Policy on Safety Requirements for Participation

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For the safety of program participants and our horses, and in order to acquire the skills attendant to successful horseback riding, participants must be able to engage in certain tasks related to grooming, tacking and riding. For example, participants must be able to safely mount and dismount a horse and must possess sufficient upper body balance, leg strength and mobility to ride ahorse unassisted for a reasonable period of time. The UConn riding program is not a certified therapeutic riding facility.

Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable inclusive participation, but we reserve the right to assess each individual’s capabilities to perform these tasks for their own safety and for the safety of our horses. If it is or becomes apparent that the rider is not able to meet the physical requirements of safely participating in the lesson program even with reasonable accommodations, the participant will be notified by the instructor.

If you would like to discuss any specific concerns prior to your lesson, please contact Alena.Meacham@UConn.edu.

If interested, the following is a list of some therapeutic riding facilities in Connecticut:

High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Center - 860-434-1974

Hidden Acres Therapeutic Riding Center - 203-723-0633

Manes and Motions - 860-223-2761