



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.

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.

A current weight for each and every rider, new or returning, must be provided before the beginning of term in September and again before the beginning of term after Easter.

If a rider fails to provide a weight before or on arrival for their first ride they will be asked to provide a weight before the next ride and the coach will use their discretion whether that rider can ride. Should no weight have been received before or on arrival for the second ride the coach will offer to weigh the rider at Bradbourne. If the rider is not prepared to be weighed at Bradbourne nor has provided a weight after twice being asked, Bradbourne RDA will refuse the rider a riding place at the Group.

Our maximum weight limit for new unbalanced riders is 10 stone/63.5kg and for new balanced riders is 11.5 stone/72.1kg, though the majority of our horses and ponies have weight limits below these levels. All riders' weights will be regularly reviewed. We reserve the right to ask a rider to cease riding if their weight increases above the ultimate weight limit maximums for our ponies.

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.

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.



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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 07914 273610

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 07914 273610 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.

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.



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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.