



## Lesson Agreement

Thank you for choosing Origami Stables to help you learn how to ride horses or improve your riding skills. We are excited to work with you! Please take a moment to give us your information and complete our rider release form, expectations and training agreement.

Client information:

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The Client and The Company agree as follows:

### 1. The Services

- A. Origami Stables will provide client with access to one riding lesson per week, and two unmounted group horsemanship classes per month. The riding lessons will either be a 30 minute private, 45 minute semi-private of 2, or 1 hour group of 3 or more. **Origami Stables will be closed 6 weeks per year to give the lesson horses a break, allow students to compete at large away horse shows, to run special events, and even to give riding instructors a break.** The weeks that we are closed will be communicated via the attached calendar and available on our website and Facebook page.



- B. Riders will be automatically grouped together with riders of similar ability and level. This is paramount to our barn culture and philosophy of creating a community that encourages camaraderie, friendship and support. We feel this leads to higher quality riding, lessons, and just plain more fun.
- C. Riders will start with a 30 minute private lesson until their instructor recommends they are ready to join an appropriate group lesson. This could be at the same time as the group they will join, depending on instructor availability.
- D. Clients will receive access to a 30 minute goal setting session every semester (Jan, May, Sep).

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## **2. Client Requirements**

- A. Client must show up on time. For beginners this is 5-10 minutes before the start of your lesson. As you/your child progresses this will increase to however much time needed to catch and prepare the assigned horse. If you are late your lesson will still end on time so as to not run into the next lesson time slot.
- B. Client must be wearing proper riding attire- boots with heels, schooling breeches/leggings and a properly fitted helmet. New to riding families please purchase a helmet from me or an approved tack store where the staff can ensure the helmet fits properly. Helmets purchased online may not fit the way you think it will.
- C. Client must follow the barn rules contained in the release form and student expectations attached.
- D. Client must be coachable, positive, and have a good attitude!
- E. We are trying to build a family-like community full of people like YOU, and after the 4th lesson we generally like to ask for the name of 1 person who you would like us to contact and invite to join the program.

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### 3. Compensation and Payment Terms

- A. **Our monthly tuition price is based on the annual value.** It is preferred that Client will put a credit or debit card on file, and it will be automatically charged tuition on the 20th of the month before.
- a. ***If client does not own or lease their own horse they will take lessons on our lesson horses for \$225 tuition per month.***
  - b. ***If client owns or leases their own horse they will be charged \$180 tuition per month.***
  - c. Charges will begin on the first day of enrollment and continue every month thereafter. If client needs to change the credit card on file, please call 302-648-2227 and leave the new credit card number, expiration date, and CVC on the voicemail.
  - d. Any and All checks are to be written to Sandra Tilghman.
  - e. Two lessons a week are available for \$375 a month.
  - f. Three lessons (can be exchanged for training rides) are available for \$525 a month.
  - g. **Tiny Tots**: please see the Tiny Tots Program.
- B. Riders must agree to a 4 month minimum term (semester). In order to make any meaningful progress in any sport- there must be a minimum commitment level. Early cancellations will be charged a \$225 cancellation fee.

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### 4. Scheduling

- A. Client will receive a dedicated time and a day of the week where there will be an appropriate school horse and with a group of riders with similar



ability reserved each week. **Please remember that Origami Stables will be closed 6 weeks per year.**

- B. If client cannot make their time during a week- Origami Stables will allow a maximum of one makeup lesson per month- provided client cancels by texting 302-648-2227 twenty four hours prior to the lesson. All makeup lessons will take place in an available time slot. If a lesson is not made up within 30 days it will expire. **Monthly tuition is still due in full when student misses their lessons. In the event that the weather prevents riding (too hot/cold)- unmounted horsemanship lessons will be substituted. In the event that weather prevents the barn from being open(hurricane/blizzard/ice/heat wave)- make-ups will be determined based on how long the weather event lasts. If available, video analysis of your riding will be done via zoom at your regular riding time. The best way to get the most value out of the program is to make it a priority and a commitment not to miss your dedicated lesson time(s)**
- C. If client would like to make a long-term change to their dedicated lesson time, they may do so a maximum of 1 time per semester period by calling or texting 302-648-2227 and leaving a voicemail. This will be dependant on available time slots.

