



# GARRISON FOREST SCHOOL RIDING AND POLO PROGRAM POLICIES

Please read, sign and return this form to the Garrison Forest Riding Department. Students will not be allowed to ride without a signed form.

Students enrolled in the GFS Riding Program are required to attend the Opening Riding Meeting at the beginning of the school year.

Students boarding horses at the stables must ride in the Garrison Forest School Riding Program. No outside instructors are permitted to teach students or train horses at GFS unless they have special permission from the Director of Riding.

The Director of Riding and Barn Manager must be notified if an owner takes his/her horse off of the property for any period of time.

Students must ride within barn hours. Turnout rotations and feeding occur daily at predetermined times. Riders must plan independent rides accordingly.

If there are extenuating circumstances, it is the student's responsibility to coordinate riding times or obtain special permission from the Director of Riding for riding outside of barn hours and ensure that there is an adult on premises with them.

Students are not permitted to jump without a Garrison Forest instructor present.

Every riding student is required to own some basic clothing and equipment. All students must have their own grooming supplies, properly fitting ASTM-approved riding helmet, long pants and boots with a heel. Riders are also required to have grooming equipment, available for purchase from the school. Competition riders are required to have show attire as well. All of these items can be purchased at a local tack shop with the help of GFS riding instructors if necessary.

Helmets should fit properly, snugly and safely on the rider's head. Safety headgear is designed to be worn with nothing between the skull and helmet. On Riding/Polo days, students need to be prepared to put their helmet in place with their hair out of the way and no other obstructions; riders and parents are responsible for planning hairstyles and accessories accordingly. Helmets are an important part of keeping our riders safe, and, if not worn snugly, can potentially cause risk to our riders or spook horses or ponies. **Please note: If a helmet cannot be fitted safely on a student's head she will not be able to ride that day.** Please plan reach out with any questions or concerns about this policy.

Commission required when buying or leasing animals. 15% for horse valued at \$50,000 or less. 10% for horse valued greater than \$50,000. Commission due at time of acquisition.

Clients with full leased or owned animals are required to outfit their horses with all necessary tack and supplies.

Riding students are expected to be available for two hours on scheduled lesson days in order to care for horses and equipment in addition to their riding time.

Students must attend scheduled lessons. School year lessons run in accordance with the GFS calendar. Please know make-up lessons are NOT guaranteed. They will be considered if you notify the instructor 24 hours in advance; however, they will be granted based on if the instructor has availability. Missed lessons will not be refunded.

**I have read the above policies and understand them.**

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NAME OF RIDER

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE



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