

Walker Acres Riding Academy Release of Liability

1. Agreement to Follow Directions. I agree on behalf of myself and/or for my minor(s) and other family members to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by Walker Acres, or the employees, representatives or agents of Walker Acres.

2. **Assumption of the risks & release.** I recognize that there are certain inherent risks, including but not limited to damaged personal affects, injury, or death, associated with the Equine Sport and I assume full responsibility for personal injury for myself and (if applicable) my family member(s), and further release and discharge Walker Acres for injury, loss or damage arising out of my or my family's use of the presence upon the facilities of Walker Acres, whether caused by the fault of myself, my family, Walker Acres or other third parties whether applicable onsite at Walker Acres or at another location in association with Walker Acres.

3. Indemnification. I agree to indemnify and defend Walker Acres against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs or expenses, including attorney fees and other litigation costs, which may in any way arise from my or my family's use of or presences upon the facilities of Walker Acres.

4. **Fees.** I agree to pay for all damages to facilities, equipment, and/or animals of Walker Acres caused by any negligent, reckless, or willful actions by me or my family. I understand any/all services provided to me by Walker Acres are to be paid in full either up-front or prior to departure and that Walker Acres is under no obligation to refund or credit any fees and/or services already paid by me or my family members. I understand that Walker Acres reserves the right to discontinue service with myself and/or my family at any time for reasons of, but not limited to, dangerous/self-destructive exhibits of behavior, habitual cancellations of 2 or more appointments, etc.

5. Medical authorization. In the event of an injury to myself or the minor during summer camp or horse related activities, including but not limited to grooming, riding, competition, trail, etc., I give my permission to Walker Acres or to the employees, representatives or agents of Walker Acres to arrange for all necessary medical treatment for which I shall be financially responsible. This temporary authority will begin upon the date signed below & will remain in effect until I or the minor complete purchased services. Walker Acres shall have the following powers:

a. The power to seek appropriated medical treatment or attention on behalf of my child as may be required by the circumstances, including without limitation, that of a licensed medical physician and/or hospital.

b. The power to authorize medical treatment or medical procedures in an emergency situation

6. Applicable law. *Chapter 99E* of the North Carolina General Statutes." Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Any legal or equitable claim that may arise from participation in equine related activities shall be resolved under North Carolina Law. 4

7. No duress. I agree and acknowledge that I am under no pressure or duress to sign this Agreement and that I have been given a reasonable opportunity to review it before signing. I further agree and acknowledge that I am free to have my own legal counsel review this Registration 1 984-215-0023 Agreement if I so desire. I further agree and acknowledge that Walker Acres is under no obligation to offer a refund of any fees I have paid to use its facilities nor any obligation to offer any type of service to me or the minor if I choose not to sign this Agreement.

8. Consent. In signing below, I consent to the participation for myself and/or the participation of my minor in the activities associated with horses including but not limited to riding, grooming, feeding, etc. in addition to any activities associated with camps &/or training, and agree on behalf of the minor to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. By signing this Release of Liability, I represent that I have legal authority over and custody of the minor and authorize permission. I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THA BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERCERTIAN LEGAL RIGHTS.

Print Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal guardian X: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*email: \_\_\_\_\_

HOTO & MEDIA CONSENT: As the legal guardian of the above mentioned student, I authorize W.A Riding Academy to use photos of the student on social media platforms and for marketing purposes.

Legal guardian X: \_\_\_\_\_

## Barn Rules

<b>Riders under 18 years of age must wear an SEI certified equine sport safety helmet while riding</b>	<u>Chapter 99_E guests participate with the horses and equine related activities at their own risk</u>
You break it, you bought it	No dogs allowed
Riders must wear closed-toed shoes to participate in riding	If you open it, close it
<b>DO NOT TIE HORSES TO PANNELS</b>	If you want to ride it, you must groom it
All younger siblings must be attended by an adult at all times	Guests may visit our playground or barnyard only. Guests are NOT permitted to “wonder”
<i>“can’t” never could – Riders who “give up” are excused from the program indefinitely without refund.</i>	If you turn it on, turn it off

