

RIDING LESSON CONTRACT/ INDEMNITY AND ENROLLMENT FORM

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- **1) PAYMENT:** 1. Riding Lessons are to be paid in advance on the last riding session attended of each month. Payments are to be made either through <u>Online payment @ Gallop To Growth</u>, Venmo, or PayPal. Lessons will not take place until payment is made.
- **2) LESSON FEES:** Payments are to be paid in advance without exception. Rates for individual beginner lessons for either Western or English riding are \$200 per month (4 one hour weekly sessions).
- **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, such a lesson must still be attended and will be held as an unmounted lesson. 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. Only 1 lesson per month may be re-scheduled unless prior arrangements are made with the relevant Riding Instructor. 4. 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 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. 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. 6. Please do not send an email, text or WhatsApp to cancel a lesson. We cannot guarantee we will receive the e-mail or WhatsApp message prior to the lesson. Only phone call cancellations will be considered for excused absences or make-up lessons.

- **4) PUNCTUALITY:** 1. I understand that lesson times are planned and that I need to be on time. GTG aims to be on time however with animals there is an element of unpredictability. If the lesson is started late due to Gallop To Growth Stables, 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 would remain as scheduled, if the lesson commenced late. If we can accommodate 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 Gallop To Growth Stables 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. Gallop To Growth Stables does not guarantee that the student will ride the same horse/pony every lesson, nor do we believe that this is conductive 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 always wear a helmet when working with and when mounted on the horse. 3. Half chaps or gaiters and riding gloves are recommended for junior and adult riders.
- 7) INDEMNITY: 1. I recognize the inherent risks of injury involved in any type of horseback riding generally and in learning to ride. Horses are animals with minds of their own. No horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 10 times larger, 20-40 times more powerful and 3-4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from a horse to the ground the distance fallen may be from .5m to 2m and may consequently cause 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 not limited to: stopping short, changing direction or speed at its own will, shifting its weight, rearing, biting, bucking, kicking, or running from danger. 2. No lesson will be given unless this contract is completed in full and a rider registration form completed. 3. In taking lessons at Gallop. To Growth Stables, I assume any such risk of injury and further, I voluntarily release Gallop To Growth Stables,

its instructors, managers, grooms and agents from any responsibility on account of any injury I or my child or ward may sustain while receiving instruction or while riding in connection therewith, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Gallop To Growth Stables, its instructors, managers, grooms and agents on account of any such claim. 4. Likewise I accept full responsibility for friends and visitors accompanying myself to Gallop To Growth Stables property. 5. Gallop To Growth Stables, its instructors, managers, grooms and agents are not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

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 Gallop To Growth Stables policies or rules are not followed that Gallop To Growth Stables has the right to cancel this contract in full without any refund of money.

ACCEPTED BY:			
Signature:		Date:	
	(Rider or Parent/Guardian of Minor)		