



## Horsemanship Waiver

### Circle Square Ranch Policies

1. Our weight limit is 225 pounds and it is non-negotiable.
2. Our goal is to ensure a pleasurable ride for all of our riders. In our rider waiver form we give notice of our weight restrictions and ask that everyone submit both their height and weight so that an appropriate horse can be matched to the rider.
3. Because of the factors listed below, it might be necessary to take a ride at a slower pace or on less rugged terrain if a rider is heavy.
4. Our riders are important to us, as is their privacy. Riders should expect to be weighed in a private and confidential setting if Ranch staff or volunteers have any fears that a rider may be above their weight limit for riding.
5. If at any point a horsemanship staff feel it is unsafe to go on a trail, riders will remain in the arena.

### (We require a waiver from each individual who participates)

By signing this waiver I understand that the rider must meet these physical attributes:

Maximum weight of 225 lbs non-negotiable      Weight: \_\_\_\_\_      Height: \_\_\_\_\_

No back problems or injuries

Sufficient mobility of knee and hip joints to mount and dismount with minimal assistance

No known balance issues

No other physical limitations that restrict participation in physically demanding activities

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By signing this waiver, I understand that rider needs to wear the following equipment and clothing to participate in riding. If they do not have the following they will forfeit their opportunity to ride.

Closed toe footwear.

Approved ASTM/SEI riding helmet. (Provided by Circle Square Ranch)

Pants

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Please note: **Children under the age of 9 will only be able to ride in the arena.** If at any point the riding instructor feels it is unsafe for your group to go on a trail your group will remain in the arena.

## Release and Waiver of Liability

On my behalf, and on behalf of any minor children participating in these activities, for whom I am legally responsible, I agree to the following:

I hereby release Circle Square Ranch, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, it's Director, volunteer staff members, employees and facilities from any and all liability in the event of any accident or misfortune that may occur as a result of my participation in any horse related activity at Circle Square Ranch.

### **Assumption of risks**

I am aware and understand that activities involving these horses involve many risks, dangers, and hazards, including, but not limited to the following:

- Horses are powerful and potentially dangerous animals, may change their behaviour at any time and may, without warning, jump, run wildly, buck, kick, bite, or step on people or things;
- Horse may collide with other horses or objects, may trip, stumble or fall even if being led, ridden, or attended
- Negligence of other riders;
- My or my child's own failure to ride safely, or failure to ride within my or my child's ability;
- Equipment may fail;
- Weather conditions can change and can sometimes be dangerous;
- The nature of the terrain can change and has certain risks associated with it including, but not limited to, exposed natural objects, trees, streams, and creeks;
- I am also aware that the risk, dangers and hazards referred to above exist throughout the trail, stable, riding arenas, and other areas and many are unmarked. I understand and acknowledge that no amount of caution, experience, or instruction can eliminate all of the risks involved and I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers, and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage and damages or loss resulting there from.

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Please turn waivers into retreat liaison upon arrival before lesson or trail.\*\*\***