

Three Sister's Stables, LLC

LESSON PROGRAM POLICY AND AGREEMENT

All students are required to read and sign a Lesson Program Policy, Photo Consent Form, and Liability release.

Three Sister's Stables offers:

- Riding and Lesson Programs for beginners through advanced riders
- Group, semi-private and private lessons.
- Introducing and educating people about horses and horsemanship.
- Mounted and unmounted lessons, as well as theory lessons as dictated by weather.

Please read carefully, and sign and date below to acknowledge understanding.

- All new riders are required to first complete 1-3 private or semi-private lessons before joining a group, regardless of previous experience riding or handling horses, to establish the riding levels of the new rider(s) and familiarize themselves with the riding style and expectations of TSS. It will include an orientation of the facility and review of our Rules & Regulations. The number of lessons is at the discretion of the trainer and may even exceed 3. Any riders may be required to take a private lesson before switching to a higher-level group as well.
 - Riding levels:
 - Beginner: Any riders who have not achieved proficiency in steering and controlling their horse at the walk and the trot and are able to get the transition on their own.
 - Intermediate: A rider who has proficiency at walk and trot with multiple horses and has begun to attempt canter. An intermediate jumper is beginning small obstacles and not yet navigating lines or more complicated courses.
 - Advanced: A rider who can confidently and proficiently steer and control any horse at the walk, trot, or canter, in a group setting. An advanced jumper can navigate lines or more complicated courses.
- Proper attire
 - For beginners: tight, long pants, boots/shoes with heels, no oversized shirts, bulky coats, spaghetti straps, crops tops. Clothing should cover skin to avoid rubs but not disguise posture. NOTE: If students arrive in attire that the instructor deems unfit for the activity, the instructor reserves the right to limit the student based on the attire.
 - Helmet: Either a TSS loaner, or an approved ASTM/SEI riding helmet. We encourage riders to purchase their own helmet to ensure the correct and safest fit. No bike, ski, or other non-equestrian kind of helmet allowed.

- For Intermediate/ Advanced riders: proper tall boots/ boots and chaps, riding breeches, athletic tops, a vest when cold unless coats are specified, and riding gloves.
- Additional aids such as crops, spurs, or martingales, are to be worn at the direction of the trainer and may be provided for you.
- Shows: Tan breeches, a white collared show shirt, black boots/ half-chaps, and a riding jacket will be required of all showing riders, as well as a TSS polo/vest and a black helmet/helmet cover.
- Horse Leases/ Horse Shows:
 - There will be at least 1 opportunity to show each summer, as a way for riders to test and measure their progress. Participation is encouraged but not required. All riders planning on showing must lease the horse they plan on showing for the month leading up to and the month including the show.
 - Outside leases are not allowed
 - All school horses will be available for a half lease at trainer discretion. Half-lease includes 2 rides per week, during regularly scheduled lessons unless otherwise determined by the trainer. Lease pricing is found on the website.
- Beginner riders will not saddle or bridle their horses without supervision by a TSS employee, and no student is allowed to bridle their own horses without previous clearance.
- Any rider who brings a dirty horse to the arena will be sent back to finish grooming before being allowed to mount and join the lesson.
- Do not pet or feed horses in stalls or pasture, wander into stalls or pasture, or otherwise handle a horse that has not been assigned to you.
- The areas open to riders include the barn, arena, and the stall or pasture of their assigned horse. Visitors are not allowed in pastures or stalls and are asked to stay outside the arena to watch. These measures are for the safety of the rider and the horses.
- Part of your riding lesson experience will be to help familiarize you with various types of tack, equipment, and non-mounted training styles.
 - Some class time may not involve mounting and riding a horse but will be instructional and educational.
- Riders may be asked to perform tasks that make them uncomfortable or afraid. Matters of safety for the rider and/or horse will be prioritized over the rider's comfort level.
 - Some amount of challenge and discomfort may also be required to grow/learn.
- Riders need to be mature enough to understand and follow directions. Riders under 5 years of age will not be accepted.
- Payment for the lesson is due at the beginning of the lesson. Late payments will be charged \$5 for each day payment is tardy. Three Sister's Stables accepts Venmo, Zelle, cash and check payments.
- There is a \$25 charge for a bank-returned check.
- All students, parents and guardians are expected to abide by barn rules and signage posted throughout the facility.
 - NO SMOKING in or around barn.
 - NO OUTSIDE DOGS allowed onto the property without prior approval.
 - Children must be attended to in or around the barn areas at all times.
 - Clearly label ALL of your tack and equipment.
 - It is the responsibility of ALL to keep the barn CLEAN and NEAT. CLEAN UP "BEHIND" YOUR HORSE PROMPTLY so everyone can enjoy the premises.

- “COMMON USE AREAS” both inside the barn and outside in the yard must be kept clean of trash and manure. Riders are expected to sweep up after lessons.
- Please bring all your items back home with you. Any items left behind will be added to our “Lost & Found” and charged \$1.00 per item to reclaim.
 - BEFORE entering the Wash Rack - Groom your horse and clean its feet. CLEAN the Wash Rack before and after you use it. Do not leave dirt, hair, or manure behind for others to clean.
 - No running of horses in the “yard area” around the barn or house.
 - Give only approved barn treats to your horse. Some horses may be on restrictive diets. DO NOT feed extra grain or hay.
 - Keep tack room door closed at all times!
 - When leaving the barn, turn off all water and lights throughout the barn (even if you didn’t turn them on).
 - ANY RIDER UNDER 21 YEARS MUST WEAR A SAFTEY HELMET AT ALL TIMES WHILE MOUNTED.
- Make up policy: For an absence notice must be given 24 hours before lesson start time to qualify for a refund. If given less than 2 hours before lesson start, there will be no rescheduling. Rescheduled lessons will be subject to availability in a similar level group. If the month has 5 weeks, one missed lesson (less than 24 hours notice) will not be rescheduled, as that is reflected in pricing.
 - Riding lessons begin and end on time. Please be on time and come a few minutes early to prepare for your lesson. Tardiness will result in a shorter lesson or, if in the case of a group lesson, may result in inability to ride as to not impede the other student’s ride time.
 - Three Sister’s Stables instructors reserve the right to dismiss or refuse to provide lessons to anyone if we determine that the student is uncooperative or incapable of safely meeting the requirements of the program.
 - Students and those providing transportation for students must park in the parking lot in the designated spaces. No stopping/standing in the driveway for pickup or dropoff of students.

Signature (must be at least 18 yrs of age to sign)*

Date _____

Printed name of signatory

If participant is a minor, PRINT name here

Date of Birth of Minor Participant _____

LIABILITY RELEASE

For Three Sister's Stables, LLC

In consideration of the services of Three Sister's LLC, operator of Three Sister's LLC, their agents, owners, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity associated with or on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the facility"), I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge the facility on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate as follows:

I voluntarily agree and warrant to Release and Hold Harmless this (these) equine professional(s) from any and all costs, claims and liabilities of any kind arriving out of my use of the facility, properties, any animal activities, any horse, or pony, on the property, living at, visiting or boarding at the facility including, but not limited to, any incident caused by or related to said equine professional (s') negligence, relating to injuries known, unknown, or otherwise not herein disclosed; including, but not limited to, injuries, death, or property damage from: mounting, riding, dismounting, walking, grooming, feeding, use of: horse barn, paddock, trails, or horse arena, in any capacity, falling off horse whether horse is bucking, flipping, spooked; or my failure to understand any equine professional's directions relating to my riding or otherwise use and control, or lack thereof, of my horse or the horse I have been assigned to.

I take full responsibility for all parties that will accompany myself or the rider listed below to the barn and they will also not hold Three Sister's Stables liable for any harm, damage or injury to themselves or others or their personal property.

The person who acts in manager role and the owner of the property act on their own behalf, and do not represent the stable owners in any way.

South Carolina Limited Liability Law:

I/We do hereby agree to assume all responsibility and risk from the Under South Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities, pursuant to article 7, chapter 9 of title 47, code of laws of South Carolina 1976.

I have read and agree to the "Barn Rules" and agree to abide by them. I also have read and understand the South Carolina Equine Liability Law and agree to accept those risks.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt, during my or my child's participation in activities at Three Sister's Stables, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my or my child's right to maintain a lawsuit against Three Sister's Stables or any person/group associated with Three Sister's Stables on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein.

BY SIGNING I AM WAIVING MY RIGHT TO SUE IN THE EVENT OF INJURY TO
MYSELF, CHILD OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL BROUGHT ONTO THE PREMESIS UNDER MY
SUPERVISION.

Printed Name of Rider _____

Signature of Rider _____

Signature of Rider's Parent or Guardian _____ (if rider is a
minor)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ - _____ - _____ Email: _____