



2023-24 CULU EQUESTRIAN RIDING LESSON CONTRACT/ENROLLMENT FORM

(Initial every page and sign in full where prompted)

****All enrollees must also complete liability waivers for contract to be active****

ADULT STUDENT CLAUSE: This Agreement, dated the _____ day of _____, 20__ is made between CULU EQUESTRIAN and _____ (STUDENT). These parties warrant that they have the right to enter into this AGREEMENT.

MINOR STUDENT CLAUSE: I, _____, (Parent/Guardian) have contracted with CULU EQUESTRIAN on the _____ day of _____, 20__ to give _____ (rider's name & age) riding lessons.

These parties warrant that they have the right to enter into this AGREEMENT. This agreement is binding and will remain in place until 1 CALENDAR MONTH [or 30 days] written notice by either party is given.

All notices will be emailed or hand delivered to the other party.

It is hereby agreed that: The STUDENT wishes to enroll for riding lessons at CULU EQUESTRIAN under the following conditions:

1) PAYMENT:

1. Riding Lessons are to be paid in advance on the last riding session attended of each month. Only check, PayPal, Venmo and cash is acceptable and is payable to CULU EQUESTRIAN. Please place all cash in an envelope with your name on it so as not to confuse your payment with another student's payment.
2. Late Payments will incur a \$5 penalty per week of lateness.

2) LESSON FEES:

- Lessons are weekly and are taken on a monthly basis and are scheduled per student on the agreed day and time for the entire month.
- Lessons will be paid for the following month depending on the amount of lesson weeks in the month (either 4 or 8 lessons per month)
- **STUDENT LESSON FEES:** As represented on the CULU EQUESTRIAN website, lesson fees are as follows- please initial next package:

_____ \$55 single lesson (*weekends \$65*) _____ \$200 package of 4 _____ \$390 package of 8

**Rates are subject to change at CULU Equestrian discretion based on economic price increases for daily care, etc.*

Lessons for children under 7 years of age may be shortened based on the attention span of the child. The lesson will end early should the student lose their attention to the activity as this would be considered unsafe.

3) ABSENCES AND RE-SCHEDULING:

1. In the event of your lesson coinciding with poor weather, such as rain and where riding conditions are considered unsafe, we will reschedule as a makeup lesson at earliest convenience.
2. In the event that a student needs to reschedule a lesson for any reason such as illness or in an emergency, it is at the discretion of the Riding Instructor and their availability. We will make all attempts possible to try to reschedule a lesson, but please understand that if the riding program is full there may not be available slots to make up a lesson.

3. Riders must call to cancel a lesson AT LEAST 24 HOURS in ADVANCE, otherwise it will automatically be considered absence without notice. If you do not call/text to cancel the lesson, you will not be permitted to make up the lesson and will be deemed as taken and be required to be paid in full. This also goes for not attending a lesson due to 'not jumping' that day, or similar situations.
4. Refunds will not be given for cancellation of services
5. In the event of an emergency or sickness, please call to cancel the riding lesson as soon as you are aware that you will not be able to attend the lesson but no later than 3 hours prior to your lesson time.

4) PUNCTUALITY:

1. I understand that lesson times are planned and that I need to be on time. CULU EQUESTRIAN aims to be on time however with animals there is an element of unpredictability. If the lesson is started late due to CULU EQUESTRIAN, the lesson time length will remain as planned.
2. If I am more than 15 minutes late from my scheduled time, I will not be permitted to participate in the lesson unless otherwise agreed and it will be considered an unapproved lesson absence, unless I have made prior arrangements.
3. I further understand that even if I am late, the time for ending the lesson will remain as scheduled, if the lesson commenced late. If we can accommodate the extension we will try to do so.
4. The only condition for extending my lesson time is if the Riding Instructor is not present at the scheduled lesson time.

