



## **LOVE for Therapeutic Riding**

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## **RIDER POLICIES**

Unfortunately, riding is not an appropriate activity for everybody. We occasionally have to decline services to those whom riding is contraindicated. As a PATH Intl Member Center program, we must follow PATH Intl guidelines. To be in compliance with PATH Intl national standards, we have established the following:

### **Age Policy**

**Minimum Age:** 4 years old for therapeutic riding lessons with the ability to sit up independently.

**Maximum Age:** There is not a maximum age. The only requirements: rider must fit the weight limit and safely be able to perform the activities in the lesson.

### **Weight Policy**

**Maximum Weight Limit:** 175lbs

- Riders within the limit will be evaluated by instructors to determine if riding is a safe and appropriate activity.
- The amount of balance the rider has will be taken into account at the time of assessment.

### **According to PATH Intl guidelines, riding is contraindicated:**

1. *If the staff is unable to safely manage the participant in any situation, including an emergency dismount.*
2. *If safety or comfort of the horse is compromised during mounted activities.*

### **Tuition & Refund Policy**

Annual Registration fee \$25.00                      8 week sessions \$150.00                      6 week sessions \$120.00

\*Fees & all paperwork are due 3 weeks prior to starting dates. A \$25.00 late fee will be incurred after that time.

There will be NO refunds. Clients may discuss this policy with the Executive Director or President of the Board.

### **Absence / Make-Up Class Policy**

- If weather forces the cancellation of a lesson, calls will be made to riders as early as possible by the instructor or class coordinator. There will be 1 (one) make-up class at the end of the session, if necessary.
- If a rider is absent, there is no make-up class. Make-up classes are scheduled only when LOVE for TR cancels a class.
- Because a number of volunteers commit their time to ensure a safe ride, please call the instructor or class coordinator as soon as the rider knows they will be absent.

### **Rider Attire**

- All riders are asked to wear long straight pants and tie-shoes, preferably with leather soles & heels.
- Helmets will be provided by LOVE for TR. Safety stirrups will be in use.
- No necklaces, bracelets or dangly earrings are allowed.