



Walker Acres



RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR COMPETITION WITH WALKER ACRES INSTRUCTORS

- 1. AGREEMENT TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS.** I agree on behalf of myself and/or for my minor(s) and other family members to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by Walker Acres, or the employees, representatives or agents of Walker Acres both on and off farm-site.
- 2. AGREEMENT OF CONDUCT.** I agree on behalf of myself, my family members, and/or my minor/rider to observe good sportsman-like conduct while at competition and relinquish any responsibility of dispute to Walker Acres staff and/or instructors with regards to class/competition results/outcomes. I recognize that all members of my family/support group must conduct themselves with responsibility including but not limited to: keeping all children attended and with an adult at all times, providing sufficient funds, food, and hydration for themselves and their rider, & refraining from altercations with possible divorced/ex-spouses/partners &/or their family members as well as inner-familial altercations. Failure to adhere to these terms renders this show contract null and void and allows Walker Acres staff/instructors to scratch/cancel the remainder of the event with no further responsibility to full-fill any further show services and/or training/class/camp related activities with myself, any family member, or my minor/rider. I understand that any fees paid are non-refundable. On behalf of myself, my family/support group, and my minor/rider, I understand and agree to represent the Walker Acres program to the best of my abilities both in and out of the show arena by voicing any concerns directly to a Walker Acres staff member/instructor, respecting the show grounds rules & regulations, adhering to the show staff guidelines, respecting the Judge's decision, refraining from engaging with any unrelated altercations between other family members/ex-partners/etc., & dressing appropriately as a show entry or as a member of the audience.
- 3. ASSUMPTION OF THE RISKS & RELEASE.** I recognize that there are certain inherent risks, including but not limited to damaged personal affects, injury, or death, associated with the Equine Sport and I assume full responsibility for personal injury for myself and (if applicable) my family member(s), and further release and discharge Walker Acres for injury, loss or damage arising out of my or my family's use of the presence upon the facilities of Walker Acres, whether caused by the fault of myself, my family, Walker Acres or other third parties whether applicable onsite at Walker Acres or at another location in association with Walker Acres.
- 4. INDEMNIFICATION.** I agree to indemnify and defend Walker Acres against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs or expenses, including attorney fees and other litigation costs, which may in any way arise from my or my family's use of or presences upon the facilities of Walker Acres.
- 5. FEES.** I agree to pay for all damages to facilities, equipment, and/or animals of Walker Acres caused by any negligent, reckless, or willful actions by me or my family. I understand any/all services provided to me by Walker Acres are to be paid in full either up-front or prior to departure and that Walker Acres is under no obligation to refund or credit any fees and/or services already paid by me or my family members. I understand that Walker Acres reserves the right to discontinue service with myself and/or my family at any time for reasons of, but not limited to, dangerous/self-destructive exhibits of behavior, habitual cancellations of 2 or more appointments,



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etc. I understand that any show fees paid to Walker Acres are non-refundable regardless of event cancellation, rider injury, rider/family cancellation, last minute withdraw, etc.

6. MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION. In the event of an injury to myself or the minor during summer camp or horse related activities, including but not limited to grooming, riding, competition, trail, etc., I give my permission to Walker Acres or to the employees, representatives or agents of Walker Acres to arrange for all necessary medical treatment for which I shall be financially responsible. This temporary authority will begin upon the date signed below & will remain in effect until I or the minor complete purchased services. Walker Acres shall have the following powers:

- A. The power to seek appropriated medical treatment or attention on behalf of my child as may be required by the circumstances, including without limitation, that of a licensed medical physician and/or hospital.
- B. The power to authorize medical treatment or medical procedures in an emergency situation

7. APPLICABLE LAW. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes." Under North Carolina law, **an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities.** Any legal or equitable claim that may arise from participation in equine related activities shall be resolved under North Carolina Law.

8. NO DURESS. I agree and acknowledge that I am under no pressure or duress to sign this Agreement and that I have been given a reasonable opportunity to review it before signing. I further agree and acknowledge that I am free to have my own legal counsel review this Agreement if I so desire. I further agree and acknowledge that Walker Acres is under no obligation to offer a refund of any fees I have paid to use its facilities nor any obligation to offer any type of service to me or the minor if I choose *not* to sign this Agreement.



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9. CONSENT. In signing below, I consent to the participation for myself and/or the participation of my minor in the competitive activities associated with horses including but not limited to riding, grooming, feeding, etc. in addition to any activities associated with training, and agree on behalf of the minor(rider) and/or myself to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. By signing this Release of Liability, I represent that I have legal authority over and custody of the minor and authorize permission. I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER CERTIAN LEGAL RIGHTS.

- I. Print minor first & last name: _____
- II. Print legal guardian first & last name: _____
- III. Sign legal guardian name: _____
- IV. Date: _____

RIDER INFORMATION:

Primary contact#1 name: _____

Relationship: {or self} _____

Phone number: _____

Email(optional): _____



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SHOW SCHEDULE 411:

