

LONE OAK RIDING STABLES
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RIDING AGREEMENT

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Please complete one Riding Agreement for each rider. This agreement contains Lone Oak Riding Stables' lesson policies, rider requirements, safety rules, and participation guidelines.

A separate Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement must also be completed before participating in horse-related activities.

1. RIDER INFORMATION

Please complete one Riding Agreement for each rider.

Rider Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Approx. Weight: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Adult Rider Phone: _____ Email: _____

If rider is under 18:

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lone Oak Riding Stables generally accepts riders age 5 and older. Younger riders may be accepted at the instructor's discretion. Rider suitability is determined individually and may include age, size, experience, ability, goals, available horses, and safety and horse-welfare considerations.

2. EMERGENCY CONTACT

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

For a minor rider, an alternate emergency contact other than the parent/legal guardian is encouraged when available.

In an emergency, Lone Oak Riding Stables may call 911 or emergency medical services and provide information reasonably relevant to the emergency. For a minor, reasonable efforts will be made to contact the parent/legal guardian and emergency contact, but emergency assistance will not be delayed when reasonably necessary. Emergency medical personnel determine treatment and transportation. The rider or parent/legal guardian is responsible for resulting costs. Lone Oak may provide reasonable basic first aid within the instructor's training and abilities.

3. RIDING EXPERIENCE & GOALS

Experience Level: [☐] None / First-time [☐] Beginner [☐] Intermediate [☐] Advanced

Briefly describe prior riding or horse experience:

Rider goals:

4. HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

Please identify any physical, developmental, behavioral, or other condition or limitation that Lone Oak should know about to help the rider participate safely. Do not list medications unless you believe the information is necessary for safe participation.

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Riders should not attend when contagious or too unwell to participate safely. Contact Lone Oak as soon as possible. The standard cancellation policy applies unless Lone Oak decides otherwise.

5. LESSONS & RIDER SUITABILITY

Lessons are normally one-hour private lessons. Instruction may include English or Western riding and horsemanship.

Lessons are individualized according to the rider's age, size, experience, ability, goals, the available horse, safety, and horse welfare. The instructor determines lesson activities, exercises, horse-and-rider pairings, and progression. Advancement is not guaranteed on any particular timetable.

Riders may request a favorite horse, but horse assignments are not guaranteed. Younger or beginner riders may assist with some grooming as directed; tacking and groundwork are not necessarily part of every lesson. More experienced riders may perform groundwork, lunging, grooming, or tacking when directed.

All lesson activities are confined to Lone Oak Riding Stables property. Riders may not take a Lone Oak horse off the property or independently ride, handle, exercise, train, or work a Lone Oak horse except as specifically authorized under the instructor's supervision or direction.

The instructor may modify, restrict, suspend, or end riding or other activities based on the rider's condition, attire, behavior, ability to follow directions, safety, horse welfare, weather, environmental conditions, or other circumstances affecting safe participation. An unmounted activity may be substituted when appropriate.

6. PRICING, SCHEDULING & CANCELLATIONS

Private-pay single lesson: \$70 for one one-hour private lesson.

Private-pay six-lesson package: \$350. Purchase five lessons and receive the sixth lesson at no additional charge. Packages do not expire and are ordinarily for the same rider, although Lone Oak may allow another rider to use a lesson at its discretion.

Private-pay methods: cash, check, or Venmo. Charter-school voucher lessons are paid directly by an approved charter school under the school's applicable process; the family does not make direct payment for approved voucher lessons.

At least 24 hours' notice is required to cancel or reschedule a lesson. With timely notice, Lone Oak will work to reschedule subject to availability.

For a cancellation with less than 24 hours' notice or a no-show: a private-pay single lesson is charged at the regular lesson rate; a package lesson is deducted; and an approved charter-school lesson may be invoiced to the school as permitted by its program.

If Lone Oak cancels a lesson, there is no charge, package deduction, or charter-school invoice for that lesson, and Lone Oak will work to reschedule.

If a rider cancels because of weather or environmental conditions when Lone Oak has determined that the lesson can safely proceed, the standard cancellation policy applies unless Lone Oak waives it at its discretion.

Weather or environmental conditions may cause Lone Oak to modify, reschedule, cancel, shorten mounted activity, or substitute an unmounted activity.

