

Radford Redcoats Equestrian Club

2017-2018

Student Handbook



# About

Established as the first student organization on campus, the Radford Redcoats have a long-standing history of excellence in the horse world as well as the University. We are a proud member of the Sports Club Council, requiring us to take an active role in the community of Radford City and the University. In addition to competing in both IDA and IHSA competition, the Redcoats complete community service all around the New River Valley extending as far as Lexington, VA.

We are a close-knit community within Radford University and encourage new members of all disciplines and skill levels. The club offers lessons to both competing and non-competing members, ranging from once to twice a week. We LOVE our coach, Kim Smith, and are very proud and blessed to have an off-campus barn at which we practice, house horses, and help to maintain. We are very excited for this coming school year and all it has in store for our growing, wonderful team!

Club Rules & Expectations

1. Riders must provide their own boots, helmets, and appropriate riding attire. Clothing worn in the barn should look neat and professional, with shirts tucked in while riding. All other tack is provided.
2. Tack will be cleaned after ALL lessons. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. Please ask questions and for clarification whenever necessary- SAFETY IS A PRIORITY- for both the horses and the riders.
4. Any requests from Coach Kim or the barn owner, Jan, will be met with positivity, respect, and professionalism.
5. The FaceBook page is our main source of communication- stay up-to-date on all posts from the executive board and Kim.
6. Re-scheduling lessons is YOUR responsibility as well as making Kim aware if you are needing to miss a lesson. Unexcused or absences that are not notified to Kim prior to a lesson could result in the termination of riding privileges for the semester.
7. Show entry fees will be paid to club treasurer the Monday before the show.
8. All members are required to attend once a week meetings on Monday nights at 8:30- location is TBA and varies each semester. Failure to come to meetings could result in penalties.
9. Community service is mandatory. Riders are allowed three excused absences to community events. After three excused absences, the member owes to the Community Service Coordinator 10 cans. Any unexcused absences will result in a 10 can penalty.
10. Community Service opportunities will be announced at the beginning of each month, and excuses are to be sent in ASAP to community service coordinator.
11. Drinking in Redcoats gear or 24 hours before a show is unacceptable and may result in dismissal from the club.
12. Any issues that may arise should be reported to an executive board member or the coach.
13. Treat all members with respect and know that we all can learn from each other.
14. Smile and have fun!

Club Financial Responsibility

Competing members: $150 Club Dues

* Covers:
  + Coaching fee for shows
  + Team shirt
  + Rider registration fees
  + Emergency funds, charity funds, gas reimbursement for team events

Non- Competing members: $50 Club Dues

* Covers:
  + Team shirt
  + Emergency funds, charity funds, gas reimbursement for team events

Lessons Financial Responsibility

Twice A Week Riders: $800/semester

* One time payment TO KIM SMITH at the beginning of the semester
* Covers one hour lesson twice a week for 12 weeks
* ALL COMPETING MEMBERS MUST BE TWICE A WEEK RIDERS

Once a Week Riders: $140/month

* Payment made to KIM SMITH at the beginning of each four week period
* Covers one hour lesson for four weeks