5) INSTRUCTORS AND PONIES/HORSES:

1. I understand that CULU EQUESTRIAN reserves the right to substitute a riding instructor in the event that their regularly scheduled riding instructor is unable to be present at the lesson.
2. I understand that it is my responsibility prior to entering the lesson area to inform the Riding Instructor of any new medical or physical problem which may impact my safety or ability to perform correctly during my scheduled riding lesson.
3. There are horses available for each level of riding from the beginner rider to the more advanced rider who needs to be challenged. Beginner horses in our Stables are known for their quiet dispositions to help our beginner riders build confidence and learn the basics of riding. As the rider becomes more comfortable with the basics of riding, they will move to the more advanced horses. These horses will challenge the rider and will take them beyond the basics.
4. CULU EQUESTRIAN does not guarantee that the student will ride the same horse/pony every lesson, nor do we believe that this is conducive to rider progression; and / or said horse might be ill or have sustained an injury which makes it unable to be ridden. Riders will be allocated a mount that is suitable for their ability.

6) RIDING WEAR:

1. Proper attire must be worn for riding lessons, which is to be long pants with the ability to stretch i.e breeches/jodhpurs, shirt, shoes/boots with at least a half inch heel, and an approved riding helmet that fits correctly with an attached harness. Students are not required to provide their own helmet, but it is advisable and recommended in COVID guidelines. We have helmets available for use in the event the student does not have his/her own helmet but recommend that each student has their own correctly fitting helmet.
2. A rider must wear a helmet at all times when working with and when mounted on the horse.
3. Half chaps/tall boots or gaiters and riding gloves are recommended for junior and adult riders.
4. If you are leasing a horse, you must have your own grooming equipment and saddle pads.

7) LESSON POLICY STANDARD:

1. Riding Lessons are 45 minutes-60 minutes in length and can consist of grooming, tacking up, mounting, tack adjustments, exercises while mounted, cool down time, dismounting, and untacking.
2. After the Riding Instructor determines that the student is advanced enough to tack up on his or her own, students will be permitted to arrive early to groom and tack up their lesson horse. CULU EQUESTRIAN and its instructors feel that it is very important not just to teach riding but to also teach safety, proper grooming techniques, horse handling, and how to properly tack your horse. Good horsemanship skills are essential for anyone handling or riding a horse.
3. The Riding Instructor additionally has the responsibility of safety for riders, volunteers, and horses at all times; therefore, the Instructor has the right to deviate from the above lesson outline when safety is a concern

8) STABLE RULES:

1. Children under the age of 12 must be under their parents supervision at all times unless pre-arranged.
2. Only students, riders and instructors are allowed into the riding arenas.
3. Horses are unpredictable and do bite and kick and, even if in their stables, they should be approached with caution – children who do not have their own horses stabled at CULU EQUESTRIAN are not allowed to go near or enter a stable without instructor or supervision.
4. Remember carrots for your noble steed! Please place it on the ground or feed tub for them to enjoy.
5. Instructors will determine lesson ability and people may up & down to improve their skills and promote confidence.
6. For those who have ridden before, a private lesson to assess ability is recommended.
7. The property dog is not friendly. By signing below, you understand the risks with Mondo, and all dogs on the property and have been informed of how to navigate the property safely to keep the dogs, and you, safe.
8. By signing, I release CULU Equestrian from liability of any and all injuries on the property and/or under instruction, under all Virginia Equine laws and statutes.
9. Riding Instructor reserves the right to change the mount for each rider.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the above contract, which I agree to abide by in total, and I have kept a copy of this contract. I further understand that if any of CULU EQUESTRIAN policies or rules are not followed that CULU EQUESTRIAN has the right to cancel this contract in full without any refund of money.

ACCEPTED BY:

Signature: _____ (Rider or Parent/Guardian of Minor)

Signature: _____ (CULU)

Enjoy your time at CULU EQUESTRIAN!

Any issues please speak to Caitlin. This often stops a little problem from becoming bigger. It's good to talk!

-Caitlin Unterman

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