



Riding Center

206 Ridge Drive, Naples, Florida 34108

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Email: info@NTRC.org Web: www.NaplesTherapeuticRidingCenter.org

WELCOME!

Welcome to Naples Therapeutic Riding Center equine therapeutic riding program. We teach basic riding and horsemanship skills to riders of all ages with special needs. Our program is designed to benefit our riders physically, socially, and emotionally by using horses and volunteers who are trained to work with individuals of varying abilities.

Included in your rider request package are the following items:

1. Welcome Page
2. Rules for Riding
3. Participant Application Form
4. Annual Physicians Referral Form
5. Emergency Contact Information
6. Participant Demographic Information
7. Photo/Name Release Form
8. Release & Hold Harmless Agreement
9. Billing & Payment Policy
10. Physical or Occupational Therapy Evaluation Form
11. Family Volunteer Form

Upon completion of these forms, please return them to the office as quickly as possible. Once the forms have been reviewed by our Program Director, if you are eligible for the program, you will be contacted to schedule a time for you to come in for an evaluation ride. There will be a one-time, non-refundable \$30.00 fee for the rider evaluation. The Evaluation Team will make a recommendation for placement into a class. Riders at NTRC are placed into in the most appropriate class according to the rider's abilities and age. We try to take scheduling preferences of the rider and caregivers into account when placing riders into classes; however, NTRC cannot guarantee the day and/or time that you prefer will be available. Please check the calendar on our website for the most current riding schedule. If there is not an opening in a class appropriate for your abilities and age, then you will be placed on a waiting list until space opens up.

When you receive your scheduled riding time, please make sure you arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your lesson. This will give you the necessary preparation time before mounting. We do keep attendance records. All participants are permitted 2 absences (excused or unexcused). If the participant is absent 3 times per session, the participant will be removed from the lesson roster and placed at the end of the current waiting list. In order to avoid disrupting the riding lessons and for safety reasons, when a rider arrives late, he/she will not be permitted to ride when the class has already started and the gate to the arena is closed. 2 tardy arrivals will be considered 1 absence.

Ongoing evaluations are done periodically on the progress of riders. If a rider has been evaluated as not gaining benefit from riding therapy, he/she may be removed from a class and reassigned or removed from the program in order to make room for another rider who may be able to benefit from riding therapy.

A participant may be excused due to medically related issues or needs that take him/her out of the program for 2 months or less, and NTRC will hold their place in the program session provided the participant's fees are paid and kept current.

Once again welcome to Naples Therapeutic Riding Center. We hope you will enjoy our program!

Please Keep This Page for Your Reference



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RULES FOR RIDING

1. For your safety, you must follow all of the instructor's directions.
2. A safety helmet must be worn at all times when riding or in the arena. This helmet must be purchased by the rider/rider parent prior to commencement of riding at NTRC.
3. For the safety of all riders, staff and volunteers, NTRC requires the following:
 - a. A parent or adult guardian must be present during the entire riding lesson for all riders under the age of 21 years old and all non-verbal riders. NTRC reserves the right to extend this policy to other riders as deemed necessary by a NTRC designated representative.
 - b. Due to the weight and height carrying limits of our therapy horses as well as the availability and limitations of our volunteers, balanced riders weighing more than 220 pounds and unbalanced riders weighing more than 190 are ineligible to ride. This rule is required in order to ensure the safety of the riders, volunteers, and staff as well as to protect the health and soundness of the horses. If you exceed these weight requirements, contact the Program Director.
4. Long pants are recommended as well as closed toed shoes/boots with a low heel. Sneakers will be allowed but not recommended.
5. Remember this is Florida. Bring something cool to drink, a hat for shade and a sweat band or towel if needed.
6. Any bleeding wounds or open sores must be covered with a bandage, or the rider cannot attend that lesson.
7. Please advise the instructor or Program Coordinator if the rider has a behavioral or medical problem so that assisting volunteers may be informed.
8. Please be sure to advise the instructor of any medical changes (i.e.: a recent seizure).
9. Please refrain from coaching your rider from the sidelines. It is important their focus remain on the instructor and assisting volunteers.
10. Please make sure that any visitors you bring (including siblings) are kept under your supervision. (No climbing/sitting/standing on the fence, no shouting or loud voices, no running around the riding arena or parking lot, etc.)
11. Please check with the instructor or a staff member before using a camera with a flash. Sometimes, the flash can cause a horse to startle and react suddenly.
12. Parents/Guardians of riders are encouraged to volunteer as a sidewalker.
13. Please do not hesitate to ask for help if you are unsure of something. The instructors, staff, and volunteers are always happy to assist.
14. Everyone on NTRC property is asked to make themselves aware of and abide by our Rules for Riding.
15. Riding participation at NTRC is at the discretion of NTRC. If at any time the NTRC's staff determines that riding at NTRC is not an appropriate activity for a rider, NTRC may remove a rider from the Program. NTRC will not tolerate any rider who engages in disruptive conduct, exhibits behaviors that are unacceptable or unsafe, is disrespectful to instructors, horses or other riders, or fails to follow directions of instructors.

