



Scattered Acres Sport Horses, LLC  
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## **2018 Riding Policies and Agreement**

**Clothing:** All riders must wear a riding helmet and riding boots for lessons. Half chaps, breeches, and gloves are recommended. All people accompanying the rider and near the horses must wear close toed shoes.

**Visitors:** Riders are welcome to bring friends and family, but anyone in contact with the horses must sign a liability release form.

**Registration/Insurance Fee:** There is a one-time per year \$50 registration/insurance fee that is due upon beginning lessons and then in February each year.

**Inclement Weather:** Our indoor arena allows us to ride in any weather. Even so, because we strive to produce well-rounded horsemen and women at Scattered Acres, barn lessons are given from time to time. If driving conditions are dangerous, please let us know and we can reschedule your lesson.

**Cancellations:** Regular attendance is expected of all students. Cancellations must be made over email to [scatteredacreseventing@gmail.com](mailto:scatteredacreseventing@gmail.com). With more than 24 hours' notice, a cancelled lesson can be made up in posted makeup lesson slots. These will be put out by email as they become available. Lessons cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice (for any reason besides dangerous driving conditions) are still to be paid for in full and are forfeited. Makeup lessons must be taken within two months of the cancelled lesson and may only be taken during the time of active enrollment in the Scattered Acres riding/training program. When you schedule a makeup lesson, the payment for the difference in lesson price (i.e.-if you take a private lesson as a makeup, and you normally do groups) is due at the time of the lesson. Cash payment for this is preferred to cut down on paperwork.

**Holidays:** Scattered Acres does not follow public or private school calendars or government calendars. We are closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Thanksgiving Day, Other than that lessons will be held as normal unless Scattered Acres directly contacts students about a cancellation. If Scattered Acres cancels lessons, students on those days will be given first dibs on makeup lessons and Scattered Acres will open special lesson spots just for those students.

**Payments:** All payments are due at the beginning of the month. A late fee of \$15 will be charged for payments not made by the 15th of the month, unless other arrangements are made. The \$15 fee will be attached to your reminder invoice.

**Lesson/Training Packages:** Lessons and Training services are purchasable for 1 month packages and as individual (ala-carte) lessons. 1 month packages are at the discounted rates listed on the website. Ala-carte lessons are \$15 more for each lesson than the package per lesson price.

**Horse/Tack Care:** Horses are to be treated with the utmost respect and care. Each horse is to be fully groomed before and after the lesson no matter how late you are. If a horse comes to the



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arena dirty, you will be asked to return to the barn to complete the grooming process during the time of your lesson. All tack is to be put away properly. Bits are to be cleaned, bridles are to be wrapped, and saddles are to be hung with saddle pad dirty side up with the girth on top. If you ride in the rain, tack will need to be cleaned before leaving the barn. If tack is broken during the time you are using it due to negligence (i.e.-you let the horse step on the reins and they break, etc.), you are responsible for replacing that equipment.

**Getting Horses from the fields/Gates:** Many horses panic when they are left alone. When you go to get the horse you will work with, please notice if a horse will be left in the field alone. If a horse will be left alone, do not take the horse that you will be working with out of the field until you have checked with someone who works in the barn to see where to put the horse in question. All gates must always be latched, whether or not there is a horse in the field or paddock.

**Riding Out: Owners and Leasers:** To preserve the ground on our galloping paths, jumping fields, and large dressage arena, please make sure to stay between the orange posts and/or posts with pink flagging on them and the fence while riding out if it is muddy at all. If it is really deep, please do not ride out on those days, as it will turn into hard ruts when the ground dries or freezes and no one will be able to ride out there without injuring our horses.

**Manure:** Any manure from your horse in the aisle ways, on the paths, and in the indoor and outdoor arenas must be cleaned up as soon as possible. It is very important that you do not ride through manure in the indoor and that you do not let your horse urinate in the indoor arena. It will destroy the footing. Our footing is very expensive and there is a \$10 charge if you throw it away while cleaning up the manure from your horse. Tools and gloves are provided so that all manure can be cleaned up without throwing footing away.

**Grooming Areas:** The area where you groom your horse must be swept before you leave it, before and after working with the horse.

**Tacking/Untacking Service:** A grooming/tacking service is available. For \$15, your horse will be tacked when you arrive. For \$20 your horse will be tacked and untacked for you after you cool him/her out. A cooling out and untacking service is available for \$10. Please text the barn manager if you need a tack up at the last minute.

**Turning Horses Back Out:** Always ask the barn manager or instructor where to put your horse after the lesson. The pastures are labeled by number and stalls have names on them for your convenience.

**Photos/Videos for Marketing:** Scattered Acres will occasionally take pictures and videos of riders while working with or riding horses. Scattered Acres uses these pictures or videos for marketing purposes on Facebook, Instagram and the Scattered Acres Website. If riders and/or parents of riders wish not to be included in any marketing material, please indicate your preference on the Scattered Acres Media Release Form. Once the form is completed, please return it to a Scattered Acres employee.



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**Speed Limit:** The speed limit is 8mph.

*Thank You,  
Scattered Acres Management*

I \_\_\_\_\_ understand and agree to abide by the Riding Policies established above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Signature if Student is under 18)