

Happy Hooves Riding Academy

CONTRACT TO ASSUME RISK & WAIVE LIABILITY

I represent that I am an adult signing on my own behalf or my minor child(ren) named _____,
_____, _____ and that I wish to take riding and
horsemanship instruction at Happy Hooves Riding Academy of Dexter, MI.

- I understand that riding horses and working in the stable area have inherent dangers, and that serious injury, and even death may be caused in a horse-related accident. By way of illustration, a horse related accident includes, but is not limited to being stepped on, kicked, or otherwise struck by a hoof, bitten, pushed, knocked over, or fallen from a horse.
- Happy Hooves Riding Academy and its agents, employees, and volunteers have represented to me that it will use all reasonable care in their selection of horses it allows me or my child to ride, and safety in supervising my riding lessons. I understand that by nature, horses are skittish and unpredictable animals and that even the quietest of horses can occasionally act in an unanticipated manner. I understand that the agents of Happy Hooves Riding Academy, its employees, and volunteers cannot prevent all accidents, and I do not expect them to do so. I have been specifically advised that I can expect to fall from a horse in the natural course of learning to ride. If at any time during a lesson I become fearful to the point I wish to dismount, I will so advise my Happy Hooves Riding Academy instructor.
- Happy Hooves Riding Academy has notified me that I must purchase a properly fitted riding helmet whose design meets the ASTM standards. I am fully aware that this helmet must be worn whenever mounted in order to help insure my safety. I have been advised that any other helmet is not appropriate protective headgear for equine activities.
- Happy Hooves Riding Academy reserves the right to refuse service to anyone with or without reason.

I have read this contract, understand it completely, & execute it voluntarily with full knowledge of its consequences.

Participant or Guardian's Printed Name

Email Address

Participant or Guardians Signature

Date

Happy Hooves Riding Academy Signature (Crystal Birchmeier-Diehl or Adam Diehl)

Date

WARNING:

UNDER THE MICHIGAN EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY RESULTING FROM AN INHERENT RISK OF THE EQUINE ACTIVITY.

- This form will be used to prove that you understand fully the risks of horseback riding, and that you have made a free choice to ride at Happy Hooves Riding Academy.
- This form also restricts or eliminates your liability to file a lawsuit against Happy Hooves Riding Academy and its agents for injuries you may have sustained while on the premises.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____

DOB: _____

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ADDRESS: _____

RESIDENTIAL PARENT/GUARDIAN or DESIGNATED EMERGENCY CONTACT:

CONTACT #1:

FULL NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

CONTACT #2:

FULL NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

CONSENT to TREAT

I hereby give consent for Happy Hooves Riding Academy to contact 911 in the event of an emergency. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

Facts concerning the child's medical history, including allergies, medications being taken, and any physical impairment to which a physician should be alerted: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Happy Hooves Policies & Procedures Acknowledgement

As professional horsemen our top priority is the safety and progress of riders and horses. Our policies are in place to assure safety, focus, progress, discipline and an enjoyable experience at Happy Hooves Riding Academy.

Outline of Happy Hooves Lesson Program:

- Happy Hooves lesson program is based on professional instruction in a consistent lesson environment.
- Lessons are sold in packages of 3, 5, or 10 lessons. They are nonrefundable and must be used within a year from date of purchase.
- We offer an evaluation lesson option for riders who would like to try a single lesson first before committing to purchase of a lesson package.
- It is a rider or parents responsibility to double check their lesson times each week.
- Lessons may be mounted or unmounted, and include theory and discussion in addition to practical skills.

General Policies

- No Cell Phones while riding, no talking or moving about in the arenas while lessons are in session, it is distracting and unsafe.