Thank You for Following Our Rules for Riding. Safety Is Our Number One Priority.

Note: Signature of Parent/Guardian is REQUIRED if Participant is UNDER THE AGE OF 18 or is AN ADULT AND UNDER GUARDIANSHIP.

Adult/Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Adult/Parent/Guardian Signature

Witness Name (Print)

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PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

(Please print or type all information)

RIDER'S FULL NAME _____

AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ GENDER (MALE/FEMALE/ TRANSGENDER/ NON-BINARY)

(min. age of 4 years old for program eligibility)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

WHO TO CONTACT _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

PHONE NUMBERS _____

(HOME)

(WORK)

(CELL)

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT NTRC? _____

IS RIDER ABLE TO (accomplish the following items by themselves?):

YES

NO

WALK		
SIT		
STAND		
SPEAK		
EAT		
DRINK		
GO TO THE BATHROOM INDEPENDENTLY		

CAN HE/SHE RIDE A: _____ TRICYCLE _____ BICYCLE _____ HORSE

DOES HE/SHE HAVE ANY FEAR OF:

YES

NO

FALLING		
SOUNDS		
HEIGHTS		
ANIMALS		
OTHER		

PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY BEHAVIORAL ISSUES: _____

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PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Please assist us by providing the requested information. This information helps NTRC with applying for grant funding to operate our program. Providing this information is required.

RACE/ETHNICITY:

Race

- _____ White
- _____ Black/African American
- _____ Asian
- _____ American Indian/Alaska Native
- _____ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- _____ American Indian/Alaskan Native & White
- _____ Black/African American & White
- _____ Am. Indian/Alaska Native & Black/African Am.
- _____ Other Multi-racial
- _____ Other

Ethnicity

- _____ If Hispanic, please check
- _____ If Hispanic, please check
- _____ If Hispanic, please check
- _____ If Hispanic, please check
- _____ If Hispanic, please check
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INCOME:

Please indicate, for the most recent tax year, your family's gross (*before taxes*) income.

_____ Less than \$20,000

_____ \$20,000 - \$39,999

_____ \$40,000 - \$59,999

_____ \$60,000 - \$79,999

_____ More than \$80,000

LEGAL HOUSEHOLD DEPENDENTS:

Number of people living in your household that are dependent on the house income:

Number of Adults (including yourself): _____

Number of Children / Dependents: _____

Total Numbers: _____



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ANNUAL PHYSICIAN'S REFERRAL FORM

Participant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Naples Therapeutic Riding Center is a therapeutic riding program designed to benefit the riders physically, socially, and emotionally. Safety equipment and specially trained horses and volunteers are used. In order to assure the fullest possible protections and greatest personal benefit from the program, each rider is required to furnish the following medical information before being accepted as a rider:

Diagnosis: _____ Date of Onset: _____

For those with Down syndrome: Neurologic Symptoms of Atlantoaxial Instability: Present Absent

Note: If the diagnosis is Down syndrome, the first Physician's Referral Form ever submitted to NTRC must be accompanied by a negative diagnosis x-ray report for Atlantoaxial Instability. This must be a signed statement from a qualified physician giving the date and result of the x-ray. If you have questions, please call us.

Medical History: _____

Allergies: _____

Surgical Procedures: _____

Medications: _____

Prescribed For: _____

Present Impairments (Please Check Yes or No for each category):

Impairment	Yes	No	Comments
Auditory			
Vision			
Tactile Sensation			
Speech/Communication			
Sensory Integration			
Cardiac			
Pulmonary			
Integumentary/Skin			
Balance			
Mobility			
Muscular			
Spasticity and/or Rigidity Present			
Braces or Assistive Devices			
Orthopedic			
Seizures (if yes, date of last one)			
Cognitive			
Emotional/Psychological			
Other			

Precautions or Contraindications to Therapeutic Horseback Riding: _____

Given the above diagnosis and medical information, this person is not medically precluded from participation in equine assisted activities and/or therapies. I understand that NTRC will weigh the medical information given against the existing precautions and contraindications identified above and by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) Therefore, I refer this person to NTRC for ongoing evaluation to determine eligibility for participation.