## Program Practices & Policies

<p><b>No Payment, No Pony Policy:</b> Payment is due up-front and in full no later than 7 days before the desired appointment time. Cash, Cheque payable to “Julia Walker”, or card(+4%) are accepted. Classes, Camps, and Show fees are to be paid in full and are non-refundable. Registration/enrollment participation = payment on file. No payment, no pony</p>
<p><b>Once-&amp;-done Policy;</b> Guests that ‘no-call-no-show’ are granted a 1x grace pass. Upon the next unscheduled absence, guests will be dismissed from the program indefinitely absent refund.</p>
<p><b>Incllement Weather/Reschedules:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 consecutive weeks of calendar changes to appointments will result in a re-evaluation to find a better consistent ride time.</li> <li>Uncooperative weather = proactive rescheduling with full credit forward to the new appointment. Weather conditions we will NOT ride in include but are not limited to: snow, ice, flooding, cold + wet, tropical storm, hurricane, excessive heat index, etc.</li> <li>Unexpected emergencies, work conflicts, &amp; <b>illness</b> are excused with reschedule and full credit forward to the new appointment. Riders sick enough to lay out of school/work are expected to cancel their riding activities.</li> </ol>
<p><b>W.A Horse Showing:</b> Riders and families are agreeing to increase practice beyond 1x a week “recreational riding” standards. Riders are expected to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in 2x/week riding classes <i>at minimum</i></li> <li>Plan on preparing the trailer the night before the show, clean their gear, clean their horse, braid, pack hay nets, etc.</li> <li>W.A Show fees are to <b>be paid in full</b> no later than 7 days before the show. <i>All fees are non-refundable</i></li> <li>Riders interested in competing with the W.A Equestrian Team <i>must approach their instructor with their guardian and vocalize their interest in competition. Riders who change their mind must “opt out” with their guardian and their instructor in the same way.</i></li> </ol> <p><i>*Students that do not clearly demonstrate their personal desire to compete will not be offered show opportunities. There’s no room for ‘hot air’ on our trailer &amp; W.A will not force a student into competing.</i></p>

All fees paid are non-refundable

<p><b>2025 W.A Equestrian Show Team 411</b> To qualify</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Riders must be able to Walk/Jog/reverse in a group setting with confidence</li> <li>Attend weekly classes punctually and consistently</li> <li>Perform an evaluation ride to determine skill level</li> <li>Demonstrate good sportsman like conduct at all times</li> </ol>
<p>What to expect after qualifying</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider must enroll in 2x a week classes at minimum (group or private setting)</li> <li>Must commit to 3x a week riding the week before the show</li> <li>Must plan on evening prep at the barn the night before the show</li> </ol>
<p>Fees</p>	<p>*W.A Show fee \$200/event due up front *Class fees TBD paid to the show organizers *Estimate per event ~ \$300-\$400 day fees at local events *2-day/overnight events = \$400/W.A fees + event/organizer fees TBD by event planners</p>
<p>Code of Conduct: Students must follow these parameters to remain on the W.A Equestrian Team</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Display good sportsmanship skills</li> <li>Put the horse before the “win”</li> <li>Practice safe handling</li> <li>Encourage team-mates and other entries</li> <li>Present to the best of their abilities</li> </ol>

- **Joining the W.A Equestrian Show Team is a privilege that can be lost for reasons of non-payment, bad sportsman like conduct, or training regression**
- **Students may request a certain W.A Horse to compete with however, horse assignment will be placed in part by payment on file and rider ability.**
- **Safety for students and horses remain priority. When the safety of one or both is compromised, show opportunities may be halted.**
- **Students that commit to the competitive standards will be recognized at the W.A Year-End-Awards ceremony following the end of the show season**

**Showing Horses is “fun” for the rider who likes putting in maximum effort, likes training hard concepts, and enjoys the pressure of environmental changes. Showing horses is NOT for the rider who is content riding 1x a week/bi-weekly with no additional time, budget, or desire to commit to anything outside of that recreational standard.**

Recreational Riding Standards	Competitive Riding Standards
1x weekly/biweekly classes OR riding inconsistently for “fun”	2-4x weekly classes + camps + practice rides + workshops/clinics + riding goals

*Competition is nonobligatory for students wishing to remain “recreational”*