

2025 WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA RIDING & DRIVING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

_____ New or _____ Renewal Member who referred you _____

Type of Membership:

_____ Single \$20 must be at least 18 yrs old, (\$15 if paid by February 28, 2025)

_____ Family \$25 **only includes children 18-under within your guardianship (\$20 if paid by February 28, 2025)**

For Family Memberships, indicate the individual names of the family members, **only includes children under your guardianship:**

Please Read Carefully Before Signing Holdharmless!

WPRD Event Sponsors and WPRD Administrators Do Not Assure Your Safety.

I acknowledge that I, the Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, will be responsible for any and all costs incurred by the participant or the participant's family members for injuries or property damage that I or my family may incur, and that I, the Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, have accident medical insurance coverage in force for injuries that I or my family may incur.

I acknowledge that I, the Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, will be responsible for my negligent acts, the negligent acts of my family members and/or legal wards and animals, and I, the Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, do carry personal liability insurance coverage now in force.

I acknowledge that I, the Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, should purchase and wear ASTM-standard/SEI-certified equestrian helmets while participating in equine activities. I understand that the wearing of such headgear while participating in equine activities may reduce the severity of some of the participants' head injuries in the event of a fall or other related accident.

I acknowledge that I, the Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, participate in this event totally at my own risk for injuries or property damage I or my family may incur and I acknowledge that I, the Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, et. al. hereby release and hold harmless the sponsor, co-sponsors, their owners, their officers, directors, members, affiliated organizations and others acting on its behalf, from any claim, legal liability, legal action, or right of damages, for any accident which may occur to me or my equine animal. I also assume and accept full responsibility for any damages done by me or my horse at this show, activity and/or event.

I, the undersigned Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian, being of legal age, have read, understand and initialed the above agreement and release.

Name of Member
(Please print)

Signature of Member

Date

Name of Parent/Guardian
(Please print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(Please print)

Date

CODE OF ETHICS – Western Pa. Riding and Driving Club

All exhibitors at the WPRD horse shows will be asked to review the Club rules and Code of Ethics. Each exhibitor will be required to sign a “Code of Ethics Acknowledgement” form prior to showing.

It is the duty of every member to know and follow the rules of the club. Rule books will be available in the show office for all exhibitors and any exhibitors not complying with the rules may be suspended from further shows. Ignorance of the rules is no excuse. Complaints or disputes may be filed with any of the club officers or show manager.

It is the mission of the club to provide a safe and family like environment that promotes horsemanship skills and friendly competition. Unsportsmanlike conduct of any manner whether physical or verbal, directed at other exhibitors, spectators, officials or animals will not be tolerated. Complaints against any offender should be directed to the show manager or any club officer who will investigate the complaint. Depending on the severity of the issue, the offender may be asked to leave the grounds and lose accumulated points for the day. Severe offenses may result in expulsion from the club and future shows.

Specific consequences for frequently ignored or broken rules of the club are as follows:

Rule: Dogs must be on a 6 foot or shorter leash at all times.

Consequence: The owner of any dog found unleashed on the show grounds may be required to remove that dog from the fairgrounds immediately. Any dog who bites will be barred from all future shows.

Rule: Abuse or mistreatment of animals.

Consequence: Exhibitor may be asked to leave the grounds immediately and possibly be barred from future shows. No refunds will be given for classes that exhibitors who are asked to leave have paid for in advance. Decision of show committee, officers, and officials is final.

Rule: No horse shall be tied on a lead/line longer than 6 feet in length at any time.

Consequence: Exhibitor may be asked to leave the grounds immediately and forfeit any points accumulated that day.

Rule: Exhibitors excused by the judge for severe bits will not be permitted to use that bit.

Consequence: The exhibitor will be prohibited from using that bit in any further classes regardless of whether they have a replacement bit.

Rule: There is to be no riding in ANY of the barns or on the Race track.

Consequence: If an exhibitor is found mounted in any of the barns including the beef barn and Youth Show Arena they may not be permitted in any further classes for the day and any accumulated points for that day may be forfeited. No entries will be refunded.

Rule: No dumping of waste from campers on the show grounds. There is a dump station on the grounds that can be used.

Consequence: Offenders may be turned in to the DEP.

Rule: Rented stalls must be cleaned after use.

Consequence: Anyone who leaves manure in a stall must pay the \$10 fine or will be ineligible for any further shows until that fine is paid.

Rule: The Officers, show officials, and Judge have final determination.

Consequence: Failure to comply with decisions of the Judge, Officers, or show officials may result in forfeiture of points and suspension from further club shows.

The rules listed are just a few examples, they are not meant to be all inclusive. Exhibitors should be familiar with the rules of the Club. The consequences listed are guidelines. The actual penalties will be based on the severity of the rule infraction and will be determined by the officers and show officials. The decisions of the officers and officials will be final.

CODE OF ETHICS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Western Pennsylvania Riding and Driving Club requires all exhibitors to retain a copy of the CODE OF ETHICS and to know and follow all the rules set forth by the Club and to accept the consequences of breaking said rules. Parents, guardians, or adults responsible for minor exhibitors are expected to ensure those minors also follow the rules and accept the consequences of breaking said rules. A Copy is on the back of this page for you to read now and copies are available in the office and online. Your signature below signifies that you have read the CODE OF ETHICS and agree to abide by it.

Signature: _____ Date: _____