Physician's Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____ (Physician's Stamp):



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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In Case of Emergency:

In case of emergency, NTRC’s policy is to immediately call 911 and to then contact the name indicated below if not already on site.

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

Authorized Personal:

A parent or adult guardian must be present during the entire riding lesson for all riders under the age of 21 years old, all non-English speaking riders, and all non-verbal riders. If someone other than the parent or guardian will be accompanying the rider, please add this person’s name and contact information below.

Please indicate designated persons:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Name _____

Phone Number _____

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PHOTO AND NAME RELEASE

For valuable consideration given and which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby grant(s) Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation, and its successors and /or assigns, agents, principals, representatives and employees, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "NTRC") the following permission:

Photo Release:

_____ The undersigned hereby grant(s) NTRC to take or have taken, still and moving photographs and films including television pictures of _____ (print full name) and consents and authorizes NTRC, its advertising agents, news media, and any other persons interested in NTRC and its work, to the use and reproduction of the photographs, films and pictures without limit, the generality of the foregoing newspapers, television media, social media, NTRC website, brochures, pamphlets, instructional materials, books and clinical material.

_____ The undersigned choose(s) not to grant permission for the use of photographic images.

Name Release:

_____ The undersigned hereby grant(s) NTRC to use _____ 's (print full name) full name and consents and authorizes Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, its advertising agents, news media, and any other persons interested in Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, and or its work, to the use of her/his name with photographs, films and pictures without limit, the generality of the foregoing newspapers, television media, social media, NTRC website, brochures, pamphlets, instructional materials, books and clinical material.

_____ The undersigned choose(s) not to grant permission for the use of the aforementioned name.

With regard to the foregoing material, no inducements or promises have been made to us/me to secure our/my signature(s) to this release other than the intention on NTRC to use or be in use or be used the aforementioned name and such photographs, films and pictures for the primary purpose of promotion and aiding its program and or its work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executes this release

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EQUINE RELATED ACTIVITY RELEASE & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT: That _____, who is known to NTRC as a visitor, volunteer, participant, employee or guest, (hereinafter referred to as "Constituent"), for and in consideration of participation in any Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. programs and presence on any NTRC property and for other good and valuable consideration in hand received by Constituent, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, does hereby RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS, Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, a Florida nonprofit corporation, and it's successors and /or assigns, agents, principals, representatives and employees, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "NTRC") of and from all manner of action(s), cause(s) of action, suits, controversies, agreements, promises, damages, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which Constituent has or may have in the future from the signing of this release until the end of such Constituent's participation in an NTRC program or presence on NTRC property, and any claim past, present or future which any personal representative, successor, heir or assignee of said party hereafter can, shall or may have against NTRC for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever, from the time of Constituent participation in any NTRC program or being present on any NTRC property until such time as Constituent is not participating in any NTRC program or from a date forward that such Constituent is not present on any NTRC property, such release and hold harmless of NTRC specifically includes, but not by way of limitation, the following:

- 1) All equine activities at the property owned by NTRC located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Center Street and Goodlette Road, Naples, Collier County, Florida, including, handling, care, grooming, leading and riding of horses and such activities as defined in Section 773.01, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time; and all activities related to being in the presence of horses or on NTRC property;
- 2) Any and all rights or claims arising from, relating to, or in any way connected with the death or injury of any person participating in any equine activity sponsored by NTRC or death or injury of person occurring on NTRC property or claim for damage to any Constituent's personal property brought upon any NTRC property by Constituent.
- 3) Constituent grants NTRC the right and authority to perform a background check on Constituent in advance of Constituent's participation in any NTRC activity or presence on NTRC property and NTRC may make future checks on background from time to time during the Constituent's involvement in any NTRC program or presence on NTRC property. Constituent releases NTRC from any claim, cause of action or damages based upon NTRC's authorized background check(s).
- 4) Any and all rights or claims arising from, relating to or in any way connected with the death or injury of a Constituent who takes transport in any NTRC agent vehicle as part of a sponsored NTRC program occurring outside of the NTRC property.