Lessons begin and end at the scheduled time. A rider who arrives late will generally still finish at the originally scheduled end time; additional time is not guaranteed.

Packages are ordinarily nonrefundable. If Lone Oak permanently discontinues a rider because of safety, misconduct, rule violations, or horse-welfare concerns, unused prepaid package lessons will be refunded. The refund equals the original package amount minus \$70 for each lesson already used or considered completed under this Agreement.

7. ATTIRE & HELMETS

Riders must wear full-length pants and closed-toe, smooth-soled shoes or boots with a small heel of approximately one inch. Water and sunscreen are recommended. Sunglasses and gloves are optional. A protective riding vest or body protector is recommended but not required.

AN APPROVED EQUESTRIAN RIDING HELMET IS REQUIRED FOR EVERY RIDER WHILE MOUNTED, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

Lone Oak provides a riding helmet when needed. A rider may use a personal equestrian helmet only if Lone Oak approves it. A personal helmet must be SEI certified to ASTM F1163, fit properly, fasten securely, and be in acceptable condition.

Lone Oak may reject a personal helmet that is damaged, excessively worn, poorly fitting, improperly fastened, may have sustained an impact, or otherwise presents a safety concern. A personal helmet that sustains or may have sustained an impact may not be used again unless its continued use is consistent with manufacturer guidance and Lone Oak re-approves it. Lone Oak may require use of a replacement or Lone Oak-provided helmet.

Helmet use is strongly recommended while unmounted and working with a horse in the arena.

A rider who refuses to comply with the mounted helmet requirement may not mount. The instructor may substitute an unmounted activity. Refusal does not create a right to a refund, credit, replacement lesson, or restoration of lesson time, and the lesson may be considered completed.

8. HORSE, BARN & RIDING SAFETY

Follow the instructor's directions and all Lone Oak safety rules. If you are unsure whether it is safe to approach, touch, feed, lead, move around, or otherwise interact with a horse, stop and ask the instructor.

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Outdoor conditions can change unexpectedly. Wind, rain, thunder, wildlife, insects, animals, noises, moving objects, changing footing, and other sights, sounds, or conditions may startle a horse or affect riding conditions. Riders must follow the instructor's directions when these conditions occur.

No horse interaction is permitted without permission. Do not enter restricted horse areas or operate gates without permission. Do not feed any horse without permission.

Avoid standing or lingering directly behind a horse. Follow the instructor's directions when moving around a horse's hindquarters.

Lead or tie a horse only after instruction and permission. Never wrap a lead rope around your hand, arm, body, or other body part.

Grooming, tacking, untacking, groundwork, lunging, and other horse handling may be performed only when instructed or permitted.

Do not use distracting electronic devices while mounted or actively handling a horse.

Remain calm around horses. Running, yelling, horseplay, throwing objects, or other behavior likely to startle a horse is prohibited.

Immediately notify the instructor if a horse is loose, frightened, aggressive, ill, injured, or behaving unusually. Do not chase, corner, catch, discipline, or correct the horse unless directed.

Enter the arena only when permitted. Guests must remain in designated observation areas unless invited elsewhere by the instructor.

Maintain approximately one horse length between horses unless the instructor directs otherwise.

Mount and dismount only when and where directed and wait for permission. Use a mounting block unless directed otherwise. An emergency dismount is permitted when reasonably necessary; alert the instructor if possible.

Tack can shift or loosen during riding. Tell the instructor immediately if a saddle, girth, bridle, stirrup, rein, or other equipment feels loose, damaged, unusual, or uncomfortable. Do not make repairs or significant adjustments unless directed. Lone Oak selects tack and equipment for Lone Oak horses; personally owned saddles, bridles, pads, or other tack may not be substituted on a Lone Oak horse.

9. FALLS, INJURY & EMERGENCIES

After a fall, remain where you are if it is safe to do so and wait for the instructor before standing, walking, remounting, or resuming activity.

If the rider appears uninjured and the instructor determines that it is appropriate and safe, the rider may be asked to remount. Remounting occurs only when instructed. A rider will not be physically forced or coerced to remount.

If a rider who appears able to continue refuses to remount, the instructor may substitute an unmounted activity. The refusal does not create a right to a refund, credit, replacement lesson, or restoration of lesson time.

