



## *YOUNG RIDERS CLUB*

The Young Riders Club is designed for "horse crazy" kids for whom a regular riding lesson doesn't begin to allow the time around horses that they crave. These kids have a strong desire to learn more about horses and their daily care and routines. It is an opportunity to socialise with their peers in a structured and creative atmosphere. The club will provide a structured training system for riding and horse care which will enable the rider to take part in the AIRE & BHS young rider progressive tests.

Test days will be scheduled once the children have received the required training and are at the level required. This will vary from child to child.

Young Riders Club members must be dropped off and picked up at agreed upon times. They may stay on agreed upon sessions as long as they follow directions, are not disruptive to the lesson program, obey all rules, clean up after themselves, and are generally a help to have around.

Club members are encouraged to care for themselves by wearing clothing appropriate to weather and activity. They should bring healthy snacks and drinks. They will need to take breaks when they are tired, and should let the staff person in charge know when any problems arise.

Club members are expected to be good citizens and to treat their fellow club members, the DEC staff, and everyone they encounter at DEC or at events attended with DEC, with kindness and respect. Mistreatment of horses or other animals will not be tolerated.

In addition to an expectation of good citizenship at the centre and all events hosted or attended by the centre, children from DEC are expected to conduct themselves in a civil manner with kindness and respect to each other outside the centre. We have an expectation that Club members will treat each other respectfully in all online, text and phone communication.

### What will it cost?

There will be a one off joining fee of €30. A monthly fee of €100 is payable on the first of each month. For this your child will receive their regular weekly lesson. Plus they can attend as many training sessions as they like. Each member will receive a club sweatshirt when joining. All club members will also receive a 10% discount on any other activities run eg Fundays. There will be a small fee (approx €5) for tests days to cover the costs of certificates, badges and outside examiners

## Training Sessions

Training sessions which will involve a mixture of riding and horse care theory & practical will run at the following times:-

Tuesday – 4pm – 6pm

Wednesday – 4pm – 6pm

Thursday- 4pm – 6pm

Saturday – 09.30 – 5pm

Sunday – 09.00 – 1pm

All sessions must be booked so that we can prepare the training. A diary will be left in the office just for club sessions.

These sessions will run from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.

During December and January the club will run just on Saturdays. There will be just the weekly lesson fee to pay.

Additional sessions may be put on during school holidays.

It is hoped to create a real club atmosphere and to involve parents as much as possible. If anyone has any suggestions for activities they would like eg trips out let us know and we will try our best! Also if any parent would like to organise an activity at the centre eg Halloween party we would only be too pleased for your help.

We want this to be your club so all input is very welcome.

If you would like your child to join the club please read the attached code of conduct with your child, sign and return with the membership fee of €30.

# DEC Code of Conduct

DEC is committed to providing a safe and fair environment for all club members. Our first priority is the welfare of Members and we are committed to providing an environment, which will allow participants to perform to their best ability, free from bullying and intimidation.

DEC is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork, and well-behaved members. We at DEC expect appropriate behaviour from club members, as well as from all staff, volunteers, parents, and others visiting or participating.

Members deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free from abuse of any kind. These members have rights, which must be respected, and responsibilities, which they must accept.

## **Members are entitled to:**

- Be treated with dignity and respect.
- Be safe and to feel safe.
- Get help against bullies.
- Say No.
- Be listened to.
- Be believed.
- Be happy, have fun and enjoy sport.
- Experience competition and the desire to win as a positive and healthy outcome of striving for best performance.
- Have a voice in the running of the club.
- Participate on an equal basis.
- Confidentiality.

## **Members should always:**

- Avoid behaviour, conduct or language that is unseemly or offensive.
- Follow all instructions given by instructors and staff.
- Respect other members.
- Respect opponents, be gracious in defeat.
- Treat their pony / horse with care and consideration..
- Take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others. Abide by the Safety rules and regulations of the Centre, in particular wear the protective riding hats, body protectors and correct footwear. Currently approved riding hats: PAS 015, EN 1384 both with BSI Kitemark, or SNELL E2001, or ASTM F1163 (with SEI Kitemark).

## **Members should never:**

- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage over other members or officials.
- Use bullying tactics to isolate another member.
- Harm fellow members,.
- Make false allegations against other members or adults.
- Use drugs, alcohol or tobacco at Centre activities.
- Keep secrets, especially if they cause harm to any party.

I have read and agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct and the rules of D.E.C

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Instructor

Date