



Powell River Therapeutic Riding Association
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Parent Riding Release Agreement 2022/23

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Therapeutic Riding Program,

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. Shannon Durant is the instructor, Claire Robertson is the assistant and we are currently seeking an office & volunteer coordinator. We are overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors.
- If your rider is not in the School District 47, there is a \$200 session fee for a semi-private class or \$340 for a private class per 10-week session. This applies to Assumption School, Christian School, Ecole Cote-du-Soleil, PIE and Home School students. We can forward you funding information, contact us at prtravolunteer@gmail.com.

This year's sessions will tentatively run:

- Fall Session: October 3th to December 11th (this session has 10 classes)
- Winter Session: January 9th to March 13th (this session has 9 classes)
- Spring Session: March 27th to June 5th (this session has 9 classes)

Three forms must be completed (will be provided by the school):

1. The Parent/Client Release registration form - **must be received before your rider can ride.**
2. If you are new to the program, the Notice to Physicians, a doctor's form, must be filled out. **Again your rider cannot ride on a horse without this form.**
3. There is also a \$10 Rider Registration Form – this is the Membership Fee.

If you need any of these forms, please let us know and we will email them to you.

- **Attendance:** If your rider is not able to attend class, please call 604-485-0177 or email prtravolunteer@gmail.com as soon as possible. If your child misses more than 3 classes/session, their eligibility for the program will be reviewed. Fees are non-refundable unless the rider needs to leave the program due to a medical issue. A doctor's note may be required.
- **Clothing:** Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, long pants, sweater and gloves. Helmets and boots are provided.

Please call 604-485-0177 or email prtravolunteer@gmail.com if you have any questions throughout the year.

Thank you, PRTRA

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Client Information

Participant/Rider Name: _____

Personal Health No. _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

School Rider Attends: _____ Weight: (see attached policy): _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number: _____

Primary Contact Information:

Name(s): _____ Relationship to Rider: _____

Is this person the parent and/or legal guardian of the Rider? Yes _____ No _____

Primary Phone no. _____ Secondary Ph. #: _____

Email: _____

Address if different than Participant/Rider: _____

Legal Guardian Information if different than the Primary Contact:

Name: _____ Relationship to Rider: _____

Primary Ph #: _____ Secondary Ph #: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

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I give permission for my child's photograph or video to be taken while at the riding program, for record or publicity purposes.

Yes: ___ No: ___

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

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 riding with long pants and warm clothing.
- Safe work practice guidelines from Work B.C. and Vancouver Coastal Health are in place to minimize the risk of communicable disease.

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 and communicable disease, 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, communicable disease or damage, no matter how caused.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form along with your \$10.00 Registration Fee and Notice to Physicians forms (if required) to Powell River Therapeutic Riding Association prior to riding.

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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:
