



# Welcome to The Common Stables!

We are so happy to have you apart of our barn family! In this packet of information, you will find the following documents that will need your signature:

1. Release Wavier
2. Media Release
3. Barn Rules and Lesson Policy

Below please let us know what your preferred method of contact is in case of lesson cancelation and rescheduling needs!

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions or need anything please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

**Kate Messina, Owner/Head Instructor & Trainer:**

508-328-4120 or [kate@thecommonstables.com](mailto:kate@thecommonstables.com)

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774-259-7110 or [Info@thecommonstables.com](mailto:Info@thecommonstables.com)

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## RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

**TO BE COMPLETED BY OR FOR EACH RIDER. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING**

### **A. Rider Information:**

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street/City/State/Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Does Rider have physical and/or mental health conditions, problems, or disabilities which may affect his or her safety or ability to ride a horse? (Circle) No / Yes if yes, describe:

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### **B. Activity Risk Classification:**

RIDER UNDERSTANDS THAT: Horseback riding is a hazardous activity containing numerous inherent, obvious and non-obvious risks that always present themselves in such activity, despite safety precautions. Related injuries can be severe, resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries from other activities. Horses are unpredictable and participation in activities in the presence of horses always involves an element of risk. Under Massachusetts Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities, pursuant to section 2D of the chapter 128 of the General Laws.

### **C. Nature of Riding Horses:**

RIDER UNDERSTANDS THAT: No horse is a completely safe horse. Regardless of a horses training or past experience, a horse may, without warning or any apparent cause, buck, stumble, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, stop short, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person, saddles or bridles may loosen or brake, all of which may cause Rider to fall off or be jolted, resulting in property damage, personal injury or death. The Common Stables is not responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse or cause it to fall or react in an unsafe way.

### **D. Rider Responsibility:**

RIDER UNDERSTANDS THAT: Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins, Rider is in primary control of the horse, and The Common Stables is not responsible for Riders actions or inactions. Rider's safety depends upon his or her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his or her ability to remain balanced aboard the horse. Rider is responsible for his or her own safety and that of an unborn child if Rider is pregnant. Pregnant women should ride horses only under the advice of their physician. The Common Stables advises pregnant women not to ride horses.

**E. Protective Equipment/ Headgear Requirement:**

RIDER UNDERSTANDS THAT: As a condition to riding any horse, Rider is required by The Common Stables to wear and utilize all protective clothing and equipment, including protective headgear and proper riding shoes with heels, at all times while mounting, riding, and dismounting horses. Rider’s protective headgear must meet or exceed ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/ SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carry the SEI tag. The headgear and harness must be secured, properly fitted and fastened at all times while mounting, riding and dismounting horses. If Rider is in violation of this requirement at any time, Rider must immediately discontinue riding until such headgear is properly in place.

**F. Indemnification and Liability Release:**

RIDER AGREES THAT: In consideration of The Common Stables allowing Rider’s participation in this and any activity on its premises, I, Rider, for myself and on behalf of my child and/ or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representative or assigns, shall forever save, hold harmless defend, and indemnify The Common Stables ( doing business under its own name or any other name), its affiliates, and its respective owners, officers, directors, employees, Instructors, volunteers, representatives, agents, shareholders, members, insurers, assigns, and others acting on its behalf ( each, a “Released Party”), from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, suits, damages, costs, expenses and causes of action( each, a “Claim”), including the negligence of Released Party, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, economic or non-economic, arising out of Riders or Riders child’s use of, or presence upon, any property and its owner(s) on which The Common Stables is doing business, facilities and horses owned or leased by The Common Stables. Rider shall bring no Claims against any Released Party resulting from or arising out of any loss, damage, injury, loss of life or property damage, sustains by Rider or Rider’s minor child arising out of the use of, or presence upon, 327 and 323 Boston Road, Sutton, MA 01590 its facilities, or horses.

**G. Governing Law:**

RIDER AGREES THAT: Release and Waiver of Liability is non- assignable and non- transferrable, and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without regard to conflicts of laws principles.

**RIDER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS**

I, the undersigned Rider, being of sound mind and not under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants, have read and understand the foregoing Release and Waiver of Liability. I/we further attest that all stated facts concerning Rider are true and accurate.

Signature of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent / Guardian  
(If Rider is a Minor): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contacts:**

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Media Release Form:

We will be using social media outlets to promote The Common Stables in a positive way. We will use sources such as Facebook, Instagram, local newspapers and our website. Please be aware that articles that are written may have the photo attached. If you do not want you, or your rider's picture published please check the appropriate box.

*Please check one of the following and sign:*

I give permission to The Common Stables staff to use my picture or my rider's picture on social media.

I do not give permission for The Common Stables staff to use my picture or my rider's picture on social media.

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Rider's Signature

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Date

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

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Date

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## **LESSON AGREEMENT & BARN RULES:**

1. Act responsibly and keep safety in mind at all times.
2. For safety reasons, all riders are required to wear a safety helmet during lesson times.
3. All riders are required to have a release signed before riding.
4. No spectators or parents are allowed in the arena or ring area during lesson times for safety reasons.
5. **NO SMOKING** or **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** on the property at any time!
6. All farm equipment is off limits.
7. Leave the area as clean as you found it
8. Do not block the driveway, any doors, gates or vehicles when parking, and **please do not park on the grass.**
9. Never use tack or equipment that belongs to others without their permission.
10. Keep stall doors and gates locked when not in use.
11. Children are to be supervised by a responsible person at all times, and are not to be left unattended.
12. Payment is due at the time of the lesson. We accept Cash, Check and Venmo!
13. If cancellation or rescheduling is needed 24 hours' notice is required unless it is an emergency or sickness.  
**(If canceled with less than 24 hours' notice, full payment for the lesson is due.)**
14. Please do not hand feed any of the horses on the property for safety reasons.

**I have read and understand the "Lesson Contract & Barn Rules".**

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_