- To qualify to compete, entry must:
 - Attend weekly 60min classes with regularity at 1x/week minimum
 - Have the ability to ride in a group of at least one other peer safely
 - Exhibit confidence at both the Walk and Trot gaits minimum
 - Exhibit clear understanding of instruction &/or an ability to communicate with the instructor what they do not understand during class
 - Express explicit interest in competing for themselves & a motivation to keep trying during practice
- Training:
 - Practice for competition will double (sometimes triple) that of the usual weekly routine. Entries must be able to meet the following:
 - 2x a week classes minimum 4 weeks preceding show date minimum
 - Attend at least one “away” lesson scheduled at a nearby facility
 - During class, entries will work on the details of consistency at gait, proper reverse techniques, showmanship, and ring etiquette
 - Entries with their own horses must coordinate 2x a week haul-in at minimum with a 4 week minimum training schedule. Attending the “Away” lesson will NOT be required for these entries.
 - Entries with their own horse must provide all proper training & show equipment necessary to show to breed/discipline standard
- Discipline:
 - 1st year entries will show in one of the Western Disciplines: Ranch/Working Western or Western Pleasure
 - Tack changes between disciplines are not offered to 1st year entries
 - 2nd year entries may be offered opportunities to show in the English Discipline of English Pleasure
 - Jumping & barrels are not offered at Walker Acres as a discipline to compete in
 - 2nd year entries that can prepare/tack their horses themselves may be offered opportunities to show in more than one discipline in accordance with show rules/regulations
 - Entries that cannot prepare their horse themselves will show in one discipline only
 - Entries with their own horses may choose to show in any/all disciplines they choose in accordance with the show rules/regulations



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- Cost:
 - All practice classes must be paid for in advance OR upon arrival each appointment by both entries borrowing W.A Horses or entries with their own horse
 - “Away” classes must be paid for upfront a week in advance of the date agreed upon.
 - Away class fee =\$100
 - Show fees are paid directly to the show facility upon arrival
 - Class fees are determined by the show organizers and average \$5-\$7/class, Entries may qualify for between 3 and 10 classes.
 - Class lists will be provided in advance & discussed so entries and families know how to budget
 - Trainer fees
 - For entries borrowing W.A horses = \$200 per entry paid directly to “Julia Walker” no later than a week preceding scheduled event
 - For entries providing their own horse/haul =\$175 per entry paid directly to “Julia Walker” no later than a week preceding scheduled event
 - Any/all fees(class or show) paid are non-refundable
 - Estimate of total cost 4 weeks prior to show date
 - 4weeks, 2x/week class = \$480 *breaking down to two 60min classes/week
 - 1 away lesson = \$100 *this is IN-ADDITION-TO the 6 original
 - Entry/class fees est.~ = \$50 *this fee varies & is paid to the show office
 - Trainer fee (W.A horse)=\$200

*Trainer fee(personal) =(\$175) *for entries with their own horses only*

*Estimated total with W.A Horse \$830 *spanning from 4 weeks prior*

*Estimated total personal Horse \$805 *spanning from 4 weeks prior*

These fees will vary depending on weather & show organizers but this gives you an idea of what the 4 weeks preceding (as well as the day of)event will look like give-or-take for example:

Show date is set for the 1st Saturday in October, beginning at 10am, classes \$5 each

- I. *Entries will be required to take 1 additional class per week from week 2 to week 4 of Sept.+ 1 “away” lesson to prepare for show. Like any class, payment will be due in advance or upon arrival.*



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- II. *Trainer Fees for the show itself are due by end of Week 3 or beginning of Week 4 of Sept.*
 - III. *A class list has been provided & discussed at this point. Your entry qualifies for up to 10 classes(\$5/class according to the provided class list).You choose which of those you want to register for and pay the show staff that morning at the registration desk.*
- Contingencies:
 - Entries borrowing a W.A horse are not “obligated” to compete and can be excused from the schedule as late as day-before for reasons including but not limited to:
 - Tardiness, habitual cancellation, inability to meet minimum practice requirements, in-ability to grasp practice concepts, etc.
 - Entries reserve the right to change their mind about competition with no obligation to show and may opt out as late as day before scheduled event

DISCLAIMER TO SHOWING:

- **Please be advised:** Competition training is hard. Taking entries to show is a different kind of “fun” that is associated with discipline, patience, strength, stamina, endurance, good sportsmanship, poise, & confidence. **SHOWING IS NOT FOR EVERYONE** and should not be used as a means to simply get off the farm. Competitors travel from all over to shine amongst their peers who have invested equal amounts of work. If you/your rider has desires to show, please be advised that the training will change & pressure will increase. Recreational riding like trail riding & games will be traded in for drills, defensive maneuvers, & ring etiquette. Show entries will learn how to present themselves to the best of their abilities while being wary of the risks associated with being at show. Riders will be challenged to think quickly while under pressure and training will change to help prepare them to do that. Showing is an investment for the rider as much as it is for their horse, their coach, and their family both financially, spiritually, and physically. It is every W.A instructor’s wish to see all W.A show entries represent the W.A brand with grace and good conduct, win or lose. When W.A arrives on a show grounds, our reputation for producing mannerly, confident, careful, sportsmen(and women) proceeds us even before we meet the judge. It is our goal to keep up the good work in that regard by practicing at home with the frame of mind that being a “winner” is secondary to being a good horseman/woman.
- **Something to note in addition:** riders can practice, drill, and perform perfectly to breed/discipline standards and they may not get the first place prize because the judge, though trained to judge objectively, is partial to their favorite color or posture. **NO ONE IS GARUNTEED** the win. W.A riders are to perform to the best of their/and their horse’s abilities, avoid dangerous situation, & observe good



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sportsman like conduct. If we can get through the day with a happy horse and rider, absent any accidents or silliness, that is a win! We will win some and loose some & it is everyone's responsibility (trainers/family members/riders) to conduct ourselves with good-sportsman-like conduct towards each other, the staff, and the other show entries regardless of how they behave.

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