



## STONAR SHORT COURSES RESIDENTIAL RIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### BRINGING YOUR OWN HORSE

- Student's may bring their own horses/ponies for their stay and will have the use of a stable. The stable must be completely mucked out on departure (or a charge may be incurred).
- Hay, bedding, water and feed buckets, wheelbarrows and tools will be provided. Haylage can be provided at an extra charge. Any hard feed must be brought in with the horse/pony. Please bring this in individually marked bags for each day.
- Please bring all your horses tack, rugs for different weather and temperatures, grooming kit and passport.
- For all horses visiting the yard, the Yard Manager will go through a health checklist on arrival at the yard. The following will be checked:
  - The horse's passport and vaccination record (which must be up-to-date).
  - The health and soundness of the horse
  - Tack is safe and well-fitting
- Horses will not be allowed to enter the yard if their Influenza and Tetanus vaccinations are not up-to-date. Under the school's current regulations, horses must be up-to-date with a **six-monthly** Equine Influenza booster of which they must have been completed more than seven days prior to arrival and a copy of the relevant pages of the passport to be sent to two weeks prior to arrival and shown to the Riding Office before unloading the horse. [shortcourses@stonarschool.com](mailto:shortcourses@stonarschool.com) two weeks prior to arrival and shown to the Riding Office before unloading the horse.
- Please do not bring your horse to Stonar if any of the following apply:
  - Your horse shows signs of any ill health including lameness, fever or nasal discharge.
  - Your horse has had a temperature in the last two weeks.
  - There is any chance your horse has come in to contact with an infectious disease including strangles.
- Horses brought in will be assessed on the first day for suitability to encourage safe learning and progression within the group. If the Equestrian staff do not feel the horse is safe to be included in the group lessons, the horse may be refused permission to continue in the camp.
- Stallions are not permitted.

## **USING ONE OF STONAR'S HORSES**

- The Stonar Equestrian Team will assign you a horse based on the information provided on the Booking and Rider Registration Form. Allocation will be based on height, weight and ability, temperament of horse, and suitability/progression. This will be reviewed on the first day of riding.
- The student will be responsible for the care of their horse during their stay. This will include feeding, mucking out, grooming, turn out and the riding of the horse.

## **GENERAL**

- Stonar's insurance policy covers 3rd Party Public Liability and Personal Accident for pupils
- If bringing their own horse, students will need to make sure they have the correct horse and rider insurance in place ensuring the policy includes riding camps.
- Stonar Equestrian Centre should be notified of any medical conditions or factors which may affect a student's riding tuition via the Rider Registration Form.
- By signing the Rider Registration Form you are acknowledging that riding is a high-risk sport and participation may hold potential danger, and that all horses may react unpredictably on occasions.
- Horse trailers and lorries are not permitted to stay on site during your stay unless prior agreement with the Director of Short Courses.

## **RIDER WEIGHT AND HORSE WELFARE**

In line with current best practice recommendations and British Horse Society/Animal Health Trust advice and research, each of our horses has a specific weight limit. Therefore, it is important that an accurate weight is given when completing the Booking Form and any subsequent updates are passed on by email to [shortcourses@stonarschool.com](mailto:shortcourses@stonarschool.com). Matching riders and horses is based on a number of factors, which include rider height, weight and ability, temperament of horse, and suitability/progression.

In order to ensure we allocate horses to riders correctly, the Equestrian Centre may weigh riders at the start of the week. Riders may be in casual or riding clothes for this but will not need to wear boots or helmets and should remove shoes beforehand.

Any riders who are over 12st7lbs/80kg may be limited in the variety of school horses we can offer them to ride. Riders over 13st7lbs/88kg may have their riding limited or curtailed if horse welfare becomes of concern.

