



**Powell River Therapeutic Riding Association**  
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### **PRTRA Adult Riding Release Agreement 2023/24**

The Powell River Therapeutic Riding Association is a non-profit organization which provides therapy on horseback and riding instruction for clients with physical, psychological and emotional issues.

Welcome (back) to the program, here is a reminder of how we work and the criteria for the program:

- We run 3 ten week sessions throughout the school year. Claire Robertson is the instructor with assistants Donna Thurgood and Kelsey McMillian. Cynthia Perrie is the volunteer and office administrator; we are overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors.
- \$200 - 10 session fee for a semi-private class
- \$180 – 9 session fee for semi-private class (Monday classes)
- \$340 - 10 session fee private class
- \$306 - 9 sessions fee private class (Monday classes)
- We can forward you funding information, contact us at [prtravolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:prtravolunteer@gmail.com).

#### **This year's sessions will tentatively run:**

- Fall Session: October 2nd to December 11<sup>th</sup> (this session has 9 classes on Monday)
- Winter Session: January 8<sup>th</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup> (this session has 9 classes on Monday)
- Spring Session: April 2nd to June 10<sup>th</sup> (this session has 9 classes on Monday)

PRTRA undertakes to provide as safe an environment for our clients as possible, but cannot guarantee that injuries will not occur. The following steps are taken to ensure the client's safety.

- Classes are conducted by experienced riding instructors who have first aid training.
- Helmets and safety belts are provided and all clients are required to wear them.
- Therapeutic horses are selected for their quiet disposition.
- Volunteer horse leaders, who have experience with horse-handling, and side-walkers are assigned to assist the client when necessary. They provide the amount of assistance deemed necessary by the instructor in charge of the class.
- Workshops are held to provide volunteer training.
- Horse tack is examined regularly and safety stirrups used with English saddles.
- **Clients are advised that they must wear boots with a heel and be dressed appropriately for the weather.**
- **Long pants are required all year. NO shorts.**
- The potential of natural or man-made hazards being present that can cause harm, including communicable disease.

**Client Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Health No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medic Alert/Medications: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, do not hold the Powell River Therapeutic Riding Association directors, employees, volunteers or other personnel, responsible in the event of occurrences and possible injuries, no matter how caused and whether foreseen or not. I agree not to sue PRTRA or anyone associated with PRTRA in the event of any injury or damage, no matter how caused.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Client/Rider

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

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I give permission for my photograph or video to be taken while at the riding program, for record or publicity purposes.  
Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

I agree to have my name on a phone list, solely for the purpose of relaying information related to the riding program.  
Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Client

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

## RIDER WEIGHT POLICY

Acceptance into PRTRA therapy programs is at the discretion of the PRTRA staff and Board of Directors. The rider's weight, size, tone and level of body control are all taken into consideration.

### **Therapeutic riding activities are contraindicated if:**

1. The staff is unable to safely manage the participant in any situation, including an emergency dismount;
2. Safety, health or comfort of the horse is compromised during mounted activities;
3. The rider's weight is over our maximum limit of 180 lbs.

### **Weight Limit**

\*In order to participate in therapeutic riding at PRTRA, riders must have their current weight on file.

\*Current weight is required at least one time per year and may be required at the beginning of each session.

\*Each rider/horse combination is subject to a weight limit, that is, different horses have a different limit. Each weight limit is calculated according to accepted industry standards on rider weight limits, this is generally 20% of a horse's weight including all tack and equipment. Therefore, participation in riding at PRTRA is subject to the availability of a suitable horse and is at the discretion of the PRTRA staff.

\*PRTRA reserves the right to weigh all riders at any time during their participation in the program. Riders who surpass the weight limit for their assigned horse during the session will not be permitted to continue riding.

**I have read and understand the information on this form.**

Signature:

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# RIDER REGISTRATION FORM 2023-24

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

***Parents optional:***

I would be interested in the following activities:

Workparties Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee paid (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

*Payments can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer to [prtra@shawbiz.ca](mailto:prtra@shawbiz.ca).*

*Please circle payment method*

**Registration for PRTRA is \$10.00 per year, September through August.**

**Thank you for your support.**