Greenacres Horsemanship Academy, LLC dba Greenacres Equine Center

Assumption of Risk and Horse Activities Warning and Injuries Reduction Suggestions

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Definition of participant's potential horse, horsemanship and stable activities hazards

- Horse hazards: include but not limited to; hooves, teeth, head, weight; being shoved, stepped-on, pinned, crushed, dragged, bitten, kicked
- Sandwiched; allowing your body to become positioned between a horse and a fixed object, includes another animal
- Allowing a horse to place its nose, mouth, or head against your body
- Approaching toward any direction other than the shoulder of a horse
- Mounting and dismounting from any direction other than the left-side of a horse
- Inherent risk; the potential of injury, damage or death related to the nature of the activity
- Positioning your foot completely through the stirrup; while mounting, riding or dismounting

- Wrapping or securing a line around any part of your body: hands, arm, neck, waist or leg, while controlling, tying off or securing a horse with rope, reins or lead-line (line)
- Damaged head protective system (headgear), such as plastic outer-shell showing crack
- Saddle girth strap has a tendency to become loose while riding; requiring periodic tightening
- Stirrup leather's buckle may slide out of position; requiring periodic adjustment
- Falling on / through slippery, uneven surfaces, opened doors, loading and unloading areas, lofts and storage areas
- Sharp barn implements; nails, splinters, hay-forks
- Rodents, cats, snakes and vermin

Appropriate type and fit of apparel

Headgear

- Meeting Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) ASTM standard F1163 associated with equine activities for: head coverage, impact resistance, rapid movement and stress stability of protective head coverage provided by retention system, appropriate consumer information (is a **mandatory requirement**)
- Safety helmets for other athletic uses (such as but not limited to: biking, la cross, hockey) are not acceptable
- No damaged headgear

Pants

- Waist to top of foot stretch fitting or moderately loose fitting
- Saddle stabilizing features to enhance inner leg grip, such as equestrian pants, jodhpurs, chaps; with leather or similar material, friction reducing patches are **recommended** but **not** mandatory

Foot Protection

• Smooth, fully soled shoes or boots, which cover the ankle and have at least a quarter inch heel

I acknowledge and agree for myself and on behalf of the participant that GEC staff is not responsible for inspecting or maintaining my apparel: headgear, pants and foot protection, shown above. It is my responsibility to secure and utilize headgear that complies with the recommended standards identified above.

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Inherent Potential of injury and / or damages; Assumption of Risk

I / We acknowledge that: horse and stable activities; mounting and dismounting, horseback riding, training involving the handling of and caring for horses, and preparation of horses for riding activities involve a high potential for injury, damage and death (risk). Horses are large, agile, herd animals, which may react suddenly to sound, visual, and / or direct or indirect impact stimuli. These reactions may be violent and include but are not limited to: kicking, jumping, rapid movement, bucking, biting, rearing, uncontrollable running. These horse related hazards will result in participant(s) being thrown from a horse, kicked, bitten, pinned or crushed due to interaction with horse(s). There is no amount of precaution or safety measures that can eliminate inherent risks. Further, as the number of hours interacting with horses increases, all participants

will experience some degree of injury, damage or death. For myself and the participant(s), I accept and assume responsibility for inherent risks.
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 Horses are: up to 15 times larger 20 to 40 times more powerful (stronger) 3 to 4 times faster; than a human being the top of a horse's back is as tall or taller than the height of an average man
When sitting on a horse's back, a participant is at a height of 6 feet. It is similar to sitting on a 6 foot ladder that may and will move. Falling from this height will cause discomfort, injury, damage or potentially death.
Horseback riding, driving and training are activities in which one much smaller, weaker predator animal (the human) imposes its will on and become one unit of movement with, another much larger, stronger prey animal (the horse) that has a mind of its own; each having a limited understanding of the other's intent. If a horse is uncertain, frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts. These instincts include but are not limited to: stopping short, spinning, changing direction and or speed, shifting its weight, bucking, rearing, kicking, biting and / or running from danger (hazards). All such horse behaviors or reposes may result in participant injury, damage or death. Also, I acknowledge that these are just some of the hazards and risks of horse and/or stable activities. I agree to assume others risks not mentioned above. I am not relying on GEC to list all possible hazards and risks for me.
Initials of participant / parent or guardian Date
I hereby agree for the participant, myself, my heirs, successors, assigns, and employing entity by my signature affixed below.
Name: Date:
Signature:
Address:

Phone: