



CAROUSEL PARK & EQUESTRIAN CENTER

RIDING LESSON **PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION PACKET**

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Carousel Park Equestrian Center Participant Lesson Policy & Procedures

Welcome to Carousel Park Equestrian Center. We hope your classes are enjoyable, while allowing you to improve your skills as a rider.

This packet provides essential information designed to make your experience as fulfilling and safe as possible while here at Carousel Park.

1. Rules, Regulations, & Policies

Participants, parents, guardians, and guests are responsible for following all rules and regulations at all times.

2. Participant Forms

The forms contained in this Participation Registration Packet must be filled out prior to participating in any riding activities. These forms along with pre-payment of fees (see #6 below) must be completed and returned to Carousel Park. The forms include a riding lesson application, a participant liability and photo release, and an acknowledgement of policy form. These forms must be updated annually.

3. Eligibility Requirements

The weight limit for riders is 200 lbs. Riders must be at least 4 years old to participate.

4. Risks of Engaging in Equine Activities

Although it is our goal at Carousel Park to provide a safe and beneficial experience for all participants, please note that equine activities inherently involve risk. **WARNING: Under Delaware law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. Moreover, governmental entities and their employees shall be immune from tort claims seeking recovery of damages pursuant to 10 Del. C. § 4011, et seq.**

5. Participant Dismissal from Activities

Participants, parents and guardians should be aware that certain conditions will require the dismissal of participants from riding activities. Those conditions are:

- Incomplete or failure to return annual forms.
- Any display of harmful or threatening behavior exhibited towards any person or animal.
- Failure to follow any rules, regulations, or policies.

6. Program Schedule and Fees

Group Lessons are an hour and a half in length. Each lesson consists of a ½ an hour of grooming and tacking and an hour of riding. A group lesson will have 2-4 riders per lesson.

Private lessons are an hour in length. Each lesson consists of a ½ an hour of grooming and tacking and a ½ an hour of riding.

Please call the Equestrian Center Office for current fees.

7. Lesson Policies

Registration: Riding students must register for each session prior to the beginning of that session.

Payments: Payments shall be made in the form of cash, check, or money order, payable to Carousel. Student's name should be included on checks. Registration fees are due at the time of enrollment.

Refunds: Carousel Park Equestrian Center has a NO REFUND POLICY regarding riding lesson fees. Registration fees are due in full at the time of enrollment.

Credits will not be issued for missed classes.

Missed Lessons/Cancellations: 24 hours notice is required if you are unable to attend your lesson. This is a courtesy to ensure that proper notice is given to volunteers and staff. If you cannot make your lesson, please call or email the main office before the office closes. Our office hours are Monday through Friday 10:00AM – 4:00PM.

Make-ups: Lessons canceled by Carousel qualify for make-up lessons. Otherwise, students will only be excused from a scheduled class for medical reasons, limited to 1 classes per session. A student must present a note from his/her physician regarding the absence. **“Personal Choice” absences do not qualify for make-up lessons. All make-up lessons shall be done during our breaks after the session. If you cannot attend your make-up class, the lesson shall be forfeited.**

Inclement Weather: If lessons are cancelled by Carousel due to weather, participants shall be notified through the phone number or e-mail provided on their registration form. Make-ups for lessons cancelled by Carousel will be scheduled at our discretion. If you cannot attend your make-up class, the lesson shall be forfeited.

Proper Attire: Riding students are required to dress appropriately for lessons. Long pants and leather shoes or boots with a 1-inch heel are to be worn by all riders. Students must also bring and wear their own ASTM approved riding helmets.

8. Safety Rules

Safety is our number one priority at Carousel. We ask that you use good judgment around the students as well as the horses. All of our instructors are trained professionals, and their instructions must be followed. Do not be afraid to ask questions! If you are unsure how to do something, please ask the instructor.