WARNING

Under Chapter 773, Florida Statutes, an equine activity or sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

This Release further incorporates the immunity to volunteers of not-for-profit organizations who are acting within the scope of their responsibilities and who do not cause harm willfully or with wanton disregard for safety.

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BILLING AND PAYMENT POLICY

Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. has taken great care in setting participant fees for our services. Our fees are very modest because we subsidize most of the cost of group riding lessons and other programming through fundraising each year. We do not bill insurance companies or third-party payors. The information below sets forth the billing and payment policies of Naples Therapeutic Riding Center. *This form may not be altered and must be signed prior to your participation in NTRC's program.*

New Rider Evaluation: A one-time, non-refundable fee of \$30.00 is required at the time of all new rider evaluations.

Riding Costs:

Lesson Cost: \$50.00 per lesson.

Individual Lessons: \$95.00 per hour

Camp, EFMHA and EFL: Rates for camp and group programs are determined at the beginning of each session and may vary based on length of program and number of participants in a client group.

Financial Aid: Financial aid is available to those who may have difficulty in paying for their riding sessions. An application is required. Financial aid will be determined on a case-by-case basis by our Scholarship Committee.

Billing: You will be billed in advance for all scheduled riding days within each session. Payment will still be required for all unexcused and excused absences. Absences due to a medical emergency or other medical procedure will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis. Naples Therapeutic Riding Center has a 30-day billing cycle. You have 30 days from the date on the invoice to make your payment. If payment is not received within the 30-day limit, a **\$10.00 late fee will be assessed.** The late fee shall be assessed by invoice, and that invoice shall also be subject to a late fee if it is not paid within 30 days. You must contact our billing department if you are not able to make your payment when it is due. Statements will be issued monthly for accounts with a balance due after 30 days.

Account Balances: If your account balance remains due on one or more invoices over 60 days, then you will be notified in writing that you are prohibited from participating in the program until payment is received in full. If you are having difficulty making your payment on time, then you can make application for financial aid. If you do not meet the eligibility criteria for financial aid, then you can request a payment plan. Requests for payment plans are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, and if approved, your payment plan will be documented as a written agreement between you and NTRC. *Please note: If you do not follow the terms of the written payment plan agreement, then the balance you owe shall immediately become due in full, and the participant shall be prohibited from participating in the program until full payment is received by NTRC.*

Returned Checks: Your account will be assessed a \$30.00 return check fee for each check that is returned to our office. The returned check fee shall be assessed by invoice, and that invoice shall be subject to a late fee if it is not paid within 30 days.

We accept cash, personal checks, debit cards, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Billing Department at (239) 596-2988.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above listed policy.

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PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EVALUATION

Date of Evaluation: _____

Name of Participant: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Diagnosis: _____

Other Pertinent Medical History: _____

Muscle Strength (Gross) – note specific weaknesses	
Joint ROM (Gross) – note specific limitations	
Muscle Tone	
Balance – sitting, standing, walking, running	
Coordination – gross and fine motor	
Reflexes – developmental and tendon	
Pain – character/level, cause	
Sensory Impairments	
Perceptual Problems	
Communication Difficulties	
Functional Abilities/Mobility	
Transfers	
Skin Conditions	
Other	

Problem List

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____

Plans & Goals

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____

Additional Comments: _____

Printed Name of Therapist

Therapist Signature

Contact Phone for Therapist: _____

Email: _____



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FAMILY VOLUNTEER FORM

We need your help in making our program at NTRC a success! As with all not-for-profit therapeutic riding programs, NTRC's success is dependent on the help of volunteers. Your participation as a volunteer demonstrates your family's commitment to the program and helps to ensure long-term stability. When you volunteer your time to help at NTRC, you motivate others in our community to donate their time and effort to help our special riders succeed.

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW ANY AREAS IN WHICH YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING OR LEARNING MORE:

I would like to help with:

- _____ Therapeutic Riding and Related Program Activities
 _____ Sidewalking
 _____ Grooming/Tacking
 _____ Leading
 _____ Coordinating Riders and Volunteers during program activities
- _____ Office Work
 _____ Filing
 _____ Making Phone Calls
 _____ Data Entry
- _____ Barn Work and Repair
 _____ Tack Cleaning
 _____ Clean Empty Stalls
 _____ Laundry (Washing Saddle Pads / Folding Laundry)
- _____ Property Improvements/Maintenance/Repairs and Beautification
 _____ Handyman Services
 _____ Painting (Fences, House, Barn, Office Interior, etc.)
 _____ Hanging Pictures / Decorating
 _____ Gardening, Weeding and Yard Work
 _____ Specialized Contractor Services (Flooring, Electrical, Plumbing, Roofing, etc.)
- _____ Office Cleaning
 _____ Vacuuming
 _____ Dusting
 _____ Mopping
 _____ Cleaning Bathrooms
- _____ Other _____ (please specify)

