Bradbourne Group Riding for the Disabled Association
Registered Charity no 1122480
Bradbourne Riding & Training Centre, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3DH

CONDITIONS OF RIDING - Individual Riders

Registration

All riders must complete a registration form before riding is permitted. This is a condition of our insurance. All sections must be completed and the form will not be accepted without the current weight being included. No new rider is permitted to ride at Bradbourne RDA Group until current height and weight details have been provided. This is an equine welfare issue. Where possible please provide the weight fully dressed for riding including wearing shoes or riding boots.

All new riders will also be weighed on site by Bradbourne RDA volunteers, fully dressed for riding, before final acceptance as a rider at the Group.

It is the responsibility of the rider or their carer/parent/guardian to advise of any changes to the information on the registration form. We reserve the right to ask for a new form to be completed if we are concerned about any aspect of a rider's health in so far as it affects their riding.

In addition and in accordance with RDA National guidelines, all riders must be weighed on site at Bradbourne twice per academic year - at the start of the Autumn term in September and again immediately after the winter half-term in February. Weighing will be done by RDA volunteers and riders will need to be fully dressed for riding including wearing a riding hat.

No one will be permitted to ride until their weight has been verified in person by RDA volunteers on site at Bradbourne, at each of the above two allotted times.

Please note that the above conditions regarding the weighing of riders are not negotiable. **They are necessary to ensure our equines' wellbeing and to meet the requirements of RDA National guidelines, The 2024 Charter for the Horse (to which RDA UK is a signatory) and also the Animal Welfare Act of 2006.**

Where a rider is found to have a riding weight (or scale weight) which is closer to their current pony's weight limit than 4.5kg / 10lb of that pony's weight limit, then that rider may be required to be weighed more frequently than the normal twice per year. This is at the discretion of the rider's coach and may involve weighing every term, half term or weekly, prior to riding.

We reserve the right to withdraw our invitation for riders to ride, if their weight increases above the weight limits of our equines.

Each rider must advise us of a person who is their main point of contact regarding riding matters. This will help us all to communicate efficiently and effectively. Please keep us advised of any changes to the contact details (name, mobile numbers, e-mail address and postal address etc) otherwise you may not receive important communications.

If you have any questions or concerns about your riding please raise these with the coach (instructor) in charge of the session at the time.

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Vacancies/Waiting List

We have a large waiting list.

Allocations of places for riding are dependent upon the individual, their standard of riding and a suitable pony being available.

We regret that places on a ride cannot be guaranteed when transferring from junior to senior school or when changing riding times. We will, however, do everything we can to accommodate such requests.

Payment

All rides are payable at the time of riding or per half term (approx 6 weeks) in advance.

We regret that the RDA Group (a registered charity) cannot provide credit.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or preferably BACS payment. Please ask for our bank details. A receipt can be issued as required.

If we have to cancel riding sessions credit will be given to those who pay in advance. Otherwise credit will not be given for absentees unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Cancellations

Our Contact Number is 07803 231723

We require 48 hours' notice to cancel a lesson and we reserve the right to charge for late cancellations. All cancellations are to be advised to us by telephoning 07803 231723 or your ride contact.
Please do NOT advise us by email as this is not always monitored on a daily basis.

A half term's (approx. 6 weeks) notice in writing is required to terminate all future riding lessons. Otherwise we reserve the right to make a charge until we can fill the vacancy.

We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible if we need to cancel a ride for any reason. We will contact the person designated as the main point of contact in such circumstances.

Timeliness

We ask that riders arrive at least 10 minutes before their ride begins to allow for hat fitting etc.

If you are late we cannot ordinarily make the time up.

If we are late for whatever reason we will endeavour to make up the time for you.

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Supervision

Upon arrival please wait in the reception area until your coach (instructor) is ready for you to mount in the indoor school.

Riders must be supervised at all times by their parent/carer/teacher/guardian until the coach (instructor) assumes responsibility at the beginning of the session.

Non riders also remain the responsibility of their parent/carer/teacher/guardian while at Bradbourne.

For safety reasons please do not wander around the car park or other areas of the stables without permission.

Clothing

All riders must wear comfortable, suitable clothing appropriate for the weather conditions.

Long trousers must be worn preferably with "stretch" e.g. tracksuit. Shorts or cropped trousers are not allowed.

It is important to wear sensible footwear preferably boots or shoes with some heel.

Sandals are not permitted at any time.

We will provide the necessary riding hat and some gloves are available as well.

Hats belonging to riders will be checked by instructors to ensure they meet current safety standards.

Attendance for riding lessons means that you accept the above conditions.