



# **PATCHWORK PARK** 2022 UPDATED VERSION **EQUESTRIAN CENTRE**

## **LIABILITY RELEASE FORM (CASUAL)**

This is the official document between The Client and Patchwork Park Equestrian Centre Management, to be read and signed by both parties prior to riding any horse on premise that does not belong to the person signing this document.

### **PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THIS FORM CAREFULLY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, individually and/or as the parent and natural or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter "The Client") HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

#### **1. WEARING OF APPROVED HELMET AND BOOTS**

- a. I understand the very real risks associated with horses (whether mounted or unmounted)
- b. I agree to wear a helmet (within date and Australian Standard Approved) and approved riding boots when partaking in any mounted activities on site. Unmounted activities will always be conducted wearing protective, enclosed shoes or boots.

#### **2. RISK OF DAMAGE**

- a. I acknowledge that there is always a chance of **DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY** when working with horses. I understand that horses are living creatures that can act unpredictably, making them at times dangerous or damaging. I accept all responsibility for this risk.
- b. I agree to act sensibly, refraining from interacting with other horses aside from the horse I have been given permission to ride.
- c. I will only ride this horse if I have determined that I am competent and experienced enough to do so safely.
  - i. This determination is at my own discretion and any misjudgement of competency which results in injury or death is at my own risk.
- d. I will not act in any way that could place myself, the horse (or any horse), members of Patchwork Park or any other visitors at risk of injury or harm. I will also act in a way to avoid damages to any assets or equipment on site.
  - i. Should damages occur, I understand that there may be additional costs incurred to replace or repair items affected.

e. I relinquish all rights of prosecution towards Patchwork Park Equestrian Centre, should any damages or losses occur to myself, the horse or my possessions while on Patchwork Park Premise.

f. If I am involved in an accident while on premise, Patchwork Park maintains the right to call an ambulance on my behalf if necessary.

i. It is at Management's discretion as to whether an ambulance is necessary.

ii. If an ambulance is called on my behalf and I do not have ambulance cover, I will be billed for any costs incurred.

### **3. SAFE PROXIMITY BETWEEN HORSES**

a. **I MUST KEEP THIS HORSE AWAY** from other horses at all times. This is to prevent the spread of diseases and also prevent risk of injury to myself or any horse through biting, striking or kicking. A safe distance between horses will be created at all times.

b. I will not allow this horse to sniff other horses over fences.

c. I will not walk this horse within biting or kicking distance of another horse.

d. I have been notified that Patchwork Park is home to many stallions and colts that may become aggressive or upset if safe distances are not maintained.

### **4. HANDLING OF OTHER HORSES / WANDERING**

a. I will not handle any horse other than the horse I have been allocated.

b. I will not enter paddocks, stables or yards with any horses on premise, even if the horse is in trouble. If a horse requires assistance I will notify Patchwork Park Staff immediately.

c. **I WILL NOT WANDER / EXPLORE THIS FACILITY** without supervision. This is a private facility and Patchwork Park has a duty of care for agisted horses.

### **5. SOBRIETY OF ALCOHOL, SMOKING OR ILLICIT DRUGS**

a. I will not arrive for a session **UNLESS** I am completely sober of alcohol and free from any drugs that may hinder my ability to make decisions or remain safe.

b. Patchwork Park premise is a **SMOKE FREE ZONE**. I will not smoke for the duration of my visit.

### **6. MY BEHAVIOUR**

a. I will interact civilly and courteously towards other riders, staff members and management. This includes riding in the arenas, using tie bays, etc.

b. I will treat any horse on the property with dignity, empathy and respect, and understand that any form of animal cruelty is strictly forbidden.

c. I may be asked to leave the property and/or further action taken if I am warned that my behaviour is unacceptable and I ignore the warning.

## **7. DOGS**

a. I will not bring dogs onto the property without prior arrangement.

b. Dogs with prior arrangement must be well behaved and either safely restrained or on a leash at all times. Many horses have natural urges to chase and kill dogs and our fences are also electrified at head height for a dog.

c. I will not allow my dog to chase the horses.

## **8. CHILDREN**

a. I will supervise my child / children at all times.

b. I will not allow my child to handle, feed or enter any paddock, yard or stable of a horse on premise other than my own

## **9. USE OF CAMERAS**

a. I am permitted to use video and photography devices for the purpose of recording my session only. I am not permitted to take photos and videos of horses belonging to others, or training sessions of other riders.

b. I may publish footage online of photos obtained from sessions for the purpose of encouragement, improvement or positive remarks only. Footage is not to be obtained for the purpose of defamation.

I have carefully read and understand this form and I agree to the content covered in this contract.

Signed (Client) \_\_\_\_\_ on this date of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Management) \_\_\_\_\_ on this date of \_\_\_\_\_

## CLIENT INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

WHY ARE YOU RIDING THIS HORSE TODAY? \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE AS A RIDER? \_\_\_\_\_

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DO YOU REQUIRE SUPERVISION WHILE RIDING? \_\_\_\_\_

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DO YOU FEEL SAFE RIDING THIS HORSE? YES / NO (If no, state why) \_\_\_\_\_

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DO YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH ISSUES / PAST INJURIES THAT COULD AFFECT YOU DURING YOUR VISIT?

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DO YOU CONSENT TO PHOTOS / VIDEOS BEING TAKEN FOR USE ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ADVERTISING? (FACEBOOK, WEBSITE, YOUTUBE ETC) YES / NO

DO YOU HAVE AMBULANCE COVER? YES / NO (If no and you sustain an injury and an ambulance is called on your behalf, you will be billed for any costs incurred)

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD KNOW TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE BEST EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE?

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