All volunteers, participants, families and guests are responsible for becoming familiar with and following these rules at all times:

- No running in the barn area.
- No smoking or use of open flames.
- Never stand directly behind a horse. Horses at Carousel are well trained, however, it is possible that they may become frightened and strike out.
- No running or yelling around the horses or in the barn.
- Children must be supervised at all times.
- Alcohol or illegal drug use is strictly prohibited.
- No abusive, threatening or violent behavior.
- Report all accidents, injuries, or hazardous conditions to Carousel Staff as soon as possible.
- Use of proper riding equipment, including but not limited to helmets and boots with a heel, is mandatory at all times.
- No one may mount, dismount or ride a horse unless supervised by a staff member.
- Do not feed any of our animals. If you wish to feed our horses a treat, the treat must be given to a staff member, who will then place the treat in a feeding basket for you to feed the horse. Several of our horses are on strict diets and cannot have certain foods. There is also the danger of being bitten, should you try to feed an animal directly.
- Always lead a horse with a halter and a lead rope. Leading with just a halter is prohibited.
- Keep a safe distance between horses – at least 2 horse lengths apart at a minimum.
- Arena gates must be shut when horses are in the ring.
- In the case of a loose horse, fallen rider, or other emergency, do not panic. Rider safety is most important. Directions will be provided from an instructor.
- No Cell phones

These rules are in place for everyone's safety. Everyone must follow these rules at all times while at Carousel. Anyone not following these rules will be asked to leave and/or dismissed from our riding program.

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Participant Forms
(Complete all forms and return)

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RIDING LESSON APPLICATION

Please complete entire form. Riding students under 18 years of age must have parent / guardian sign this form.

STUDENT NAME: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ HEIGHT: _____ WEIGHT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE #: HOME: _____ WORK: _____ CELL: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MEDICAL/EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

DESCRIBE ANY PHYSICAL AILMENTS/DISABILITIES THAT MAY AFFECT ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE
IN HORSE BACK RIDING ACTIVITIES: _____

LIST ANY CURRENT MEDICATION(S): _____

FAMILY DOCTOR'S NAME: _____ DOCTOR'S PHONE #: _____

INSURANCE CO. & POLICY #: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: (PLEASE PROVIDE TWO PERSONS)

NAME: _____ PHONE #1: _____ PHONE #2: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE #1: _____ PHONE #2: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR STUDENTS UNDER 18)

Photo Release:

(Circle One)

I Do

Do Not

Consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by New Castle County of any and all photographs and any other audio/visual materials taken of me/the minor for promotional material, educational activities, and exhibitions for the benefit of New Castle County.

Signature (Parent/Guardian if under 18) _____

Date _____

PARTICIPANT LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT (“AGREEMENT”)

As a participant or parent or legal guardian of a participant (“I”), I hereby acknowledge and understand that horseback riding and being around horses are dangerous activities which can result in injury and death. I agree that I or my heirs, assigns, or next of kin will not sue or make a claim against NEW CASTLE COUNTY, its officials, employees, agents, licensees and/or volunteers (collectively the “RELEASED PARTIES”) for injuries and/or damages that may occur as a result of the participant’s involvement in horseback riding, horseback riding instruction, handling, or being on or near horses or ponies on the property of CAROUSEL PARK, or any other activity in which I may participate at CAROUSEL PARK. I hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the RELEASED PARTIES from all losses, damages, judgments, costs, and attorneys’ fees that may occur as a result of injury to the participant or his or her involvement in activities at CAROUSEL PARK and related claims by any parties, even if arising from the negligence of the RELEASED PARTIES. I have read all applicable rules regarding protective equipment, and I understand that I am required to wear protective equipment, although I understand that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. I understand that risks are involved in riding, handling, or being on or near horses and ponies (including, but not limited to falling off of a horse or being kicked by a horse), and by signing this agreement, I take full responsibility in the event of any injury. I have read this agreement carefully, and I understand the risks involved and agree to assume them. I sign this agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

WARNING: PURSUANT TO DELAWARE LAW, 10 DELAWARE CODE §8140, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL AND/OR EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES. Moreover, governmental entities and their employees shall be immune from tort claims seeking recovery of damages pursuant to 10 Del. C. § 4011, et seq.

Signature (Parent/Guardian if under 18) Date

Witness (Signature) Date

Signature – New Castle County Date

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge the receipt of a copy of Carousel Park Equestrian Center Lesson Policies.

Participant Name: _____

Signature (Parent/Guardian if under 18): _____

Date: _____



Matthew Meyer
County Executive

Marcus Henry
General Manager

Department of Community Services

Participant Name: _____

Participant or Parent Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____

Date: _____

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