







Level Up Instruction

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

A **signed release and student information sheet** is required. You may download, print and complete these forms at home, allowing you to jump straight into action at your initial lesson.






BEFORE YOUR FIRST LESSON:

-  **Complete the Student Information sheet.** Make sure to include a current email address to receive special access to a web page just for Level Up students. Students over the age of 18 are not required to fill out Parent/Guardian information, but please do include an emergency contact.
-  **Sign a release of liability.** Make sure you have the correct release (Minor Child or Adult) and that you have completed one for each rider.
-  **Thoroughly read the Policy Packet, including the Code of Conduct for students.** Pay close attention to information regarding payments, cancellations and inclement weather.
-  **Dress appropriately.** Acceptable attire for a first lesson includes stretchy, close-fitting clothing with long pants and close-toed shoes with a smooth sole and a defined heel. Long hair should be tied back and any loose jewelry removed. (Acceptable jewelry includes stud earrings, wristwatches, wedding rings and medical bracelets.) Please spit out your gum.

An ASTM-approved helmet will be available for your first couple of lessons, but students who wish to commit to regular lessons should budget for a helmet and boots. Depending on the rider's age and goals, additional attire such as riding pants and half-chaps may also be required.

AFTER YOUR FIRST LESSON:

-  **Check your email for your online access code.** Follow all of the instructions contained within the email and the online form to complete registration.
-  **Can't find the email?** Check your spam folder, and ensure that you receive future emails and newsletters by **whitelisting emails from bossmares@horsesenseridingacademy.com**.
-  **Log in to enter the Member's Only area of the website.** Look for the study guide(s) relevant to your Level to study ahead and be prepared when you arrive at your next lesson.



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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

STUDENT INFORMATION

RIDER NAME: _____ NICKNAME: _____

RIDER DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ PHONE: (____)____-_____

PLEASE INFORM INSTRUCTOR OF ANY PHYSICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL/DEVELOPMENTAL CONDITIONS THAT MIGHT IMPACT RIDER'S ABILITY, INCLUDING MEDICATIONS (i.e., learning disability, allergies, etc.):

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

CONTACT PHONE: (____)____-_____ (____)____-_____

ADDITIONAL CONTACT NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

CONTACT PHONE: (____)____-_____ (____)____-_____

LET'S COMMUNICATE!

- Yes, I want access to a special Member's Only web page just for Level Up students! By creating a password-protected login, I will be able to access current and past newsletters, all the HorseSense study guides (a \$200+ value), and other helpful links and downloadable documents.

SEND THE ACCESS CODE TO:

NAME: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS*: _____

- Yes, please add me to the email newsletter just for students! I understand I will receive a monthly email sharing important news, updates and opportunities, and that I can unsubscribe at any time.

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES): _____

** Must be parent or guardian email address for children under the age of 13. However, you can share the login with your child at your discretion.*



RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR MINOR CHILD ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOU UNDERSTAND IT AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, YOU (AND YOUR CHILD) ARE GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR RECOVER DAMAGES IN CASE OF INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES, FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF INDEPENDENT INSTRUCTOR Nicole Hall, HEREFTER REFERRED TO AS "INSTRUCTOR."

I, _____, on behalf of myself and my minor child _____,

reside at _____, in _____.
[Street Address] [City] [State] [Zip]

In consideration for allowing my minor child to handle and ride a horse and on behalf of myself, my child or our personal representatives, heirs, next-of-kin, spouses and assigns, I HEREBY:

1. Acknowledge that a horse or mule may, without warning or any apparent cause, buck, stumble, trip, roll, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person; saddles or bridles may loosen or break; a participant may act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within such participant's ability - all of which may cause the rider to fall or be jolted, resulting in serious injury or death. Understand that a horse may react to acts, occurrences or elements of nature for which INSTRUCTOR is not responsible, including but not limited to weather, irregularities in footing, and activities engaged in by other persons and/or animals. **ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HORSEBACK RIDING IS AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY AND INVOLVES RISKS THAT MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY AND IN SOME CASES DEATH**, because of the unpredictable nature and irrational behavior of equines, regardless of their training and past performance.

2. Voluntarily assume the risk and danger of injury or death inherent in the handling or riding of the horse, and use of saddles, bridles, equipment and gear provided by INSTRUCTOR. Release, discharge and promise not to sue INSTRUCTOR for any claim that INSTRUCTOR was negligent in connection with my child's riding a horse, including but not limited to training or selecting horses, maintenance, care, fit or adjusting of saddles or bridles, instruction on riding skills or leading and supervising riders, which resulted in loss, damage, injury (including death) or cost to my child's person or property.

3. I agree that should an emergency medical treatment be required for my child, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses.

4. **UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS REQUIRED THAT MY CHILD WEAR A PROPERLY-FITTED ASTM-SEI CERTIFIED PROTECTIVE HELMET**. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT A PROTECTIVE HELMET IS AVAILABLE AND HAS BEEN OFFERED FOR MY OWN OR MY CHILD'S SAFETY.

