



## **DREAM POWER THERAPY** **RIDER AGREEMENT**

**Please read, complete and return all forms.**  
**Forms must be mailed, emailed with signature or given in person.**

### **Therapeutic Riding - 50 minutes lesson**

Each client will be evaluated by our Program Director. The evaluation will determine the appropriate lesson and if your rider is an appropriate candidate for our program.

### **Fee Schedule:**

**Individual lesson is \$60.00. Group lesson is \$50.00 per person.**

**Family group lessons are \$40.00 per person. Trail rides are \$45.00 per person.**

### **PAYMENT PROCEDURES-**

1. Fees are to be paid by the first of each month.
2. A \$25.00 late fee will be charged if not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month the invoice is issued. In addition lessons will be suspended until full payment is received unless other arrangements are made in writing.
3. All bank fees charged for returned checks are the responsibility of the participant.
4. Fees can be PAID By CREDIT CARD/Debit Card in office or Automatically Deducted on the first of each month.
5. Fees can be PAID BY MAIL-Send payments to Dream Power Therapy, at our local address.
6. Fees can also be brought into the office, during normal business hours. Debit cards are preferred and can be used in office ☺
7. If paying for 3 or more months at a time, there will be a 10% discount applied to your invoices ☺

### **CANCELLATIONS:**

1. We need 24 hour notification if it is necessary to miss a lesson. A make-up session will be scheduled if available. Cancellations received less than 24 hours of the scheduled session are considered to be an UNEXCUSED FORFEITED absence and the cost for the session still applies – UNLESS you have a doctors note or proof of illness.
2. Cancellation of classes due to weather is at the sole discretion of Dream Power Therapy and is not determined by school closure. Messages as to class cancellation will be available on the website calendar two hours prior to the beginning of class session for that day. Credit will be issued for weather or an unscheduled Center closing.
3. Exceptions to the attendance and fee rules can be made in extenuating circumstances. Any client/family with such a situation can submit all pertinent information in writing and the Director will come to an agreement.

### **LATE ARRIVALS:**

Please let us know if you are going to be late. Classes are planned in advance for you. Our dedicated team of volunteers and instructors will be waiting. **So if you're late, communicate!** Call or text the Instructors at number on the bottom of this form. The manner, in which the lesson will continue, will be at the Instructor's discretion. **NO** credit or make-up time will be issued if you don't communicate. If more than 20 minutes late, there will not be a lesson & it's considered an unexcused cancellation.

### **WEATHER POLICY:**

No riding if it's under 40\* or above 92\* -**NO EXCEPTIONS and no notice will be issued by the Center.** If a severe weather alert issued by the Weather Service, there will be no lessons.

### **INFECTIOUS DISEASES:**

Please be considerate of our riders, volunteers, and staff by keeping your rider at home if they are not feeling well. This is inclusive of all viral or bacterial infections. The lesson will be credited with proof of illness.

### **DRESS CODE FOR PARTICIPANTS:**

Appropriate attire is essential for the comfort & safety of the rider. Long shorts are required. Pants that are made of nylon, polyester, or other 'slipper' materials are not acceptable. Closed-toe footwear with a closed back is mandatory for all riders. Riders riding with stirrups will need appropriate riding boots. The rider may NOT ride if not dressed appropriately.

**Weather related clothing:** Please provide jackets, sweaters, gloves, etc. in the event of colder temperatures. Remember, the arena is not heated.

**Summer related clothing:** Short shorts are not permitted, only long shorts that fall just above the knee. Rider's legs can become irritated unless they are protected. Also, proper footwear is required. No sandals, etc.

**Helmets:** Helmets must be worn by all riders prior to and through the entire lesson time. Dream Power will provide ASTM/SEI certified helmet if the rider does not have their own. Helmets must properly fit the rider. Meaning, they should stay on the head when harnessed without rocking or moving. It should rest so there can be two finger placed between the eyebrows and the edge of the helmet. Please place helmets back in their designated area after each use.

