

Circle One:

Day/Class Time: _____

Beginner

Intermediate

Advanced

NEW TRADITIONS RIDING ACADEMY, LLC 2026 Palos Hills Riding Stables, Inc. 2026

Release, Indemnification, and Waiver of Liability (Waiver)

In conformity with the Illinois law, Equine Liability Act, PA 89-111, effective in Illinois since 1995. This below release is a document that a person signs before taking control of an equine from the owner or owner's agent. A signed release acknowledges that the person is aware of the inherent risks associated with equine activities and is willing and able to accept full responsibility for his/her own safety and welfare and releases the equine owner or agent from liability unless the owner is grossly negligent or commits willful, wanton, or intentional acts or omissions.

Riding and handling horses can be dangerous. Please initial each paragraph below. This form must be completed and signed before you can receive any training.

1. ____ I affirm that I have read and understood this Waiver completely. By signing below, and by initialing each paragraph, I agree to every term and condition of this Waiver.
2. ____ I wish to receive and participate in the horsemanship/equitation and horseback riding training program provided by NEW TRADITIONS RIDING ACADEMY, LLC., and PALOS HILLS RIDING STABLES, INC., an Illinois corporation.
3. ____ **WARNING.** Under the Illinois Equine Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from equine activities. Risk of engaging in equine activities means those dangers of conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including but not limited to (1) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them, (2) the unpredictability of an equine's reactions to sounds, movement, and objects, persons, other animals, or other things, (3) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions, (4) collisions with other equines or objects, sickness and diseases (including those that are communicable) and (5) the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within his or her ability.
4. ____ I acknowledge and understand that I may fall off a horse or may be thrown off a horse. I knowingly and voluntarily accept and agree that I will not hold NEW TRADITIONS RIDING ACADEMY, LLC. and PALOS HILLS RIDING STABLES, INC., or the instructor liable for my injuries, my own property damage, or damage to the property of another, or other loss, or death related to my learning of a new activity as part of my horseback riding training. I understand and agree that an instructor may not be held liable for any injuries that his/her students suffer, as there are inherent risks in equine activities.
5. ____ I am aware and understand that the equine, the horse, may behave in an unpredictable and irrational manner, regardless of its training or past performance. A horse may be hard to handle and can, without warning or any apparent cause, stop short, change directions or speed, shift its weight, buck, stumble, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person, fight with another horse, or make other unexpected or erratic movements. In addition, equipment may fail, saddle, cinches, and/or bridles may loosen, shift, or break. Any of these conditions may cause serious bodily harm or death. I understand that the above-mentioned hazards and risks are described as examples only as there are numerous other hazards and risks inherent in equine activities, but also from actions, including but not limited to non-riding activities such as approaching, handling, leading, or walking near equines as well as other hazards and/or conditions at the training facility and immediate training area. Furthermore, I understand that the riding arenas, round pens, and tack storage areas may not be maintained and I expressly release NEW TRADITIONS RIDING ACADEMY, LLC. and PALOS HILLS RIDING STABLES, INC., from any liability for any negligent maintenance of these areas, including but not limited to, the instruction area, the facility and stable premises, or any natural and/or man-made conditions found at the NEW TRADITIONS RIDING ACADEMY, LLC. and PALOS HILLS RIDING STABLES, INC. facility.

Last Name, First Name

6. ____I, on behalf of myself, my family, my heirs, successors and assigns, and anyone claiming any interest through me or on my behalf, knowingly, intentionally, and voluntarily waive, release, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless NEW TRADITIONS RIDING ACADEMY, LLC. and PALOS HILLS RIDING STABLES, INC., and its employees, affiliates, shareholders, owners, and/or agents, and all other persons or entities with a property interest, vested or unvested, in NEW TRADITIONS RIDING ACADEMY, LLC., from any such actions, suits, claims, damages, and liability, including attorney fees and costs, that I, my family, heirs, successors, assigns, and anyone claiming interest through me, may have for any loss, damage, injury, paralysis, or death to myself or any other person or property arising out of my participation in horseback riding training and related equine activities and out of my entrance onto and/or use of the equine facility and premises, whether such a loss, damage, injury, disease, viruses, paralysis or death results from the negligence of NEW TRADITIONS RIDING ACADEMY. LLC., and/or its agents and employees or from some other cause.

7. ____I hereby agree to follow any safety policies, warning signs, or rules that I am advised of, either verbally and/or in writing by NEW TRADITIONS RIDING ACADEMY, LLC. and PALOS HILLS RIDING STABLES, INC., and/or its agents. In addition, I understand that I have been advised to wear a horseback riding helmet and to provide such a helmet for any minor children of mine that take riding instruction from NEW TRADITIONS RIDING ACADEMY, LLC. and PALOS HILLS RIDING STABLES, INC., and its instructors. I acknowledge and agree that this helmet wearing requirement is mandatory. I voluntarily assume the risk of injury, death, or any other loss if I fail to wear a horseback riding helmet at any time during my training.

8. ____I certify that I am of lawful age (18 years of age) and am legally competent to sign this Waiver, or that I have acquired the written and/or oral consent of the parent or guardian to sign the below waiver. I understand these terms are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have signed this document as my own free act. If any part of this Waiver is held unenforceable, such part will be stricken and the remainder of this Waiver will continue to be in full force and effect. This wavier is to be construed, interpreted, and governed in accordance with the Illinois law.

9. ____This Waiver contains the entire agreement of the parties. No other agreement, statement or promise made on or before the effective date of this agreement is binding on the parties.

ANY MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED DUE TO ANY TYPE OF ACCIDENT AT NEW TRADITIONS RIDNG ACADEMY, LLC., ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNDERSIGNED THROUGH THEIR OWN INSURANCE CARRIERS. If you do not have your own insurance, then you are not allowed to ride at this facility. Under the Equine Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and the legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risks of equine activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: of Rider: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian if Under 18 Years of Age: _____

Address: _____ City, Zip: _____

Medications: _____

Health Concerns: _____

Allergies: _____

Contact in Case of Emergency: _____

(With Name and Contact Number Please)

Primary Number: _____ Secondary Number: _____

E-Mail: _____(used only to send you information and coupons)

How did you find us? _____

NO ALTERATIONS TO THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED...YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THE WORDING ON THIS DOCUMENT!