



2017-2018 MILL CREEK EQUESTRIAN TEAM

This document is to provide the details and explanation of what is required of any person wishing to join, compete and earn a letter or medal with the Mill Creek Equestrian Organization.

LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

I. Mandatory 2.5 GPA

Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above for the season. Should the GPA drop below 2.5 or the team member breaks a Mill Creek High School rule, the Mill Creek High School sponsor has the right to decline team members' membership and a place on the team. All Mill Creek High School rules should be followed at the barn, at competitions, or anywhere where you are representing the Mill Creek High School Equestrian Team.

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II. Competing Riders and Managers

A. Competing Rider Requirements to earn a high school varsity letter or a middle school medal

- Ride in a minimum of 4 lessons per month at the farm.
- Compete in 5 regular season IEA shows. Prior to and during these shows the rider will assist with the horses and assist trainer where needed. This includes packing and unpacking the trailer, grooming, tacking, loading and unloading of horses before and after the shows as well as feed, water and hold horses during the competition. Responsibilities will be divided up during the show season based on size and team participants at each show.
- Complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service. A portion of these hours will be at a team sponsored event (which could include the work day at the barn, or another team sponsored community service event)
- Secure a minimum \$100 sponsorship – due by the first show
- Participate in team scheduled barn cleanup day

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B. Apprentice or Manager (non-competing rider)

- Ride in a minimum of 2 lessons per month at the farm and/or assist riders at scheduled lesson time 4 times per month
- Must attend all shows, assist with the horses and assist trainer where needed.
- Complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service. A portion of these hours will be at a team sponsored event (which could include the work day at the barn, or another team sponsored community service event)
- Secure a minimum \$100 sponsorship due by the first show.

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III. Fees for IEA

Competing Riders (these fees are based on the 2016-2017 IEA fees and are subject to change based on the IEA rules and regulations)

- IEA Individual Membership – \$60 registration fee paid directly to IEA on line prior to beginning of season
- Show Fees \$80 per show x 5 shows
- Coaches Fee \$65/rider per show x 5 shows
- Horse lease, stall and shavings – fees will be determined before each show and shared among all teammates
- IEA Team Membership – registration fee paid online at beginning of season total to be split between team
- Other fees will be determined at the beginning of the season

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IV. Lesson Expectations for Both Competing Rider and Apprentice:

- Only Lessons taught by Rachel Abel at Rivendell Farms count toward MC Equestrian Team requirements.
- **Time schedule:** Arrive 30 minutes prior to lesson to groom and ready your horse. Plan on departing 30 minutes after lesson to clean tack and horse. (total: 2 hours: 1 hr. lesson-1 hour preparation)
- Riders must come to the lesson wearing appropriate riding gear, certified Helmet, riding boots, and gloves. A member will not be allowed to lesson if they are missing any of this required riding gear. This is for the safety of the members, the trainer and the horse.
- Understand lessons for all competing riders and non-competing apprentice riders -\$50 per lesson. Competing riders will ride a minimum of 4 times per month. Required lessons will begin September 1 and wrap up when Regionals are scheduled for that show season. Regionals will be in March – date will be communicated once the season calendar is updated. Lessons are to be paid on the first of the month. If lessons are not paid on or before the **5th day of the month**, trainer reserves the right to remove rider from the lesson schedule until full payment of past lessons and upcoming lessons for the month are paid in full.
- Lessons are scheduled directly through the coach. All scheduled lessons will be weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, lessons will be made up. The parent or rider may call the coach's phone to determine whether lessons are cancelled (i.e., severe weather circumstances). The coaches will text or contact riders prior to ride time the day of the scheduled lesson. Make up lessons should be scheduled on a designated day.
- Trainer should be given a 24 hour cancellation notice of any non-weather related absences. Rider is not to send word of cancellation through a friend or parent, but must contact coaches via phone/text.
- Riders can be removed from the team for any unexcused absence from practice. An excused absence consists of: death in the family, illness with a doctor's note, rider did not attend school that day because of illness, or previously scheduled school sponsored event.
- Missing more than two practices per season without notifying the trainer in advance will result in immediate removal from the team. If a competing rider misses more than two lessons in a row the coach reserves the right to not allow that rider to compete in the upcoming show for safety reasons.

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V. Spirit Wear and Equipment for Shows

A. Competitive Riders must have all required show equipment for every show: Riders must have the following: certified show helmet, white equestrian show shirt with collar, competition breeches, navy or black show jacket, black tall boots, and black leather gloves. Hair must be put up in helmet. Riders will wear appropriate Mill Creek spirit wear. Examples include - heavy weight Hawks Equestrian jacket or Mill Creek High School letter jacket, light weight wind suit jacket, and pants to cover show pants. When not showing, the riders should wear the team spirit wear at each show.