## **DRESS FOR RIDING**

- A protective helmet (for riding and turning out) that complies with the current [BHS guidance](#) is required to comply with Health and Safety standards. Hats must have been correctly fitted by a reputable saddler. Please be aware that some retailers' hats do not comply with current standards. Hats will be checked on arrival. Any hat not found to be of the correct standard will be confiscated, as will hats that are damaged or weak.
- Long hair should be neatly secured in a hair band or hairnet.
- A long-sleeved cross-country shirt is recommended for cross-country lessons and a peakless, skull cap is required for this discipline.
- Jodhpurs or breeches.
- A body protector is recommended for show jumping and is compulsory for cross-country. The body protector must have been fitted by a reputable saddler and meet current [BHS guidance](#).
- Black or brown riding boots, preferably jodhpur boots (most comfortable and easiest to ride in). Half chaps may be worn with jodhpur boots; they protect the lower leg, prevent from rubbing and also help to keep the rider's leg in the correct position whilst riding. Half chaps must be black or brown only, tassels are not allowed. Long rubber boots are not ideal for a younger rider as they make it difficult for the rider to put the leg in the correct position and therefore apply the correct aids. They may also be uncomfortable.
- Coats/waterproof jackets must be fastened at all times, in order not to flap and frighten the horse.
- Jewellery is not allowed

## **FORBIDDEN DRESS ON THE YARD**

- Trainers;
- vest tops;
- jewellery;
- jogging bottoms; and
- pashminas.

## **CONDUCT IN A LESSON**

- The lesson atmosphere needs to be one of tolerance and respect for others with a positive and industrious learning environment where good behaviour is normal practice. The beginning of each lesson will be formal.
- Students will not be allowed to talk to each other when the member of staff/instructor is addressing the whole group.
- Group discussion should be at conversation pitch – rowdy groups will be disbanded.
- If required to work independently and quietly this should also be adhered to when the member of staff is dealing with individual problems; the rest of the group should be patient.
- Students must accept the above rules. Unruly students will be clearly warned of the consequences of misbehaviour.
- Correct riding apparel is expected whilst at the Equestrian Centre.

## **YARD RULES**

- Horses must always be tied up inside the stable to be groomed and mucked out.
- Horses must never be tied up outside.
- Horses should always be well groomed and never go into a lesson dirty.
- Feet must be picked out every time a horse leaves the stable and stable doors closed.
- Litter must be placed in the bins provided with string placed in bin inside barn.
- To prevent back injuries and keep the yard tidy at all times, hay and bedding must always be carried in a wheelbarrow.
- All gates must be shut at all times including yard and field gates, even if they were already open.
- Students must not ride another student's horse.
- Students must wear a riding hat and gloves when taking horses to and from the field or when around the horses.

## **CONDUCT ON THE YARD**

- A quiet relaxed atmosphere is essential for the horses' well-being.
- No running, shouting or screaming.
- No mobile phones.
- No radios.
- No smoking on the yard (including visitors and parents of livery owners).

- Litter must be placed in the bins provided.
- All gates must be shut at all times including field gates, even if they were already open.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

- In order to ensure the welfare of students, access to the yard by anyone other than staff members, students, parents and school approved farriers, vets, practitioners and instructors is restricted. The following procedures are in place for adults/family members visiting the yard :-
  - The beginning and end of the week are recognised as times when students may have a significant quantity of equipment to be moved between the boarding house, yard and home, and at these times parents/guardians are granted access to the Equestrian Centre.
  - Parents/guardians will be invited to visit their own children each Friday afternoon prior to the Friday afternoon Rosette Presentation.
  - Visitors to the Equestrian Centre may not enter any of the riding arenas without first gaining permission from the senior member of staff on duty at the time.
  - Adults visiting students at the Equestrian Centre are expected to respect the School's no-smoking policy.
  - The use of video recorders and cameras at the Equestrian Centre is not permitted without the express permission of the Director of Short Courses.
  - External suppliers or contractors are permitted only with permission from the Director of Short Courses/Equestrian Centre Manager.