### **WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:**

The weight limit for riding at Dream Power is 275 pounds. Weight restrictions are also based on the extent of a rider's physical, emotional, and cognitive disability, as well as each individual horse's conformation and size. This is due to safety consideration for the horses, riders, volunteers, and instructors. Riders may be asked for an updated weight at any time.

### **OBSERVING CLASSES:**

- We are happy to have families and friends or riders observe as long as it does not distract the class. We ask that you do not interrupt or distract the rider during the active lesson. This includes any additional siblings etc. Cell phones should be put on vibrate mode and used away from lesson area.
- **Riders should remain in the waiting area until their instructor or volunteer comes to get them for their lesson.** There are specific areas designated for observation.
- For the safety of the rider's team; parents, caregivers, siblings etc. are not permitted to enter the arena.
- **The mounting ramp is considered the most dangerous area during the rider's lesson.** Parents and caregivers are not permitted on the mounting ramp unless requested to do so by the instructor. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** can a rider be mounted onto or dismounted from a horse by anyone other than an instructor unless previously authorized.
- Please keep activity/noise level around the mounting ramp area extremely low.
- Parents, caregivers, siblings etc. must stay behind the barred arena entryway.
- Some parents wish to help by side walking during class. We are happy to train you for this skill. Let us know if you wish to participate.

### **SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS**

A parent, adult guardian or aide must accompany all participants under the age of 18. An adult must remain on the premises that will be responsible for any dependence needs and/or emergencies and must accompany participants with medical or functional dependency.

### **HORSES:**

Do not feed any of the horses. Our horse's diets are supervised solely by our staff. In the event you are bringing any type of treat for our horses such as carrots, apples, etc. you may hold onto them until the end of the lesson. Let your instructor know that you have brought them. The instructor will facilitate any feeding experience. **Riders are not permitted to go into the barn area without supervision.**

### **PETS:**

We have a high commitment to safety for our riders and horses; therefore, no pets are allowed loose on the premises. Exceptions are certified companions or working therapy support animals.

### **SMOKING-PARTICIPANTS & GUESTS:**

There is absolutely no smoking on site anywhere except designated smoking area.

**PARKING:**

Please park in the designated areas. Do not block walk way or thoroughfare areas. **Please observe a 5 MPH courtesy standard when entering and exiting the property.** We could have horses and/or riders moving from one area to another. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

Dream Power disciplinary policy has been developed to ensure a safe and conducive environment for all involved in our therapeutic riding program. The Dream Power Director, Program Director and/or all instructors have the right to discipline a rider, parent/guardian and/or aide.

- a. First offense: (includes a documented verbal warning) If this is a rider, he or she will be dismounted from the horse if the warning was not acknowledge.
- b. Second offense: (written warning) If a rider, he or she will be dismounted from the horse and dismissed from the riding lesson for that day and will receive a written warning.
- c. Third offense: (final warning) The rider will be dismounted from the horse and dismissed from the program with written notice to follow.
- d. If the offender is a parent, guardian or aide they will follow the same disciplinary policy and can be removed from the program on the third offense. If the offense pertains to a parent/guardian or aide, removal from the program may also include the rider.
- e. Examples of reasons for disciplinary actions: disruption to class, behavior problems that are unacceptable or unsafe, disrespect to instructors and/or volunteers including disruption of lesson instruction, any actions deemed unsafe, use of cell phones in the arena, acts which are harmful to the horses, failure to follow program policies, barn rules, instructions, etc.
- f. A rider, parent, guardian, or aide will be immediately removed from the Dream Power program for inappropriate sexual comments or sexual misconduct.

**Yes, I would like \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Dream Power therapy riding program. I read, understand, and agree to the above conditions as defined by Dream Power Therapy.**

**Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature of Participant over age 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN ONE COPY.**

**PLEASE KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR REFERENCE.**

**PHONE NUMBERS TO USED TO CALL OR TEXT FOR CANCELLATION:**

**Gina 770) -654-5430**

**\* Please use the phone number that corresponds for the Instructor that day.**