



TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE BREEDERS' AND EXHIBITORS' ASSOCIATION

CERTIFIED RIDING INSTRUCTOR APPLICATION

Miss/Ms./Mrs./Mr. _____

First Name

Initial

Last Name

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birthdate _____ Telephone _____
Day Evening

Email Address _____

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be 18 years of age and a member in good standing of TWHBEA.
TWHBEA # _____ or Payment included _____
2. Complete and submit this CRI Application
3. Pay Test Fee of \$50
4. Provide a Signed Code of Conduct
5. Provide a Signed Release and Hold Harmless Agreement
6. Provide proof of a current First Aid and CPR Certificate (please attach copy of certificate).

(Please answer questions 8 & 9 on a separate sheet of paper)

7. Provide a short biography detailing reasons for wanting to be Certified and a record of your previous horse experience.
8. Which areas of the TWH are you experienced with through owning, trail riding, instruction, training, etc? (Flat Shod, Performance, Academy, Halter, Breeding, Equitation Instruction, etc?)
9. Provide proof of riding ability: Options:
 - a. Submit iPED's record
 - b. Assist Instruct a TWHBEA Youth Camp, ride for the CRIs there and submit a recommendation from them.
 - c. Provide a minimum 10 minute video of riding skills to be evaluated by TWHBEA CRI/TRI Panel.
10. Teaching Proficiency Proof: Options:
 - a. Assist Instruct a TWHBEA Youth Camp, receive a recommendation from lead CRI/TRI at Camp.

- b. Provide a video of a lesson performing 3 gaits to be evaluated by the TWHBEA CRI/TRI Panel.

11. When you have submitted your application and required materials, TWHBEA will send you a link for online testing. You must pass this test with a score of 85% or better.

Do you require your students to wear protective headgear and footwear with a heel? _____

Do you, as a role model, wear protective headgear and footwear with a heel? _____

How did you learn about the TWHBEA CRI Program?

Signature _____ Date _____



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Certified Riding Instructor's Code of Conduct

- ◆ We hereby acknowledge the most important priority of the instructor is the safety of the rider. Any disregard for the safety of the instructor's riders or other riders participating in any TWHBEA Approved Event will be deemed a serious violation of the Code of Conduct.
- ◆ Certified Riding Instructors shall conduct themselves in a professional manner while instructing or at sanctioned events.
- ◆ Certified Riding Instructors are required to know the rules set forth by the National Horse Show Commission and the Academy Guidelines set forth by TWHBEA. Ignorance of these rules will in no way excuse any violation of these rules.
- ◆ It is incumbent upon the instructor to deal with unruly horses, riders or parents quietly and quickly.
- ◆ Disciplining horses in a rough manner as to cause a spectacle at sanctioned events will not be tolerated.
- ◆ Disagreeing with the judge publicly or to students and parents is not acceptable and contradicts the purpose of the program. If there is a disagreement regarding the judge's decision, action may be taken through the appropriate channels.
- ◆ It is paramount that the instructor remembers that the purpose of the program is to have fun. Competition is essential but should never be a detriment to the enjoyment of riding.

Signed _____ Dated _____

It will be left to the discretion of the TWHBEA CRI Panel as to what action will be taken for violations of The Code of Conduct. The TWHBEA CRI Panel will deal with any violation of the TWHBEA CRI Program Guidelines. The TWHBEA CRI Panel will deal with any rules violations.



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RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Name _____
Birthdate _____

Previous Riding Experience _____

For value received by each from the other, the adequacy of which consideration is hereby irrevocably acknowledged I, _____, hereby agree to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association and their officers, members, employees, servants, and agents from any and all liability (injuries, related injuries, or death of participant), costs, expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of the riding of horses stabled by or under the supervision of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association. It is further understood and agreed, I give my express permission for the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association to authorize emergency medical aid treatment where required.

I also am aware of the Tennessee State Law that states:

Under Tennessee Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities pursuant to the Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 20.

Signed _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone: Home _____
Business _____
Cell _____

Email: _____

SAFETY HELMETS ARE REQUIRED.