



## Sacred Connections Horsemanship Policies and Guidelines

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or bring signed copy to the clinic.

Please observe the following guidelines while participating in or observing a Sacred Connections Horsemanship clinic or workshop:

**Age of participants:** Riders and Auditors must be a minimum of 16 years of age. Anyone under the age of 18 must have written permission of parent or legal guardian.

**Safety:** All Riders are asked to observe reasonable safety procedures with their horses and around other horses. Do NOT feed, water, handle or ride another Rider's horse without the owner's written permission. Please observe safe distances between horses while mounted and on the ground.

**Dogs or other animals:** Please keep all dogs either confined or on a leash. Dogs will not be allowed in the ring or in areas where horses are present. No stallions allowed.

**Abuse or neglect:** Any Rider purposefully neglecting, abusing or otherwise mistreating a horse may be expelled from the clinic, workshop, clinic/workshop, etc., subject to the decision of Sacred Connections Horsemanship instructors and/or representatives. In such cases, fees will not be refunded and such treatment may be reported to proper authorities. Please inform clinic/workshop officials if you witness unsafe behavior or a horse being neglected or abused.

\_\_\_\_\_ Participant's initials

**Rider Cooperation:** Riders are asked, to the best of their ability, to cooperate fully with the clinician's/instructor's directions. If you do not understand the clinician's/instructor's directions, or are unable to cooperate with such directions, please inform the instructor. If, for safety reasons, the instructor asks you to do something immediately, please do your best to comply in order to preserve your safety, the safety of your horse and other Riders. Anyone exhibiting unsafe and/or uncooperative behavior may be asked to leave and all monies will be forfeit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Participant's initials

**Auditors/observers:** Auditors will be allowed in the ring with instructors as space and safety allow. Auditors must register to reserve a space, observe all safety guidelines and instructions/directions of the clinician. Anyone observing an SCH clinic, workshop, seminar, etc. must register and sign release forms prior to the event.

**Participants Physical ability:** Riders must be physically fit enough to ride at least for 1½ hours twice in one day for 2 days. Riders and auditors may be required to stand for 1 to 2 hours at a time (while observing). Please inform Sacred Connections Horsemanship of any physical or other limitations (back problems, weak knees or ankles, hearing or visual impairments, etc.) that may affect your ability to fully participate in the clinic/workshop. Sacred Connections Horsemanship instructors do their best to accommodate most Riders, but are unable to delay or impede the progress of the clinic/workshop if an individual Rider is not able to fully participate.

**Horse and Rider levels of ability:** For riding clinics – horse and rider must be able to trot (or equivalent) in the ring in the company of other horses. Any horse or Rider who is not capable of participating in the clinic/workshop will be excused without a refund of fees. Please contact Sacred Connections Horsemanship if you are unsure of your or your horse's level of ability. Aggressive or dangerous horses, deemed so by the clinician, will be excused without a refund of fees.

**Horse Health Records:** All Riders will provide with completed registration form, a photo copy of their horse's current coggins test and, in the case of out-of-state horses from a distance of 50 miles, a health certificate within 30 days prior to event. Health records will not be returned – please provide copies.

**Rider's Equipment:** Riders must wear proper riding attire which includes: approved riding boots and approved helmets, breeches, riding tights or jeans.

**Horse Equipment:** All horses must be ridden in a bit unless prior arrangements have been made in writing with Sacred Connections Horsemanship. An all purpose forward seat saddle is recommended, but other types and styles will be accepted. Please contact Sacred Connections Horsemanship if you have any questions about equipment.

**Helmets:** At all times when mounted all Riders must wear ASTM-standard/ SEI-certified protective headgear (helmet and strap) that is designed for use by equestrians. Clinic officials will not provide helmets or check the fit or condition of helmets or

condition of straps or fasteners on helmets. Anyone who mounts a horse without an approved helmet properly fitted and fastened will be asked to dismount until they obtain proper headgear. Anyone refusing to comply with this requirement will be asked to leave and all monies will be forfeit. If you have any questions please contact Sacred Connections Horsemanship.

\_\_\_\_\_ Participant's initials

**Footwear:** Anyone in the ring, handling or around the horses must wear closed toed shoes. No flip flops or sandals. Mounted Riders must wear proper riding boots. Tall English style hunt boots or short paddock boots with half chaps are recommended. Boots must have a short (no more than 1 inch) heel. No boots with zippers on the inside. Anyone refusing to comply with this requirement will be asked to leave and all monies will be forfeit. If you have any questions please contact Sacred Connections Horsemanship.

\_\_\_\_\_ Participant's initials

**Personal Photos:** Photos are meant to be for your personal use only, not for commercial purposes, advertising or for general public. Personal social media sites are excepted. You are not authorized to publish or display any photos taken of the Sacred Connections Horsemanship staff, anyone else or anything pertaining to Sacred Connections Horsemanship without written permission from Sacred Connections Horsemanship and the person (or people) in the photo. **ABSOLUTELY NO VIDEO CAMERAS.**

I understand that any falsification of any information may result in my expulsion from the clinic without a refund.

\_\_\_\_\_ Participant's initials

I understand that this is a physically demanding clinic/workshop. I am healthy and able to participate in the clinic/workshop.

\_\_\_\_\_ Participant's initials

**Approval Policy:** Acceptance is subject to application review and approval. A full refund will be given if application cannot be accepted. Application, Form and Qualifications Checklist must accompany booking.

By signing here I acknowledge and agree to Sacred Connections Horsemanship policies and guidelines. I have read the forms outlining clinic policies and guidelines.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent or Guardian if under 18 years