You may not realize that your special skills and talents could be of great help to our program and riders. Also, your affiliation (past or present) with an employer, professional association, social club or faith congregation may give us an opportunity to reach out into the community to let others know about our program. PLEASE TELL US BELOW ABOUT ANY SPECIAL SKILLS OR AFFILIATIONS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US:

Current or Former Employer(s) / Professional Skills: _____

Additional Special Talents / Skills: _____



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Individual Medical Records Release Form/HUD

PARTICIPANT NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

This will authorize ___ release of participant's records or ___ NOT release:

Naples Therapeutic Riding Center

(NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, WHO WILL RECEIVE/RELEASE INFORMATION)

206 Ridge Drive, Naples FL 34108

(ADDRESS)

(239) 596-2988

(PHONE NUMBER)

Naples Therapeutic Riding Center through its operation of providing therapeutic riding programs is eligible for HUD Grants and as such, is required to permit HUD Grant Audits which review the Participants Medical Diagnosis in determining Grant participation. This review is onsite at Naples Therapeutic Riding Center and no medical diagnosis or records will be taken off site or copied and removed from Naples Therapeutic Riding Center. Naples Therapeutic Riding Center wants to insure as a Participant that you authorize Naples Therapeutic Riding Center to include your medical information in the HUD Grant Audit for Naples Therapeutic Riding Center Grant eligibility.

Information to be reviewed includes (Please **INITIAL** each item to be released):

_____ All information including medical, psychiatric, psychological, alcohol and drug or other substances.

Specific information/reports, such as (Please **INITIAL each item** to be released).

Other _____

Specific purpose for disclosure of information: **HUD Grant Audit Procedures as disclosed above**

This information has been disclosed from records whose confidentiality is protected by Florida Statutes and federal regulations governing confidentiality, (42 CFR Part 2).

This information cannot be disclosed without my written consent unless otherwise provided for in the regulations I also understand that I may revoke this consent at any time (except to the extent that action has been taken) by written notification to NTRC Program Director.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Witness

Date



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Change of Health or Medication Status

Participants must inform NTRC immediately and in writing of any changes in health status, conditions and medications. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in weight, medications and dosages, revised diagnoses, medical interventions, surgeries, seizure activity etc. This information is integral to our ability to provide safe, effective services.

Safety and Conduct for Participants & Visitors

NTRC supports all efforts to promote safe conditions at its facility. Working with horses is a high-risk activity. The following rules must be adhered to at all times:

- Participants are required to use gentle hands and feet while on or near any horse.
- Running, yelling, abusive, or aggressive actions are not allowed.
- Appropriate attire and footwear (no sandals) are required in the barn and paddock areas.
- Feeding of the horses is not allowed under any circumstance.
- Photography or video are not allowed without permission from staff.
- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- No pets are allowed on the grounds- this includes emotional support animals. Per ADA, service animals are welcome in public areas.
- Food or beverages are not allowed in the barn or riding arena.
- Smoking, alcohol, and illegal substances are not allowed on the premises.
- Visitors wishing to tour the facility or grounds must be escorted by NTRC staff.

Please respect any posted off-limit areas including the pond, barn, and paddock areas.

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Witness Name (Print) Witness Signature



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NTRC Statement of Participant Eligibility or Dismissal

Naples Therapeutic Riding Center offers services to individuals with special needs. Eligibility for participation in NTRCs' programs is based solely upon an individual's ability to participate meaningfully and safely, provided the necessary resources are available including: an instructor, horse, volunteers and class availability that meets individuals' needs. Financial consideration is not taken into account in determining the eligibility for participation.

As a fully accredited PATH Intl. operating center, NTRC fully ascribes to the Precautions and Contraindications as recommended by the Medical Committee of PATH Intl. as well as Professional Standards. Therefore, our professional staff provides initial and ongoing evaluations for all prospective and active participants. Due to the nature of therapeutic riding and other equine related activities, there are individuals for whom NTRCs' programs are deemed inappropriate during the evaluation process and are not accepted for enrollment or not eligible to continue in NTRCs' programs. This determination is made on the basis of physical, behavioral and other limitations.

