

**HORSE RENTAL AND RIDING INSTRUCTION AGREEMENT  
and LIABILITY RELEASE FORM**

**HUNTOON STABLES**

**507 OAK STREET, NORTH AURORA, IL 60542**

File # \_\_\_\_\_

Please PRINT rider's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this rider have any physical disability and/or mental health conditions that may affect his or her ability to ride a horse?

YES  NO If "YES", briefly describe condition.

**WARNING**

Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities.

**BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WHEN ENTERING UPON THE ABOVE LISTED PREMISES YOU, THE STUDENT LISTED BELOW AND ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY AND GUESTS ARE ENGAGING IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY.**

I understand that proper riding attire should be worn while riding; that when not, it adds to the danger of riding. I understand that proper attire for safe riding consists of, but is not limited to, jodhpur boots or similar fitting shoes, jodhpur pants or jeans, riding gloves and proper protective headwear.

I further understand that the rules of the stable are established for the protection of myself and other riders. If I should sustain any injuries, the management and owners of the stable, and the owners of the property at 507 Oak Street, North Aurora, IL, will not be liable for such injuries if they should be caused either wholly or partially by my own carelessness, including the failure to wear protective and proper attire as described above.

I understand that upon mounting the horse and taking up the reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his or her ability to carry out simple instructions and to remain balanced aboard the horse. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his or her own safety.

I understand that Huntoon Stables is not responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall or react in some other unsafe way. Some examples are sudden loud noises or unusual movement, tripping or stumbling and irregular footing which is subject to constant change.

**NATURE OF HORSES** - I understand that Huntoon Stables chooses its lesson horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for the various ability levels of the students. I understand that Huntoon Stables follows a rigid safety program, but that no horse is a completely safe horse. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to, stopping short, changing directions or speed at will, shifting its weight, bucking, rearing, kicking, biting or running from danger or perceived danger.

I, the rider, and the parent or legal guardian thereof, if a minor, do agree to hold harmless and release Huntoon Stables, its owners, agents, employees, premises owners and insurers from legal liability and I further agree that, except in the event of Huntoon Stables' gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation against Huntoon Stables and its associates as stated above in this clause for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises or operation of Huntoon Stables, to include while riding, handling or otherwise being near horses owned by, or in the care, custody and control of Huntoon Stables.

I agree to abide by the following rules and those posted on the premises of Huntoon Stables.

**RULES**

1. No one weighing over one-hundred fifty pounds will be allowed to ride. This is for the rider's and horse's safety, as per insurance regulatory suggestions. (See Huntoon Stables Student/Parent Handbook for further explanation)
2. No one will be given permission to ride unless they read, complete and properly sign this form.
3. No smoking is allowed anywhere inside the stable.
4. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the stable.
5. Do not run or make loud noises in the stable.
6. Do not enter stalls or adjust tack without permission.
7. Do not put your hands and arms through the stall fronts or doors.
8. Do not feed treats to the horses.
9. Do not play with or around the horse's mouths when they are cross-tied in the aisle or their stalls.
10. Do not mount until given permission.
11. Riders will obey instructor and follow class procedures at all times.
12. Proper tension shall be correctly kept on reins and feet shall be kept in the proper position in the stirrups at all times.
13. For their own safety, all riders should wear proper riding attire. (See Huntoon Stables Student/Parent Handbook)

- 14 . No one will be allowed to take lessons wearing shorts.
- 15 . All students are required to wear SEI approved protective headwear when riding. The ONLY exceptions are new students taking evaluation (trial) lessons, students participating in a sanctioned Girl/Boy Scout program or Park District Class students who may wear a bicycle helmet. Students in horse show classes which require derbies or soft hats are excluded.
- 16 . All riders who are handicapped in any manner, or who have an injury which might affect their riding, shall give notice to the management before mounting.
- 17 . No one will be given permission to ride while under the influence of alcohol or any drug, including prescription drugs, that might impair his or her safety.
- 18 . All students are accepted with the understanding that all lessons are booked on a 'standing appointment' basis. All scheduled lessons shall be paid for, whether taken or not. If the student gives advance notice of cancellation, or if the stable cancels the lesson, a make-up lesson will be allowed according to the current make-up lesson policy posted in the stable at the time the lesson is missed.
- 19 . Riders who quit the lesson program will lose any unused make-up lessons. Park District and other specially scheduled lessons are for specific dates and times and no make-up times are available.
- 20 . Lesson rates and payment policy are posted in the viewing room or copies are available from the office.
- 21 . Students are expected to inform their guests and families of the stable's rules.
- 22 . Guests and family members should not be next to horses when they are being groomed and no one may be in the grooming area unless they have signed a copy of this release form..
- 23 . There may be additional rules posted in or around the stable.
- 24 . Students attending shows with the stable are subject to all of the stable's rules, plus additional rules established by the show, while on the show grounds. (See Huntoon Stables Student/Parent Handbook)



**From time to time it may be necessary for Huntoon Stables to communicate with a student or their parent regarding lessons or other activities that the student is participating in at the stable. Such communication may be by telephone, text message or email.**

- If such communication is by telephone, by checking this box I am granting permission for a member of Huntoon Stables' management to speak with my minor child in regard to their activities at the stable, even in the absence of another adult's presence. If such communication is by text messaging or email, a parent will be copied at the cell phone number or email address listed below.
- Occasionally a minor student may be alone in the stable with no one other than one adult member of management being present. By checking this box you are giving your consent for the minor child named below to be present in the stable under such circumstance. If you do not check this box you agree to not drop off your child until you have determined that there are additional persons at the stable.
- I understand that horseback riding is a sport which requires physical discipline and control and that, from time to time, an adult teacher, trainer or other staff member may need to have physical contact with a student to help correct their posture or to prevent them from being injured due to unforeseen circumstances.

Huntoon Stables follows the guidelines of SAFE SPORT, a federally mandated program.

From time to time, a student may need to travel with an adult member of our staff, such as to horse shows, etc. Please be advised that we have a parental consent form that must be signed before a minor student can ride alone in a car with a member of our staff. Such form is available in our office or on our website.

I/We have read the above rules, requirements, warnings and statements and agree that by signing below I/We understand all of the above and accept and agree to the terms of this Agreement.

RIDER'S BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ RIDER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Shaded section must be completed if RIDER is under 18 years old.

FATHER'S NAME _____ <small>PRINT NAME</small>	_____ <small>WRITTEN SIGNATURE</small>
MOTHER'S NAME _____ <small>PRINT NAME</small>	_____ <small>WRITTEN SIGNATURE</small>

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ APT. # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE - HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_