

Welcome to Tri-State Riding Club!

We are pleased to have you on board. We hope that you will enjoy your membership! We think that you'll find that there is something for everyone in this unique club. While our focus is on lessons and the improvement of the mounted as well as unmounted relationship between you and your horse, there is also tremendous camaraderie and support among members. Quite simply we have fun and learn and grow with each lesson or club activity.

We have provided a list of guidelines that will help you 'collect your reins'. Please don't hesitate to ask for further information, we're here to help. Enjoy the ride!

Getting Started:

- Membership is from January 1 to December 31. New and renewing memberships are accepted anytime of year. Lessons and clinics are available to members in good standing unless otherwise noted.
- You must be 21 years of age or older to be a member of Tri-State Riding Club (TSRC).
- TSRC meets every third Thursday of the month beginning with a 6:30 pm social and call to order at 7:00 pm. Traditionally held at the Equine Medical Center Library, 17690 Old Waterford Road, Leesburg, VA or at a location announced prior to the meeting via Facebook and email. Meetings are in person with a Zoom option.
- We encourage active participation in your club. Through member feedback and attendance we can design lessons and activities that will enrich member experiences.
- Attendance at meetings puts you in the drawing for a \$40 credit toward a lesson of your choice.
- Lesson schedule for the each month is presented by email and will come from our coordinators. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. If the lesson is full, request will be placed on a wait list. The monthly schedule of all lessons is also available on the TSRC website <https://tristaterc.org/events-calendar>
- To register for lessons please select the lesson you would like and reply to your lesson coordinator Susan Payne for Western, Judy Brescia for English, or Barb Sullivan for the Woodbine, MD venue (contact information will be on the email or find it on the next page).
- Lessons for which you register are yours and you are responsible for paying for them whether you attend or not. If you know you need a replacement you are responsible for finding one or notifying your coordinator who **may** have a wait list. No guarantee can be made for finding a replacement.
- Many of our venues require that each rider fill out a waiver form for the year. Please download and either email or mail signed release or bring with you to the lesson if it is requested. Releases can be downloaded from our website.
- Member will be invoiced at the beginning of each month for the past month's lessons. Do not pay at the time of lesson.
- You will not be charged for lessons which are canceled by lesson coordinators or venue owners.
- If riding in a jumping lesson please arrive 15 minutes earlier to assist trainer in setting course.
- Members are free to audit all lessons and most clinics and camps. If there is an audit fee it will be published along with the schedule. Auditors may be asked to help set poles or assist in moving equipment.

General Safety:

Safety is our first priority. Please observe the following requirements and recommendations:

- You must wear an ASTM/SEI certified riding helmet to participate during mounted or driving clinics, lessons, or any other TSRC activity where you are mounted on or driving a horse.
- You must wear shoes or boots with a heel during mounted lessons.
- It is recommended you wear an emergency armband, or similar, with your emergency information during mounted lessons.
- Wearing an approved safety vest is not mandatory, but highly recommended.

Safety During Lessons:

- Don't be distracted by being in a hurry. Please arrive at lesson venue with sufficient time to allow for tacking and warming your horse up.
- While warming up or during the lesson, if going in opposing directions, pass LEFT hand to LEFT hand unless otherwise directed by trainer.
- Please stay completely clear of the trainer unless they have specifically asked you to approach them.
- Please refrain from socializing during lessons. Offering appropriate encouragement is acceptable and most times welcomed.
- Remember—Riders, Ride and Teachers, Teach. It is our trainer's responsibility to instruct and member's responsibility to ride.
- You must have a current negative Coggins test in your truck or trailer for each of the horses that you are bringing to TSRC activities. If you cannot present such upon request you may not participate.

Housekeeping:

- Please pick up after your horse wherever you are and remove all manure around your trailer. Also we are asked to pick up the ring after each lesson. Tubs and forks may be available.
- Please respect the venue owner's property. Do not park or ride on grass unless authorized or instructed.
- Whether at camp, lessons, or clinics please provide your own water for horses.

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