



Pebble Creek Farm Rules



No smoking on the premises.

Drive Slowly. Watch for people, horses, and deer.

All riders and guests must sign a liability release before handling or riding any horse. It is a boarder's responsibility to ensure that all his/her guests have completely filled out and signed a release.

Persons under 18 may not ride unsupervised without trainer's and parents permission. USPC approved helmets with chin harness in place must be worn at all times while mounted.

Tie horses only to crossties or inside stalls. Please do not tie a horse to the fence rails.

It is expected that parents will stay for their child's lesson. You may drop children off for lessons if you have let Kim know you are leaving and you are arriving back by the end of the lesson, however it is not acceptable to leave children for more than the lesson time without prior arrangement.

Jumping is allowed only during instruction by either Kim Rice or her authorized assistants. If you own your own horse, in the case of boarding or use of the facilities by an outside farm, use discretion.

Each person is responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their horses (whether you own the horse or are using a PCF horse for a lesson).

Each person is responsible for cleaning their tack they have used to ensure clean, safe riding equipment for every rider at PCF. If there is a problem in any of the equipment please inform Kim right away.

Please do not bring your dog. If you must bring your dog, you must keep him/her on a leash or in your car at all times.

If you should ride on trails in the area please be especially quiet when near homes, be courteous to our neighbors. Please see management for trail information.

Do not feed any horse but your own without owner's permission. Do not allow your horse to "sniff noses" with other horses, as this can lead to injuries.

Please follow our 24 Hour Cancellation Policy – "When you schedule a lesson, that time slot is reserved especially for you. Should you need to cancel/reschedule your lesson, we require 24 hour notice. If we do not receive notice, the lesson fee will be due in full. We thank you in advance for your consideration for fellow lesson students and Pebble Creek's staff."

Each person will implement any instructions or suggestions for safety made by our staff.

Each person will respect any posted barn hours.

I have carefully read the rules and agree to obey them.

Signed _____ Date _____

(If under 18, Parent or Guardian must sign)

Pebble Creek Farm Release of Liability Form



Please **carefully read and initial** each paragraph as you approve it.

(Pebble Creek Farm may be referenced in full or by PCF in the below document.)

_____, am fully aware and fully understand that all horses are unpredictable and dangerous. I realize that placing my children, or myself in a stable's environment is creating a hazardous situation.

_____ I understand that riding horses or ponies is a dangerous sport. I am aware that riders must expect to be injured from time to time. I understand that death of people and animals from equestrian accidents is possible when an animal is handled, trained, or in a lesson.

_____ I realize that professional instruction cannot prevent serious injury or death from working around, handling, or riding horses and ponies.

_____ I release Pebble Creek Farm, its owners, trainers, and employees from all liability for damage to my property, injuries or death of my children, my animals, or myself.

_____ RIDER RESPONSIBILITY – I understand that upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced and calm aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety.

_____ NATURE OF SCHOOL HORSES – I understand that PCF chooses its school horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use for STUDENT RIDERS, and PCF follows a rigid safety program. Yet, no riding horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance from 3 ½ to 5 ½ feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: stopping short, changing directions or speed at will; shifting its weight; bucking, rearing, kicking, biting, or running from danger.

_____ Pebble Creek Farm, its owners, employees, and associates, have my permission to initiate emergency first aid treatment for my children, my animals, and myself in case of an accident. They also have my permission to authorize emergency medical treatment by qualified medical personnel for my children or myself, and veterinary treatment by qualified veterinary personnel for my animals.

_____ I understand that I am fully responsible for any guests that I may have on the property. I understand that I am fully responsible for fully informing the guest of all risks related to the handling or riding of horses. I understand that I am fully responsible for informing guests about horse's temperament, training, habits, and for determining that the guest is sufficiently experienced to ride the horse.

_____ **WARNING:** Under Pennsylvania Law an equine professional and equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. "Inherent risks of equine activities."

Dangers or conditions which are integral part of equine activities. The term includes:

1. The propensity of an equine to behave in a manner which may cause injury, harm or death to a person on or near it.
2. The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, individuals or other animals.
3. An equine's reaction to certain natural hazards, such as surface and subsurface ground conditions.
4. A collision with other equines or objects.
5. An equine's response to the participant's manner of handling or controlling it or inability to handle or control it.

I have carefully read and initialed each paragraph listed above and understand its contents.

Name (print) _____ Children's names _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Phones (H) _____ (C) _____

Emergency Contact _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(If under 18, Parent or Guardian must sign)