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## 5. Cancellation.

This agreement may be canceled by either party without penalty at least 7 days notice prior to the desired date of termination, provided that client has been enrolled beyond the minimum term. In order for client to cancel the payment- please text or leave a voicemail at 302-648-2227.

OR....

During the first 30 days of subscription, the rider can cancel without any penalty. However after the first thirty day period, riders can only cancel their



subscriptions during three windows during the year without penalty. They may cancel between Dec 1 - Dec 15, Apr 1- Apr 15, or between Aug 1- Aug 15. We incur very serious year round expenses to maintain our lesson horses and we are looking for students who can make a commitment to our program similar to the commitment we make to our students. A \$225 cancellation fee will be assessed for anyone who cancels outside of these three windows. If you would like to cancel your subscription, please send an email to [origamistables@gmail.com](mailto:origamistables@gmail.com) .

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## **6. No Guarantee**

The stables does not warrant or guarantee any specific level of performance or results. The results of your riding program are largely based on the efforts of the student.

## **7. Communications**

- A. Please note that instructors do not have time to discuss client goals and concerns during lesson hours. Please schedule a goal setting meeting to make sure there is a good time set aside for these conversations.
  
- B. Client agrees to communicate all scheduling changes or any other concerns about the program either through the barn manager's telephone at 302-648-2227 or email [origamistables@gmail.com](mailto:origamistables@gmail.com) .

## **8. Release of Liability**

I acknowledge the risks and potential for risks of horseback riding and activities in and around a facility where horses are kept and farm machinery operated.



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However, I feel that the possible benefits to me/my son/my daughter/my ward are greater than the risk assumed. Intending legally to bind myself, my heirs, and assigns, executors or administrators, I hereby waive and release forever all claims for loss or damages of any kind against Origami Stables for any and all injuries and losses that I/my son/my daughter/my ward may sustain while participating. This release includes without limitation the risk of negligent instruction and supervision. I engage in activities at 238 Grey Fox Lane Dover, DE 19904 voluntarily with knowledge of the risks and I assume all risks of injury, death, and property damage that may result. I agree to bear any loss myself. I acknowledge that Sandra and Ashley Tilghman are materially relying on this waiver and assumption of risk in allowing me/my son/my daughter/my ward to participate in activities at 238 Grey Fox Lane Dover, DE 19904

Client has received, read and signed:

Signed separate release form \_\_\_\_\_ Signed expectations/Rules\_\_\_\_\_

**By their signatures below, the parties hereby understand and agree to all terms and conditions of this Agreement.**

**Client**

**The Stables**

**Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Name:**

Sandra Tilghman

**Company:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Company:**

Origami Stables

**Signature:**

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**Signature:**

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**Date:**

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**Date:**

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- RETURNED CHECKS: There is a \$35.00 charge for any returned check. All checks are to be written to Sandra Tilghman.
- LESSON CANCELLATIONS: Students (or parents) are financially responsible for all lessons not canceled with a 24 hour notice PRIOR to the scheduled



lesson. Notice of cancellation can be made by calling or texting the instructor. Otherwise, payment will be expected in full for the missed lesson.

- LESSON SPOT: If you fail to cancel your lesson twice with proper notification, your lesson spot may be forfeited.

#### Closing dates:

1. Winter Break- the week between Christmas and New Years.
  - a. As most families are traveling and spending time with family we close regular lessons and offer day camps for an additional fee.
2. Spring Break - Typically the week after Easter as determined by the Smyrna/Clayton school district.
  - a. As most families are traveling and spending time with family we close regular lessons and offer day camp for an additional fee.
3. July - one week in July to be determined, typically due to a heat wave with temps too high to ride safely
4. August - typically the last week of August for the show team to attend the Colonial Classic championships
5. September - The week after Labor Day this gives the kids time to adjust to their new school schedules, the lesson horses extra time off (especially those that went to Colonial) and the instructors a week of hard earned vacation.
6. November - Thanksgiving week
  - a. As most families are traveling and spending time with family we close regular lessons and offer a day camp on Black Friday for an additional fee.

\*\*\*During the Summer break from school, day camps are provided in addition to evening lessons. Students paid up for the month that are attending camp will receive a discount on camp but will not attend their regular lesson. \*\*\*