

Pleasant Ridge Farm, LLC

Lesson Program Policy and Agreement

www.PleasantRidgeFarmLLC.com

All students are required to read, complete and sign the Participant Agreement/Waiver of Liability and Lesson Program Policy and Agreement (this form).

Pleasant Ridge Farm, LLC offers:

- Introducing and educating people about horses and horsemanship.
- Riding and Lesson Programs for beginners through advanced riders: We offer Private lessons. Semi-private and group lessons are offered on occasion. Participants must be approved to ride in semi private or group setting
- Horse training
- Summer Camps
- Opportunities for showing at both the local and regional levels
- Opportunity to be part of the US Pony Club
- Opportunities for educational clinics from local and non-local equestrian professionals.
- Classroom instruction, in conjunction with hands-on instruction and training.

Please read carefully, and if you agree to our policy, sign and date below.

1. All new students are required to take an introductory lesson, regardless of previous experience riding or handling horses. It will include an evaluation of your abilities, orientation of the facility and review of our Rules & Regulations.
2. Beginner students will be required to remain in private lessons until it is deemed they are ready to ride in a different situation.
3. All students, parents and guardians are expected to abide by barn rules and signage posted throughout the facility.
4. Part of your riding lesson experience will be to help familiarize you with safety, various types of tack and equipment, basic horse care, and may include some classroom instruction.
5. Students need to be mature enough to understand and follow directions.
6. Riding lessons are scheduled directly with instructors.
7. Some class time may not involve mounting and riding a horse, but will be instructional and educational. In the event of inclement weather, lessons may still be held but in a classroom setting unless transportation to the farm is deemed too precarious. School closings determine class cancellations.
8. Payment for the lesson is due the day of the lesson. Lesson packages MUST be done within 6 weeks.
9. There is a \$30 charge for a bank-returned check.
10. There is **NO SMOKING** anywhere on PRF property.
11. **Arrive on time!** Riding lessons begin and end on time. Please come 15-20 minutes early to prepare for your lesson. Tardiness will result in a shorter lesson or, in the case of a group lesson, may result in inability to ride as to not impede on other student's ride time. More experienced students should be tacked, ready and warmed up by lesson time.
12. Lesson packages MUST be done within 6 weeks. 12 hours notice required for cancellations. All lessons canceled by the student with out 12 hrs notice will count as a lesson from their package. All lessons canceled on time can be rescheduled within the 6 week period.
13. Lessons can be canceled by the farm due to bad weather, scheduling conflict or a holiday. If your lesson is canceled it is the student's responsibility to contact their instructor to reschedule their lesson so that it is taken with in the 6 weeks of their lesson package purchase.

14. Kindly give 12 hours notice if you cannot make an individual lesson. No shows **WILL BE CHARGED** for the time they missed. After 2 lessons are missed without notice PRE-PAYMENT WILL BE REQUIRED before another single purchase lesson will be scheduled.

15. **Winter Month Policy:** Lessons can be canceled without formal notice if schools are canceled, within your district or ours, which is Pocono Mountain East. Otherwise lessons will run on schedule. Check in with your instructors directly about road conditions if you plan on keeping your lesson regardless of school closures. If temperature drops below 20 degrees, riding is at the discretion of you and your instructor. If your lesson is canceled it is the student's responsibility to contact their instructor to reschedule their lesson so that it is taken with in the 6 weeks of their lesson package purchase.

16. Riding attire for lessons includes:

- **Helmets are MANDATORY for EVERYONE. Approved ASTM/SEI riding helmet preferred. We encourage students to purchase their own helmet to ensure the correct and safest fit.**
- Long pants or chaps
- Boots or hard sole shoes with a heel. Absolutely NO FLIP FLOPS or OPEN TOED SHOES allowed by anyone in the barn by anyone at anytime. Sneakers and similar footwear are discouraged.

NOTE: If students arrive in attire that the instructor deems unfit for the activity, the instructor reserves the right to limit the student based on the attire.

17. **Barn Cleanliness is everyone's responsibility.** Clean up after your horse. This includes any manure in arenas during your ride, sweeping isles and cross tie areas, any tack or other items put away correctly before you leave the barn.

18. The instructor reserves the right to dismiss or refuse to provide lessons to anyone if we determine that the student is uncooperative or incapable of safely meeting the requirements of the program.

19. **PRF is a Recognized Pony Club Center.** If you or your child is interested in participating please talk to your instructor and visit www.ponyclub.org for more information.

20. **PRF is sponsored by Devoucoux Saddlery.** We offer saddle fitting and trial days here at the farm where students can try saddles and be fitted professionally. Our saddle rep offers all different brands and models, used and new in a variety of price ranges. She can also take trade ins towards new equipment. If you are interested in investing in a saddle, we can arrange a fitting day so you can try a variety of different saddles out to see what works best for you and your horse.

21. PRF monogrammed apparel, team polos, saddle pads and more can now be purchased direct at our Team Store through MEquestriansolutions.com.

Signature (must be at least 18 yrs of age to sign)*

Date

Printed name of signatory

If participant is a minor, PRINT name here

Date of Birth of minor

Phone Number

Address