- Please DO NOT feed the horses! If you would like to give YOUR horse a treat please check with your instructor FIRST!
- Gates and Doors must always be closed behind you. (This includes rope gates. If you open/unclip it you MUST put it back up.)
- No jumping without a trainer & no outside instruction!
- DO NOT leave horses unattended in cross-ties for any reason.
- Unless told otherwise by staff please make sure to put your horse's sheet/blanket/cooler back on after riding.
- No open toed shoes in the arena or barn for any reason by anyone.
- Absolutely no yelling, screaming, running or boisterous behavior in or around the barn.
- Riders are expected to assist with keeping the stables clean, organized and safe by always picking up after themselves and their horses.
- Riders are expected to exhibit general good manners, be polite, courteous and helpful to everyone. We will not tolerate gossip, drama or other ill behavior.
- Parents are encouraged to stay and watch their children's lessons, and may assist in grooming, tacking and untacking, but we expect students to do as much as possible on their own before seeking help.
- Regardless of prior horse experience, please follow ALL the instructor's directions for grooming and tacking, and DO NOT do anything "extra" (picking hooves, stretches, etc.) without first asking an instructor.
- Activities within lessons will be at the instructor's discretion, according to the student's abilities and other factors, including weather conditions (see written policy below), number of horses/riders in the arena, horse's work load, etc.

Arriving & Departing

ALL LESSONS EXCEPT YOUNG RIDER PROGRAM: Plan on arriving about 5 minutes before your scheduled lesson time. Please be prepared to spend 15-20 minutes after the scheduled lesson end time to untack and put the horse away. This is not applicable to beginner riders or riders who are not able to do these things by themselves without instructor assistance.

- **Please do not drop and leave children under 10 years old without making sure the instructor is there!**

LATE ARRIVALS: If a rider is under 10 min late to their lesson, and able to tack up their horse independently, they should be able to join the lesson. If the rider isn't able to tack up independently or is more than 10 minutes late, they will need to choose one of the options explained below.

- Reschedule the lesson within the same week.
- Use an "oops" lesson if they have one available. You receive 2 "oops" lessons per calendar year. They allow you to cancel a lesson without 24 hours notice and not be charged.
- Pay for the lesson.

ATTIRE

Riders are required to have Equestrian Riding boots & Helmet. Long pants, no jeans, breeches preferred.

PAYMENT

No rider may ride without paying first. We accept cash, check or credit card. All lessons are non-refundable regardless of reason but make-ups maybe available. All lessons must be prepaid. Credit card transactions will incur a service fee. If you have a question on your payment please contact us immediately. **Happy Hooves reserves the right to remove any rider from the lesson program with or without reason or refund.**

IN CASE OF A FALL

Please do not run into the ring! Running and yelling can upset an already upset horse and rider. The instructor will organize the group and attend to the fallen rider. As long as the student is not seriously injured it is our practice to put them back on their horse even if they only walk the rest of the lesson. If a concussion is suspected or an injury is severe we will contact a parent or your emergency contact person. In extreme cases, we will call 911.

CANCELATION POLICY

We require at least 24 hours notice for all cancellations, regardless of reason. Lessons cancelled less than 24 hours in advance may be rescheduled within the same week. If this is not possible, an "oops" lesson may be used, if available. Otherwise, the lesson will be charged at full price.

- **If your instructor cancels lessons for any reason (weather, illness, emergency) you will not be charged and will be given make-up options.**

WEATHER POLICY

- **Less than 20 degrees:** lessons maybe mounted or unmounted horsemanship lessons, at instructor's discretion.
- **Ice/Winter storm makes roads dangerous:** NO LESSONS
- **Severe Thunderstorms or Tornado warning:** NO LESSONS
- **FEELS like more than 90 degrees:** NO REGULAR MOUNTED LESSONS. Lessons may be bareback, unmounted or a combination of both, at instructor's discretion. In some situations, lessons maybe canceled all together.

➤ **If lessons are canceled or changed for any reason you will get an email -- If in doubt please contact your instructor!**

Rider/ Parent please sign here in acknowledgement & compliance:

By signing this page, I, (print name) _____ commit that I, and any children, family members, and guests, will comply with all policies & procedures at Happy Hooves Riding Academy.

Signature

Date