO VISITORS AND BARN RULES TO LEARN ABOUT:

- The risks inherent to participating in equine activities; and
- Your responsibilities when participating in the activities at Western EC.

THE WARNING TO VISITORS SIGN IS POSTED IN the barn aisle and on the gate leading towards the outdoor arena. This sign identifies the inherent risk(s) of the equine activities in which you will be participating - activities that may expose you to the risk of personal injury, death or damage to your property.

THE BARN RULES ARE posted on the barn aisle walls. This sign describes your responsibilities as a visitor at Western EC, which include: obeying directional and “off limits” or “employees only” signs, following instructions and obeying warnings from Western EC’ representatives; complying with posted rules of conduct; and exercising reasonable care concerning disclosed risks.

- If you do not understand the information contained in the Warning to Visitors or Barn Rules or have any questions about their content, please ask a Western EC Staff member for help before you begin your equine activity.
- If you are accompanied by individuals who need help in understanding the inherent risks of participating in the equine activities or the responsibilities of a visitor at Western EC, please explain, or ask a Western EC representative to explain the risks and responsibilities to those people so that they understand them.

IF YOU (OR THOSE YOU ARE WITH) ARE UNPREPARED OR UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THE RISKS DISCLOSED OR THE RESPONSIBILITIES IMPOSED ON A VISITOR TO Western EC, PLEASE ADVISE WESTERN EC AND ANY LESSON(S) YOU HAVE PURCHASED INTACT AND UNUSED WILL BE ISSUED A REFUND FOR THE AMOUNT PAID FOR THE TICKET(S) WHEN FIRST ISSUED.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Western EC Facility Rules and Policies

The well-being of our horses and customers is extremely important to us here at Western EC. It is essential to establish rules to keep people happy and safe and to allow the barn to operate smoothly. We ask that each person become familiar with our policies and procedures to help maintain a safe and productive environment for everyone. These rules will be strictly enforced at all times.

### GENERAL

- No smoking inside any buildings or anywhere on Western EC and Three Stones Ranch property.
- No alcoholic beverages or drinking of such beverages inside any buildings or on property.
- Absolutely no handling of horses, whether on the ground or riding, under the influence of any illegal substance or alcohol.
- ALL persons entering the property must sign a Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnification Agreement. Agreements can be found in the barn office as well as by asking a Western EC employee.
- Guests are always welcome. Please connect with a Western EC staff member to have all guests sign a Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnification Agreement. Guests should never enter a stall or handle a horse without prior permission from staff. Ensure that guests are not disturbing or discourteous to other clients and their guests.
- The speed limit on all driveways and parking lots of Western EC and Three Stones Ranch property is five (5) MPH.
- Please do not bring your pets without prior approval
- All dogs must be kept on a leash unless given permission from the Barn Owner. Dog owners are responsible for any and all damages or injury caused by their dog.
- Our facility hours are 9:00am to Dark. To aid with security, please notify the Barn Owner if you need to be at the facility before or after hours.
- Do not feed horses ANYTHING unless you are the owner of the horse. We strongly against hand feeding at any time; this only encourages biting and mouthy behavior.
- HORSES ARE PERMITTED ONLY ON THE BLACK PAVER BARN AISLES, THE ARENAS, PASTURES, AND WASH BAYS
- RESPECT ALL staff, clients, parents, guests, and their property. Disrespect will not be tolerated. We are an inclusive, judgement free barn!
- Nothing should be left on the floor in the aisle or wash rack area. Halters and leads must be hung NEATLY without the lead rope touching the floor.

Blankets should be folded neatly and hung on the blanket bar or preferably in a stall bag on the front of the stall. Please keep the number of blankets on the front of the stall to a minimum.

- We encourage everyone to label all tack, equipment, and supplies that will be stored on the property. We are not responsible for the theft, loss, damage or disappearance of any tack or equipment or other property stored at the facility, as same is stored at the owner's risk.
- ALL incidents that occur, resulting in injury or not, must be reported to the Barn Owner and an Incident Report Form will be filled out.
- If you see a horse in distress please inform staff immediately. Do NOT try to assist the horse without permission from the owner or a Western EC employee.
- We understand accidents happen; if you break something or you see something is broken, please notify the Barn Owner immediately.
- Do not use or borrow any items without the owner's permission including, but not limited to, tack, blankets, brushes, sprays, and supplements. If you have permission to borrow something from someone, and it breaks, please take responsibility and fix or replace the item.
- Always lead your horse with a properly fitted halter and lead rope.
- Never go in a horse's stall without permission from the owner or the Barn Owner.
- Due to the facility being semi-heated, do not leave doors or windows open during the cold months unless specified by the Barn Owner; this includes the sliding doors between the arena and the stalls. The plumbing system is exposed all throughout the facility and can freeze if a door is left open, even partially.
- All young children ages 12 & under must be supervised by an adult at all times and must be prohibited from disrupting the horses in the arena and possibly spooking a horse.
- No running, jumping, yelling, screaming, fence climbing, or performing any other actions that could cause horses to spook, both while inside the facility or when around horses anywhere on the property unless otherwise instructed by your riding instructor.
- Inappropriate footwear such as open-toed shoes are NOT to be worn in the barn aisle, arenas, or wash rack areas or near a horse at any time. Guests who do not have proper footwear are not permitted near any horses at any time and should remain in the viewing areas only. Riders must wear a boot with a distinguishable heel. No muck boots or sneakers while riding.
- Although we do have security cameras and the tack room is only accessible with customer key fobs, we cannot guarantee your property from any damage or theft.
- All important numbers including staff and emergency personnel are posted on the board in the barn.
- PLEASE LET STAFF KNOW OF ANY PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE. Communication among customers and staff is crucial to a well-run boarding facility. We will do our best to resolve any issues that may arise. Gossiping

and speaking to other clients about your concerns will absolutely not be tolerated and is considered a disrespectful act to the stable and can result in immediate termination of a boarding contract or lessons. If you have a problem with another client, please talk to them directly or to the Barn Owner in a mature, professional manner to try and resolve the issue. Concerns will always be heard and received with kindness and understanding.

- Safety is our priority, if you have any questions or concerns about our policies and procedures that affect the safety of others or the horses, notify the Barn Owner immediately.

**RIDING:**

- We mandate that every rider under the age of 18 must wear a securely fastened ASTM/SEI certified helmet while mounted. It is recommended that riders 18 years of age and older wear a helmet, but it is not required.
- We do provide helmets for our riders, bought in consideration through the recent VT Equestrian Helmet Study but recommend purchasing your own helmet if you want a different fit or style.
- When lessons are in progress, please remember that the **INSTRUCTORS ARE IN CHARGE OF SAFETY**. Boarders and clients are expected to set a good example and implement safe handling and riding practices. Instructors have the right to ask boarders to stop a handling procedure or practice ride if they feel that the rider is being unsafe or setting a bad example for students. Boarders and clients can request a full explanation of the situation, and we will work with instructors and clients to ensure that all issues are explained and resolved in a respectful manner.
- Lesson fees are due at time of service.
- No horses should be ridden or led on the lawn or grasses without the permission from the Barn Owner.
- Horses are only permitted on the black brick walkways, gravel areas, and any sand areas.
- Please Note: Western EC may amend, supplement, alter, change, replace or restate the Facility Rules at any time and from time to time.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand all of the facility rules. I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_  
have read the above stated rules and policies on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (month), 20\_\_ year) and agree to follow them in their  
entirety.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years of age



# Western EC Photo, Video, & Quote Release Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the release of the photographs/video/quotes of \_\_\_\_\_ to be used in the following ways as indicated by an X.

- In any promotional purpose deemed appropriate by Western EC
- Written promotional materials such as brochures, flyers, etc.
- Three Stones Ranch and Western EC websites and social media websites
- Newspaper/magazine articles or advertisements
- Television or radio features or advertisements
- For display on Three Stones Ranch and Western EC display(s)
- For use in promotional videos, DVDs, or presentations produced by or authorized through Three Stones Ranch and Western EC

NO, I do not authorize the release of photographs/videos/quotes for any use.

I understand that I retain the right to revoke this authorization at any time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Clearly

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Responsible Party

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent of Guardian if under 18 years of age





## HORSE USE/LESSON AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY. WESTERN EQUINE CONSULTING (WESTERN EC) DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.**

**Warning: Under Colorado law, an equine professional is not responsible for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resultant from the inherent risk of equine activities pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.**

A. **REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE.** By signing this agreement, I and the parent or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby agree to hire or borrow from Western EC a horse, tack and equipment or to use Western EC's facility and/or take instruction for the purpose of horseback riding today and on all future dates.

RIDER NAME _____	Date of Birth (if under 21) _____
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Does this rider have physical and/or mental health conditions, problems, and/or disabilities which may affect his/her ability to safely ride a horse? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, describe here:

WRITE INITIALS BELOW AFTER READING EACH SECTION. RIDER AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MUST INITIAL.

\_\_\_\_\_ B. **AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS.** 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 and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of Colorado. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term "horse" herein refers to all equine species. The term "horseback riding" herein refers to riding or otherwise handling of horses or ponies, 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 herein refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ D. **NATURE OF STABLE HORSES.** I understand that Western EC chooses its lesson horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use as riding horses for beginning riders. 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 a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of up to six feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. 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 suddenly; changing directions or speed at will; shifting its weight; bucking, rearing, kicking, biting, running from 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 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, and that of an unborn child if the rider is pregnant.

\_\_\_\_\_ F. **CONDITIONS OF NATURE.** I understand that Western EC is NOT responsible for 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, water, wild and domestic animals, insects or reptiles which may walk, run or fly near or bite

or sting a horse or 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ G. CARRY-ON OBJECTS AND SHARP NOISES. I understand that riders must not carry items which may fall, blow away, flap in the wind, bounce, or make sharp noises, possibly scaring a horse, and also must not carry sharp or pointed objects in their pockets which could cause injury in a fall. Riders must not make sharp loud noises, such as screaming or yelling, which may scare a horse.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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. My insurance company is \_\_\_\_\_ and my policy number is \_\_\_\_\_. I hereby authorize Western EC to provide emergency medical care authorization or transportation for me or for my child.

\_\_\_\_\_ I. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR. I understand that Western EC requires the use of a helmet for all students under the age of 18 when riding at all times, and provides SEI certified ASTM Standard Equestrian Helmets for use by students who do not own a helmet. Western EC's helmets may not be a perfect fit for each rider's head. While these helmets may reasonably be expected to prevent or reduce the severity of some of the wearer's head injuries in the event of a blow to the head, use of these helmets does not eliminate the possibility of head injury.

\_\_\_\_\_ K. LIABILITY RELEASE. I agree that in consideration of Western EC 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 Western EC, its owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises and trails, affiliated organizations 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 Western EC's and/or its associates ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of Western EC's gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against Western EC 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 and/or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of Western EC, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of Western EC, whether on or off the premises of Western EC.

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

**SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS**  
I/We, the undersigned, have read and do 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF RIDER \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN AND/OR SPOUSE #1 NAME OF RIDER (please print)      DATE

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME(S) OF PARENT(S) AND/OR GUARDIAN  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN AND/OR SPOUSE #2 NAME OF RIDER (please print)      DATE

Address in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship      Phone #