# Barn Rules & Code of Conduct

#### **Lisa Westbrook Horseback Training Center**

Effective: January 1, 2014

At Lisa Westbrook Training Centerl, we are committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for riders, families, staff, and horses. The following rules apply to all students, parents/guardians, visitors, and volunteers on the property. By participating in lessons or visiting the facility, you agree to abide by these rules.

### Respect and Behavior

#### 1. Respect everyone and everything on the property.

This includes fellow students, instructors, staff, horses, equipment, and the facility itself.

#### 2. No drama.

We are a drama-free barn. If a student, parent, or visitor creates conflict, spreads gossip, or contributes to a toxic environment, the student will be asked to leave.

**No refunds** will be given in such cases.

#### 3. Listen to instructors and staff.

All instructions must be followed promptly for your safety and the safety of others.

#### 4. No yelling, running, or roughhousing.

Horses are prey animals and react quickly to loud noises or sudden movements, which can be dangerous.

### 5. Treat horses with kindness and patience.

Abuse or harsh handling of horses will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

### **Facility Rules**

#### 9. No trail rides.

For safety reasons, all riding is conducted within the arena or designated training areas only.

#### 10. Do not enter stalls or paddocks without permission.

Only authorized personnel may handle horses outside of lesson times.

- Do not feed any horse without permission.Some horses have dietary restrictions or medical conditions.
- 10. Clean up after yourself.

This includes picking up trash, returning tack to its proper place, and sweeping up grooming areas after use.

#### Parents & Visitors

- 13. Parents/guardians must remain in designated viewing areas during lessons unless otherwise invited by staff.
- 14. Do not coach your child during a lesson.

  This distracts from the instructor's teaching and can confuse the student.
- 15. No smoking, vaping, or alcohol is allowed on the property.

#### **Lesson Policies**

16. Arrive on time.

Riders must arrive early enough to groom and tack up (if responsible for this). Lessons will end on schedule regardless of late arrival.

17. Cancellation policy:

Notify us at least 24 hours in advance to reschedule. No-shows or late cancellations will be charged.

18. No make-up lessons or refunds will be given for missed lessons unless due to a medical emergency and approved by management.

#### Animals and Vehicles

- 19. No outside animals (dogs, etc.) allowed unless approved in advance and leashed at all times.
- 20. Drive slowly and carefully.

Horses may be near the parking areas. Keep your speed under 5 mph on the property.

### Safety and Liability

- 21. All participants must sign a liability waiver before handling or riding horses.
- 22. Report all injuries or unsafe conditions to staff immediately, no matter how minor.
- 23. Emergency contacts and medical information must be up to date for all riders.

## Consequences for Rule Violations

Failure to follow these rules may result in:

- A verbal or written warning
- Temporary suspension of riding privileges
- Permanent dismissal from the program (without refund)

#### Acknowledgment

By attending lessons or entering the property, you agree to comply with the Barn Rules & Code of Conduct. Your cooperation helps us maintain a fun, safe, and supportive riding environment for everyone.