Individuals accepted into NTRCs' programs are required to take part in periodic progress reviews and follow NTRCs' rules and procedures. During these reviews, or as a result of unusual occurrences during a program session, the NTRC professional staff may find that continuance in the program for a given individual is inappropriate. For this reason, NTRC reserves the right to discontinue the participation of an individual in its programs when it is deemed that discontinuance is in the best interests of NTRC and/or the individual concerned. NTRC serves both children and adults with physical, cognitive, and other types of disabilities. In order to serve a wide population, we maintain a diverse herd of equines of various sizes, shapes, types of movement, and personality.

NTRC has a Sure hands lift and it will be determined if the rider needs to use it at the instructor's discretion.

NTRC implements weight limits for our mounted program that are based on the advice of our veterinarians, best practice for the therapeutic horsemanship industry, and our professional judgement about what is safe for each horse/rider combination. Each horse has an assigned maximum weight limit, and in addition to weight, a rider's other characteristics (such as skill level, muscle tone, balance, or behavior) are taken into account when making horse/rider matches. Weight limits: a) ensure that our riders, volunteers, and instructors are safe when assisting with mounts, dismounts, and emergency procedures, and b) help keep our horses fit and healthy to continue this important work as long as they are able. Participants may be weighed at the time of assessment, or periodically for reassessment, in order to be sure, we are making safe and appropriate horse/rider matches.



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NTRC reserves the right to decide when we are unable to serve an applicant due to unavailable resource(s) and or/safety concerns including PATH Intl. guidelines relating to contraindications for participation.

Riding Participation Criteria

- Weigh less than 195 pounds
- Able to sit independently without total support of the side walker at the discretion of the instructor.
- Does not exhibit physical or behavioral conditions that are contraindicated by PATH Intl. (see Medical History Form)
- Have current signed and dated paperwork – including Participant Registration form, Physician’s Statement for Participation form, and Annual Update form
- Benefit physically, emotionally, socially and/or cognitively from services provided at Naples Therapeutic Riding Center.
- Complete an intake assessment where trained staff evaluate eligibility
- Able to tolerate a riding safety helmet
- Ability to accommodate the movement of the horse without pain
- Adequate range of motion in hip(s) to sit astride
- Ability to express pain or discomfort through the rider or a Parent/Guardian
- Behave in a manner that is safe for self, horses and others

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executes this release

this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Note: Signature of Parent/Guardian is REQUIRED if Constituent is UNDER THE AGE OF 18 or is an adult and under Guardianship.

Adult/Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

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AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND RELEASE OF RECORDS

In the event emergency medical treatment is required due to illness and /or injury on NTRC property or while in NTRC-sponsored activities. I authorize **Naples Therapeutic Riding Center** and its agents/representatives to:

- 1) Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation, if needed
- 2) Release records upon request to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment

EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM

RIDER'S FULL NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Please indicate preferred number.

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

RIDER'S DISABILITY: _____ DATE OF ONSET: _____

PHYSICIAN'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

INSURANCE COMPANY: _____ POLICY# _____ GROUP: _____

INSURANCE COMPANY PHONE: _____

PREFERRED MEDICAL FACILITY: NCH Downtown NCH North Regions Phys. Other:

(Please realize that in a **true emergency, transport will be to the nearest appropriate facility**)

Current medical condition(s) requiring special precautions or treatment and/or medications (attach additional pages if necessary):

Condition(s) _____ Medication Dosage _____



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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (Person to be notified in the event of an emergency and who is authorized to give temporary assistance or care in the absence of parent or guardian)

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

CONSENT PLAN: (Circle One) I DO / I DO NOT consent to emergency medical treatment. This authorization includes x-ray, hospitalization, medication, and any treatment procedure deemed "life-saving" by the licensed physician on duty. This provision will be invoked if the emergency contact is unable to be reached and the person listed above is unable to make decisions for him/herself. If you DO NOT consent to emergency medical treatment, please indicate the procedures you wish to have followed in the event of an emergency:

WARNING

UNDER CHAPTER 773, FLORIDA STATUTES, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY OR SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF, A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES:

No person can be accepted for riding instruction until this form has been completed by the parent/parents or guardian. If the person is of legal age (18), he or she may complete this form, if he or she is legally competent to do so. Riding instruction will be under strict supervision, and although every effort will be made to avoid any accident, NO LIABILITY can be accepted by any of the organizations concerned, including Naples Therapeutic Riding Center.

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