

## Cochran Horse Treks – Application to Ride

I hereby apply to ride on the terms and conditions following:

Name		Over 18 tick box		Under 18 state age	
Address				Horse Allocated	
Helmets	Adults	The Establishment recommends that approved helmets are worn when mounted on the horse. Do you require a helmet?		NO	YES
	Minors	If under 18 years of age the Establishment and Guardian both agree that the wearing of an approved helmet is compulsory when mounted on a horse			
Riding Experience	Part A – The number of times the rider has ridden in the last 12 months				
	Part B – Indicate the number of times the rider has ridden in total				
	0-10	10-20	20-50	50-100	100+
	Little experience	Some experience	Average experience	Experienced	Very experienced

1. HORSE RIDING IS A DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. The rider recognises that horses are living animals. Each horse has a different nature and temperament. The rider recognises that there is an element of risk in riding horses and that the horse may act in an unpredictable manner, particularly if frightened, hurt or in any way mistreated. The rider acknowledges that a horse may quicken its pace, trot or canter on the return journey to its stable or yard. Approved helmets are available for sale or hire; however, the rider acknowledges that no helmet can protect the wearer against all possible impacts. Knowing these inherent risks including the use of approved helmets, the rider accepts the Establishment, its owners, agents and employees do not accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury to the rider, spectator or any other person or property whatsoever and the guardian of minor children indemnifies the Establishment against any claim that may be made by such minor rider.
2. All riders accept that the Establishment, its owners, agents and employees do not accept liability for any accident or injury to the rider arising as a result of the rider not wearing an approved helmet, with the retention system correctly fastened in accordance with the manufacturers fitting instructions.
3. Certain risks are normally involved including but not limited to collisions and falls.
4. The Establishment relies on the details provided as to riding experience and age in selecting horses.
5. The Establishment makes no warranty of any kind, expressed or implied as to the nature, habits and disposition of any horse supplied.
6. The rider alone accepts full responsibility for the control of the horse provided and its safety and agrees not to permit fast or uncontrolled riding or galloping and will only ride in a safe and controlled manner. Jumping is not allowed unless authorised and accompanied by an instructor.
7. The rider will not permit the horse selected for their personal use to be exchanged with other riders or permit any person other than the selected rider to ride the horse or permit the doubling of any other person, including children unless authorised and accompanied by an instructor.
8. The rider will be responsible for the correct adjustment of all harness, saddle, stirrups and helmets prior to and during the ride. The saddle girth must be kept tight at all times. The girth must be checked every hour to ensure tension is maintained. The rider shall request the ride attendant to assist in the adjustment of all equipment prior to and during the ride if necessary. The girth is not to be loosened or the saddle removed when resting the horse.
9. All accidents or injury to persons or damage to property or loss of equipment must be reported to the Establishment Office Manager before leaving the Establishment. If this is not possible due to the injury then such report must be made in writing within 14 days of the date of the injury, damage or loss. All claims must be made within 12 months of the date of injury, damage or loss and it is agreed that any claim not made within the 12-month period will be waived.
10. All instructions by the Establishment's staff must be observed.
11. All directional and information signs situated on the property will be read and obeyed.
12. If any rider does not comply with the conditions set out in this application or in the opinion of the Establishment engages in misconduct, discourteous or hazardous riding then the ride may be cancelled by the Establishment and the Establishment need not refund any moneys charged for the ride.
13. This form or application need not be accepted by the Establishment and no reason need be given for its rejection.
14. The details in the boxes below may not be completed for each rider if the rider is one of a group in which case the details will appear on the form for the group leader.

I have read, understood and accept the Terms and Conditions stated on this form and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding during the entire period of the participation in the riding activity.

Rider's signature	Date
Guardian's signature	Date
Guardian's name and address (please print)	