If the instructor believes the rider may have been injured, the instructor may prohibit remounting even if the rider or parent/legal guardian wishes to continue. The lesson may be modified or ended, and emergency medical services may be called when appropriate.

10. CONDUCT & HORSE WELFARE

Riders must follow the instructor's directions and behave in a manner consistent with safety and horse welfare. The instructor may modify, suspend, or end a lesson when a rider refuses or is unable to follow directions, behaves unsafely, or creates an unreasonable risk.

A lesson ended or shortened because of rider conduct or failure to follow safety instructions may be considered completed.

No person may participate while impaired by alcohol, cannabis, illegal drugs, or another impairing substance. Smoking and vaping are prohibited anywhere on the property.

Horses must be treated humanely and respectfully. Abuse, mistreatment, intentional frightening, striking, kicking, or deliberate harm to a horse is prohibited. Aids, equipment, corrections, and handling methods may be used only as instructed or approved.

INTENTIONAL ABUSE OR MISTREATMENT OF A HORSE IS NOT TOLERATED.

A correctable beginner mistake is not treated the same as deliberate harm. Intentional abuse may result in immediate termination of the activity and a requirement to leave the property. Repeated inappropriate treatment or failure to follow horse-welfare directions may result in a ban from future participation. A single serious act of intentional abuse, cruelty, or deliberate harm may result in an immediate permanent ban.

A lesson ended because of a rider's or guest's horse-welfare violation may be considered completed, with no refund, credit, replacement lesson, or restoration of lesson time.

Lone Oak may suspend or discontinue participation, require a person to leave, or refuse future participation for safety concerns, horse-welfare concerns, serious or repeated rule violations, or threatening, abusive, dangerous, or materially disruptive conduct.

11. GUESTS & PROPERTY RULES

Parents, legal guardians, siblings, and guests are welcome to observe from designated areas. Small children and other nonparticipants must be appropriately supervised.

The rider, or the parent/legal guardian of a minor rider, is responsible for ensuring that their guests understand and follow Lone Oak rules and instructor directions. Guests may be moved or asked to leave a horse area when necessary for safety.

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A guest who has not completed the applicable Liability Release may observe but may not participate in horse-related activities. Participation includes riding, leading, holding, grooming, tacking or untacking, loading or unloading, or otherwise handling or working with a horse.

Dogs must be leashed and under control and may not be taken near pastures, the tack area, the arena, or active horse activities.

Early arrivals may walk in permitted areas but may not enter restricted horse areas, operate gates, feed or interact with horses, or enter an arena during an activity without permission.

Drive slowly and cautiously and park only in appropriate areas.

Keep personal belongings clear of horse and work areas. Lone Oak is not responsible for personal belongings that are lost, stolen, misplaced, or damaged.

Personal photographs and video may be taken from observation areas when they do not distract, interfere with, or create a safety issue. Guests should avoid intentionally recording other participants, particularly minors, without permission. Lone Oak's own promotional photography and video are governed by its separate Media Release.

Riders, or the parent/legal guardian of a minor rider, may be responsible for reasonable repair or replacement costs for property or equipment damaged through intentional acts, misuse, or failure by the rider or their guest to follow Lone Oak rules or instructor directions. This does not include ordinary wear and tear or damage resulting from normal participation in an authorized lesson activity.

12. PERSONAL HORSE INFORMATION

Will the rider bring a personally owned horse? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes:

Horse Name: _____

Regular Veterinarian: _____ Vet Phone: _____

A personally owned horse may not be brought onto Lone Oak Riding Stables property until the owner/rider has completed and agreed to the separate Personal Horse Agreement and any requested health or biosecurity documentation.

13. AGREEMENT & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read this Riding Agreement and understand Lone Oak Riding Stables' lesson policies, rider requirements, safety rules, and participation guidelines. I agree to follow these policies, rules, and the instructor's directions.

I understand that a separate Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement must also be completed before participation in horse-related activities.

This Riding Agreement remains in effect unless Lone Oak requires an updated agreement because information or policies have materially changed. A rider who reaches age 18 must complete a new Riding Agreement and Liability Release as an adult.

Adult Rider or Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Minor Rider Acknowledgment (when age-appropriate):

I have read these rules, or they have been explained to me in a way I understand. I agree to follow Lone Oak Riding Stables safety rules and the instructor's directions.

Minor Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____