5. Warrant that a full and fair disclosure of my child's abilities, as well as any physical/psychological/developmental conditions, has been made to INSTRUCTOR.

6. Agree that my child shall abide by and follow the INSTRUCTOR's and/or property owner's rules and regulations, which shall be posted and/or available from time to time.

7. Warrant that horse(s) used shall be sound and fit for the activity. I warrant that a full and fair disclosure of horse's mental and physical abilities has been made to INSTRUCTOR, and assume full responsibility, including resulting veterinary expenses, for any injury or unwanted behavior that may arise during or following work with INSTRUCTOR. I understand that INSTRUCTOR reserves the right to refuse use of any horse upon the premises that does not appear to INSTRUCTOR to be in good health, or is deemed dangerous or undesirable.

8. Expressly agree that the foregoing release and assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Georgia and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by Georgia law, and that in the event any portion of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the balance of the Agreement shall not be affected or impaired in any way and shall continue in full legal force and effect. **WARNING: Under Georgia 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 from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.**

9. Acknowledge that this document is a contract and agree that if a lawsuit is filed against INSTRUCTOR for any injury or damage in breach of this contract, I will pay all attorneys' fees and costs incurred by INSTRUCTOR in defending such an action. If the person who is to enter into this Agreement is under eighteen (18) years of age, his/her parent or guardian must read this Agreement and sign below on the behalf of the minor.

I have read this document. I understand it is a promise not to sue and to release INSTRUCTOR for all claims. I have made a free and deliberate choice to sign this Release and Waiver as a condition to INSTRUCTOR allowing me or my child to ride or handle a horse. I have concluded that the risks involved and the release and waiver of liability is worth the pleasure of horseback riding experience.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT or GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____



ADULT RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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I, _____, reside at _____
FIRST NAME LAST NAME STREET ADDRESS
in _____
[CITY] [STATE] [ZIP]

On behalf of myself, heirs, next-of-kin, spouses and assigns, I HEREBY:

- Acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to engage in an activity of horseback riding with Instructor. I understand that the activity of horseback riding involves numerous inherent risks of injury that are an integral part of such an activity. I assume full responsibility for all such risks, including loss of control, collisions, and obstacles, whether they are obvious or not obvious. I and/or my family further understand that an animal, irrespective of its training and usual past behavior and characteristics, may act or react unexpectedly or unpredictably at times, and I also assume such risks.
- Acknowledge that a horse or mule may, without warning or any apparent cause, buck, stumble, trip, roll, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person; saddles or bridles may loosen or break; a participant may act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within such participant's ability - all of which may cause the rider to fall or be jolted, resulting in serious injury or death. **ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HORSEBACK RIDING IS AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY AND INVOLVES RISKS THAT MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY AND IN SOME CASES DEATH**, because of the unpredictable nature and irrational behavior of horses, regardless of their training and past performance.
- Understand that I may encounter variations in terrain, which may result in injury or damages. I acknowledge that these are my responsibility, and I assume the risk for these hazards, including breaks, growth, debris, rocks, cliffs and other hazardous surface or subsurface conditions and obstacles, whether they are obvious or not obvious, man-made or natural.
- Voluntarily assume the risk and danger of injury or death inherent in the handling or riding of the horse, and use of saddles, bridles, equipment and gear provided to me by Owner. Release, discharge and promise not to sue Instructor or the Owner for any loss, damage, injury (including death) or cost to my child's person or property arising out of riding or handling a horse, or use of saddles, bridles, equipment or gear provided by Owner. I agree that should an emergency medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses.
- UNDERSTAND IT IS REQUIRED THAT ALL RIDERS WEAR AN ASTM-SEI CERTIFIED PROTECTIVE HELMET**, AND THAT A PROTECTIVE HELMET IS AVAILABLE AND HAS BEEN OFFERED FOR MY SAFETY.
- Agree to abide by and follow Instructor's and/or Owner's rules and regulations, which shall be posted and/or available from time to time. I warrant that a full and fair disclosure of my riding abilities has been made to Instructor. In the event that I am using my own horse, I warrant said horse(s) shall be sound and fit for the activity. I assume full responsibility, including resulting veterinary expenses, for any injury or unwanted behavior that may arise during or following work with Instructor, and understand that Instructor reserves the right to refuse use of any horse upon the premises that does not appear to Instructor to be in good health, or is deemed dangerous or undesirable.
- Acknowledge that this document is a contract and agree that if a lawsuit is filed against Instructor or for any injury or damage in breach of this contract, I will pay all attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Instructor in defending such an action. This contract shall be legally binding upon me, my heirs, my estate, assigns, legal guardians, and my personal representatives.

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As consideration for being permitted to engage in the activity of horseback riding, I do hereby waive any claim and release Instructor for any injury or death caused by or resulting from my participation in the activity of horseback riding.

I have carefully read this agreement and fully understand the contents. I am aware that I am releasing certain legal rights that I otherwise may have, and I enter into the contract in behalf of myself and/or my family of my own free will. THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. DO NOT SIGN OR INITIAL THIS RELEASE IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND OR DO NOT AGREE WITH ITS TERMS.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____