

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM (BYO HORSE)

This is the official document between The Client and Patchwork Park Equestrian Centre Management, to be read and signed by both parties prior to any outside clients bringing their horse onto Patchwork Park premise for the purpose of Riding Lessons Under Instruction – BYO HORSE.

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) and agree to wear a helmet (within date and Australian Standard Approved) and approved riding boots when partaking in any mounted activities. 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 my own (unless granted permission by the owner, even during an emergency where management must be notified)

c. I will not allow inexperienced persons (accompanying me or others) to be hurt or harmed by my own horse. This includes acting irresponsibly, allowing inexperienced persons to ride or handle unsuitable horses, etc.

d. I will not act in any way that could place myself, my 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. 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, my horse or my possessions while on Patchwork Park Premise.

3. IN AN EMERGENCY

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

ii. If I am injured in a fall and removed from site, Patchwork Park may take temporary control of my horse and feed / husbandry / agistment costs incurred to keep my horse safe will be billed to me.

iii. Necessary husbandry requirements are at Patchwork Park's discretion and determined by duration of stay.

4. SAFE PROXIMITY BETWEEN HORSES

a. **I MUST KEEP MY 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 my horse to sniff other horses over fences.

c. I will not walk my 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 if safe distances are not maintained.

5. HANDLING OF OTHER HORSES / WANDERING

a. I will not handle any horse other than my own

b. I will not enter paddocks, stables or yards with horses other than my own, 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.

6. 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.

7. MY RIGHTS TO REFUSAL

a. I may express discomfort towards activities suggested by my Patchwork Park instructor and may rightfully refuse to perform said

activities if desired. I am encouraged to communicate my emotions of current confidence and competency to best dictate suitable exercises during supervised sessions.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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

11. 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.

12. STALLIONS

a. I am permitted to bring a stallion onto the property, provided the following points are adhered to:

i. My stallion is well behaved and under control at all times.

ii. I present clear EA Approved green stallion discs on either side of the animal (headstall, bridle or saddle cloth).

iii. Persons under 18 are experienced with stallions and

are supervised by an adult.

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: _____ HORSE'S NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ HORSE'S DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ HORSE'S SEX: MARE / GELDING / STALLION

EMERGENCY CONTACT : _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED THIS HORSE FOR?

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

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THIS HORSE?

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AS A RIDER?

WHAT IS YOUR LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE AS A RIDER?

WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL YOU HAVE RIDDEN TO?

HAVE YOU EVER SUFFERED A SERIOUS FALL? HAS IT AFFECTED YOUR CONFIDENCE?

DO YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH ISSUES / PAST INJURIES THAT COULD AFFECT YOU DURING THIS SESSION?

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?