



HUNTERS VALLEY ASSOCIATION (HVA)
and
HUNTERS VALLEY RIDING CLUB (HVRC)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

I'd like to join or renew membership in (circle just one): Date: _____

Hunters Valley Riding Club (HVRC includes dues for HVA):\$ 150
Hunters Valley Association (HVA): \$ 30

Membership in HVRC includes use of the riding rings and trails maintained by the HVRC.

Please mail this membership application/renewal and Signed Waiver with check(s) to:

For HVRC: Beverly Dickerson
11003 Oakton Woods Way
Oakton, VA 22124
(703) 620-4689

For HVA: Sam Wheeler
10505 Wickens Road
Vienna, VA 22181
(703)568-7448

We ask for the following information so we may send your newsletter and renewal notices to you, and for inclusion in the HVA directory. If you prefer, certain information can be left off any publications (e.g. unlisted phone number). Please make a note beside that item. We do not circulate directory information to any other organization.

Family Last Name (for directory): _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State & ZIP-code: _____
Phone Number (home): _____
Email (if available) _____

Preference to receive newsletter: ___ email ___ regular mail

Table with 3 columns: Members of Family, adults first; Year of Birth (or "Adult"); Indicate if Rider. Includes five rows of blank lines for data entry.

Stabling information if applicable: _____

The success of HVRC is due largely to the volunteer efforts of its members in running shows, clearing trails, etc. As a member of HVRC, you are expected to help out at least once during the year and you will be called upon to contribute your time. Please indicate which activities are of interest to you.

Repair/Maintenance ___ Social Functions ___
Trail Clearing ___ Public Relations ___
Trail Ride ___ Other - your ideas? ___

A waiver and a copy of the rules for use of the trails and riding rings are attached. In order for your application to be valid, you must sign and return the "Waiver and Notice." By signing this, you also agree to abide by the HVRC rules.

HUNTERS VALLEY RIDING CLUB
PARTICIPANT WAIVER, NOTICE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

1. HVA Equine Activity Sponsors means:
 - a. Hunters Valley Association, Inc., a Virginia corporation
 - b. Hunters Valley Riding Club, a club of the Hunters Valley Association, Inc.
 - c. Property owners in the area known as Hunters Valley who voluntarily or by easement permit members of the Hunters Valley Riding Club to ride on trails passing over their property.
 - d. Owners of the land on which the jumping ring is located, namely 10856 Flowerstone Street, Oakton, VA.
2. This waiver bars claims or recovery for injury, loss, damage, or death of a person resulting from the Intrinsic Dangers of Equine Activities.
3. The Intrinsic Dangers of Equine Activities are defined as those dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including but not limited to, (i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (v) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability.
4. The undersigned Participant, or parent or guardian of the Participant, may not maintain an action against or recover from the HVA Equine Activity Sponsor for an injury to or the death of a Participant engaged in an Equine Activity, even if it is due to the negligence of an instructor. The Participant expressly waives these rights and assumes all risks of engaging in Equine Activities. The participant recognizes that they have freely chosen their own instructor and HVRC does not attest to the quality of any instructor. The HVRC instructor list only indicates that the instructor has agreed to abide by HVRC rules.
5. All capitalized terms in this waiver not specifically defined herein shall have the meaning given under the Virginia Equine Liability Act set forth in Sections 3.1-796.130 through 133 of the Code of Virginia.
6. This waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked in writing by the Participant or parent or guardian of a minor participant, which is personally delivered to both the President of the Hunters Valley Riding Club and the Hunters Valley Association, Inc. Upon revocation the Participant's right's to the use of the riding facilities and trails of the HVA Equine Activity Sponsor is automatically terminated.
7. No Participant will invite or grant permission to any person who is not a member of the Hunter's Valley Riding Club to use any of the riding facilities of the club except in accordance with the written rules of the club concerning non-members, and only after this waiver has been fully executed by the non-member and his or her parent or guardian. The Participant inviting a non-member to use the facilities of the club shall indemnify and hold harmless the HVA Equine Activity Sponsor from any claim for injury, damage or death made by such non-member.
8. This waiver applies to spectators present on the riding facilities of the HVA Equine Activity Sponsor as well as persons directly engaged in Equine Activities.
9. All participants age 18 and over must sign below. A parent or guardian's signature on behalf of minor participants is also required. Signature constitutes acknowledgement of receipt of rules and agreement to abide by them.

