



Epona LLC Training Agreement and Liability Waiver

10525 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley, CA 91352

Thank you for choosing Epona Riding Academy to help you in your equestrian journey. We are excited to work with you! Please take a moment to provide your information and complete our rider release form and training agreement.

Client Information

Rider's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian (if applicable): _____

The Client and The Company agree as follows:

1. The Services

- A. Epona Riding Academy will provide the client with ___ (1, 2, or 3) 45-minute group riding lesson(s) or 30-minute private lesson(s) per week, along with 15-30 minutes of grooming/horsemanship instruction.
- B. Grooming/horsemanship is an additional educational opportunity provided at no extra cost, offered when it best fits the schedule
- C. Epona Riding Academy will provide the lesson horse, saddle, bridle, and necessary horse equipment. Riders are expected to obtain their own helmet and boots after their first full month with Epona.
- D. Riders will be grouped with others of similar ability to foster camaraderie and improve learning. Private lessons are available for beginners or riders unable to join a group.
- E. New riders will start with a 30-minute private lunge-line lesson until capable of joining a group lesson.

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2. Client Requirements

- A. Clients must arrive on time.
- B. Riders must wear proper attire: boots with heels and long pants. Helmets are mandatory for all lessons. Riders may bring their own ASTM/SEI-certified helmet or use one provided by Epona.
- C. Clients must maintain a positive and coachable attitude. Failure to follow safety guidelines may result in removal from the program without refund.
- D. Parents/guardians may not coach or involve themselves with horses unless they are the designated participant.
- E. Guests, outside pets, and unsupervised children are not permitted unless authorized by an instructor.
- F. Clients may not touch, feed, or wander into barn aisles or horse areas without explicit permission.

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3. Compensation and Payment

A. Clients must provide a credit or debit card to be automatically charged for tuition
(please check one):

- ☐ \$385/month (1 lesson per week)
- ☐ \$755/month (2 lessons per week)
- ☐ \$1095/month (3 lessons per week)

Payments will be charged automatically every four weeks beginning on the first day of enrollment.

Card Number: _____

Exp: _____ CVV: _____

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4. Scheduling

- A. Clients will be assigned a dedicated lesson time each week
- B. Up to ****two** makeup lessons per month****** may be scheduled for excused absences with ****24 hours' notice**** or in the event of an emergency.
- C. Please reach out to Jayme to schedule any makeup lessons
- D. In the event of severe weather, unmounted horsemanship lessons may be substituted for riding lessons.

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5. Cancellation Policy

- A. This agreement may be canceled by either party with ****seven (7) days' notice**** before the desired termination date.
- B. Tuition is still required for any lessons missed prior to cancellation.
- C. To cancel, please text or leave a voicemail at ****818-568-2373****.

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7. No Guarantee Epona Riding Academy does not guarantee specific results or levels of performance. Progress in horseback riding depends on the rider's commitment, consistency, and attitude.

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8. Communications

For scheduling changes, questions, or concerns, please contact:

- Jayme Huffines (text preferred): 818-568-2373 or jayme@eponariding.com

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9. Release of Liability

I acknowledge the inherent risks of horseback riding and related activities, including the potential for injury, death, and property damage. I voluntarily assume these risks and agree to hold harmless Epona Riding Academy, its instructors, employees, and affiliates from any liability arising from participation in activities on or off the property located at **10525 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley, CA, 91352.

I understand that:

- Horses are unpredictable animals that may react unexpectedly to sounds, movement, or environmental factors.
- Farm equipment, uneven terrain, and weather may pose additional risks.

I agree to bear full responsibility for my safety and any associated risks. In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize Epona Riding Academy staff to seek medical care on my behalf if I am unable to provide consent.

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10. Media Release I give permission for Epona Riding Academy to use photos or videos of me/my child for promotional, social media, or educational purposes.

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By signing below, I agree to the terms outlined in this agreement:

Name: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



WHAT TO BRING

- Helmet (ASTM/SEI-certified, required for all riders)
- Boots (closed-toe with a heel for safety)
- Comfortable riding attire (jeans, breeches, or leggings; no shorts or sandals)
- Water bottle (stay hydrated!)
- Gloves (optional, for grip and hand protection)

WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Training will continue in most weather conditions unless extreme heat, rain, or wind creates unsafe conditions.
- Clients should dress appropriately and bring layers for cooler days



Orientation

WELCOME TO EPONA!

I am so excited to have you join my program for an enriching experience in horsemanship and horseback riding. My programs are tailored for each individual and are designed to help you build a strong foundation in horsemanship and riding skills. My top priority is always the safety and well-being of my students and horses. Please review the following guidelines to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Our training program focuses on developing well-rounded equestrians by emphasizing:

- *Groundwork techniques to establish trust and communication with your horse.*
- *Riding skills tailored to your level, from beginner to advanced.*
- *Horse care education, including grooming, tacking up, and basic stable management.*
- *Confidence-building exercises to enhance your skills and relationship with horses.*



What is Horsemanship?

It is the art of understanding, respecting, and communicating with horses. It's about building a partnership based on trust, awareness, and connection. Great horsemanship comes from learning to see the world through the horse's eyes—understanding their instincts, emotions, and how they interpret human energy.

Interested in building confidence, communication skills, and emotion regulation? Reach out about my groundwork horsemanship lessons!



Rules & Safety

RANCH RULES

1. **Safety First** – All clients must prioritize safety for themselves, fellow riders, and horses.
2. **Instructor Authority** – Only Epona Riding instructors provide coaching; outside coaching is not permitted.
3. **Appropriate Attire** – Clients must wear proper riding attire, including helmets and boots.
4. **Respect for Horses** – Horses must be treated with care and patience; mistreatment will not be tolerated.
5. **Booking & Cancellation** – Sessions must be booked in advance. Cancellations require at least 24 hours' notice.
6. **Groundwork Matters** – Riding is a privilege and is based on demonstrated respect for horses and proper horsemanship skills.
7. **Barn Etiquette** – Keep noise levels low, follow safety procedures, and clean up after yourself.
8. **Liability Waiver** – All clients must sign an Epona and Sandbar Sanctuary liability waiver before participating in any training sessions.
9. **Guest Policy** – We love that you want to share our magical world with friends and family, but please check with Instructors prior to bringing guests on to the grounds.

*SIGN UP FOR MY NEWSLETTER
FOR SPECIALS, DEALS, AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS!*





Extra InFormation

Looking for community activities and events?

*Reach out for information on
exclusive events, workshops, and
camps in partnership with Western
Wellness Social Club.*

*Epona students get 15% off their
first purchase!*



ABOUT ME & MY TRAINING STYLE

Hi! I'm Jayme, the owner and head coach of Epona. I'm a lifelong equine enthusiast whose passion for horses began on my family's farm in Middle Tennessee. Growing up, I spent my summers riding through pastures and swimming in creeks with all my equine friends. My natural talent as a rider and trainer led to success in Hunters and Arabian disciplines, and I later competed on my college's Hunt Seat and Western Equestrian teams. After moving to the West Coast, I opened Epona, and combined diverse riding background with extensive experience in Natural Horsemanship.

As both a trainer and instructor, my focus is on helping students become confident, capable horsemen and horsewomen. With a unique blend of techniques rooted in Hunters, Western Pleasure, Equitation, and Liberty work, I emphasizes clear communication, connection, and enjoyment. My goal is to foster a deeper understanding of horses, helping each student build trust and develop a rewarding partnership with their equine partner.

Questions or Concerns?

Email me at: jayme@eponariding.com

Or call: 818.568.2373