B. Spirit Wear will be made available to order at the beginning of each season

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VI. Additional Team Member Expectations:

- Give complete cooperation and respect to trainers, officers, and teammates. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary actions by trainer, which could include not showing, being suspended from lesson schedule or removal from the team.
- Accept instruction and constructive criticism with a positive attitude and willingness to improve. Respect the trainer and their ability to instruct.
- Members should always demonstrate respect for self, teammates, horses, trainers and facility.
- Accept responsibility for behavior and actions without making excuses.
- Understand that lettering requirements are not optional. All team members must fulfill **ALL** requirements as stated in these documents.
- Abide by the rules and guidelines presented in this document. Team members should understand the enthusiasm behind the rules and any situation not covered specifically will be handled in the best interest of the Mill Creek Equestrian Organization.

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I have read and agreed to all Team Requirements, Conditions & Expectations:

Parent Signature & Date

Student Signature & Date



2017-2018
MILL CREEK EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Student's Name: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

2017-2018 grade level: _____

Student's birthdate: _____

Student's cell phone: _____

Parent's Cell: _____ (mother) _____ (father)

Student's email address: _____

Parent's email address: _____

Emergency name and number : _____



Photo/Video/Media Release Form

To Whom It May Concern: I hereby consent to have my child _____ photographed, videotaped, or interviewed while at school or while participating in school functions. I consent to the use of my child's photograph or likeness in school newsletter, local newspapers, the school Web site, or other electronic/digital/print media. I also give the school my consent to use creative work/academic work generated or authored by my child on the Internet, and educational CD, or any other electronic/digital media. I understand that various athletic teams and school clubs will post individual and/or team pictures of my student(s) on the organizations web site.

As the child's parent or legal guardian, I agree to release and hold harmless Mill Creek High School and Gwinnett County Public Schools. I also agree that no monies or other consideration will become due to me or my child because of my child's participation in these activities.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

TRANSPORTATION RELEASE FORM - Mill Creek High School Athletic Department

Team/Club: MCHS Equestrian
Activity: IEA Team Practice or Equestrian Shows
Date: August 2017 thru May 2018
Destination: Rivendell Farms Gainseville, Ga and Show Locations

I understand that the Gwinnett County Board of Education is **not** providing transportation to and from the following activity: _____ and agree to the following arrangements:

PERMISSION FOR MY STUDENT TO RIDE WITH TRAINER/SPONSOR/OTHER PARENT

I agree for my child _____ to ride in a privately owned automobile driven by a trainer/sponsor/another parent.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

AGREEMENT TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS

I agree that I will drive other students to participate in **Equestrian Club activity**. I am aware that I am liable for passengers in my automobile. I understand that I must maintain liability insurance coverage on my automobile for my own protection and possess a valid driver's license. My insurance company is _____ and my policy number is _____.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mill Creek High School Equestrian Team Sponsorship

Coaches: Rachel Abel
Riding Facility: Rivendell Farms

Gold Sponsor: \$500.00

The Gold Sponsor receives:

1. Beautiful engraved plaque with team picture
2. Company name/logo printed in competition program hosted by MCHS Equestrian Team
3. Company name and logo listed with sponsors on the MCHS Equestrian Banner displayed at events during the season
4. Display own separate company banner at all MCHS Equestrian events
5. Company name/logo on main page of Mill Creek Equestrian website
6. Company name and logo listed on sponsors page of Mill Creek Equestrian website

Silver Sponsor: \$300.00

The Silver Sponsor receives:

1. Beautiful engraved plaque with team picture
2. Company name/logo printed in competition program hosted by MCHS Equestrian Team
3. Company name listed with sponsors on the MCHS Equestrian banner displayed at events during the season
4. Company name/logo displayed on sponsors page of Mill Creek Equestrian website

Cardinal Sponsor: \$200.00

The Cardinal Sponsor receives:

1. Beautiful engraved plaque
2. Company name listed with sponsors on the MCHS Equestrian banner displayed at events during the season
3. Company name listed on sponsor page of Mill Creek Equestrian website

Navy Sponsor: \$100.00

The Navy Sponsor receives:

1. Company name listed on MCHS Equestrian banner
2. Company name listed on sponsor page of Mill Creek Equestrian website

We appreciate any sponsorship as the MCHS Equestrian team is not funded by school funds. The team members are outstanding athletes who dedicate many hours to this sport. Being a member of the team requires dedication, commitment, discipline and hard work.

Mill Creek High School Equestrian Team

Sponsorship



Date: _____

Team Rep. Name _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Name of Business: _____

Address of Business: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number : _____

Signature of Sponsor: _____

*Level of Sponsorship: _____

*Donation Amount: _____

*Item/Gift Certificate: _____

Please tear/cut along line

Receipt

Date: _____

*Level of Sponsorship: _____

*Donation Amount: _____

*Item/Gift Certificate: _____

Name of Team Representative: _____

We appreciate your support!!!

""Thank you""



MCHS Equestrian Organization



Contact information

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