Participant Signatures (all family members 18 and over are required to sign whether they may be present as riders or in another capacity):

Sign: _____	Date _____	Names of Minor Participants: _____
Print Name: _____		
Sign: _____	Date _____	_____
Print Name: _____		
Sign: _____	Date _____	_____
Print Name: _____		
Sign: _____	Date _____	_____
Print Name: _____		

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR HVRC MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

- All members must complete a membership application, sign a waiver, and pay membership dues (January through December) to be a member in good standing. Annual membership must be paid prior to February 15th. New members joining after September 1 will be charged one-half the annual dues.
- Guests riders and guest instructors of HVRC members may use the facilities, either riding or instructing, only when accompanied by a member in good standing and after signing a 'Waiver of Liability' form. Waiver forms are available on the HVRC website (<http://www.hva-va.org>), and at the jumping and dressage rings. Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests sign the waiver and comply with HVRC rules and guidelines. Members abusing the guest privilege, by frequently sponsoring the same "riding" guests (who should become members in their own right), may have their HVRC membership withdrawn. Since instruction is for the benefit of the members, instructors of members are encouraged, but are not required to be members, but they MUST sign a liability waiver
- Dues do not cover the cost of labor to maintain the HVRC facilities. All members are expected to help with trail clearing, jump-pole painting, etc. when called on to do so. This also applies to parents of children who are members.

SAFETY

- Riders must wear hard hats at all times in the HVRC rings and are encouraged to wear them when trail riding. The hats should be approved by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or equivalent, and secured by a chin strap. Riders are encouraged to replace their hats every 3 years.
- Riders are encouraged to wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight if riding in poor light conditions.

USE OF THE RINGS

- When arriving at the ring and others are already riding, wait for an appropriate moment, make your arrival known and agree how you will use the ring, with safety of everyone the prime consideration.
- When riding, keep eyes up, especially when others are sharing the ring, and be aware of what is going on around you.
- When passing in opposite directions, pass left shoulder to left shoulder, when feasible.
- When passing a slower horse, the overtaking rider should warn the other rider and avoid passing too close. Riders of slower horses should:
 - stay to the outside of the track in the jumping ring.
 - stay to the inside of the track in the dressage ring.
- When jumping, in either ring:
 - when others are present, always call out the obstacles you intend to jump.
 - when setting up jumps, always leave an outside track available; do not put the jumps at the outside of the ring.
- Before leaving the ring:
 - restore any jumps that you have knocked down.
 - place trot poles and cavaletti outside the working area of the arena. Where fence hooks are provided for the poles, they should be used. Panel fillers must be leaned up against the fence when not in use. In the dressage ring, all jumping equipment must be placed outside the working area; the ring must be left clear.
- Horses are not to be left unsecured/unattended in either ring, including overnight turnout.
- Longeing in the rings is allowed but mounted riders take precedent over a horse being longed. A person longeing a horse (with or without rider) should offer to move and mounted riders have the right to ask a person longeing a horse to move outside this area. Grassy areas with no additional footing may always be used for longeing.

BEHAVIOR

- Please show respect for both riders and animals by refraining from rude behavior or objectionable language. Members should not make gratuitous negative comments about other riders or animals.
- Please be courteous to hikers or slow moving animals in all parts of Hunters Valley and on the trails. Pass at a walk or slow trot and be careful not to excite other horses or alarm their riders.
- Most of the trails in the HVRC area are either easements or access to them is granted by special permission. Please respect the rights of the property owners and be courteous to all you meet.
- Please respect all wildflowers, trees, shrubs, jumps, fences, etc. and do as much as possible to protect the environment and prevent erosion.
- Members are not to ride motor cycles or other powered vehicles on the trails maintained and administered by HVRC.
- Fairfax County leash laws apply to all HVRC riding areas