



# Maryland Therapeutic Riding

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Dear Prospective MTR Participant,

Thank you for your interest in Maryland Therapeutic Riding. On our website, you will find a complete Rider Application packet, which consists of the following forms: Receipt of Rider Manual, Participant's Application & Health History, Physician's Statement, Release of Liability and Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment. The first step toward participating in an MTR session is to fully complete and return these forms. Once your forms have been received, you will be put on the schedule as indicated by your session registration form. New riders will be contacted for a site visit, as well as an evaluation.

During evaluations, we will need to ensure that our program is appropriate for you, and that there are no contraindications to you or your child's participation. At this time, we will discuss our services and how we can best meet your needs. Following the evaluation and the determination that we can safely accommodate you, you will be eligible to register for the next riding session. Please see our Scheduling Request Form and Payment form for fee costs and session availability.

We strive to provide the safest possible conditions for participants, volunteers and employees. MTR is a Premier Accredited Center, and we adhere to all the precautions and contraindications by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA). The acceptance, and continued participation of a rider in our program depends on the availability of instructors, volunteers and suitable horses. MTR retains the right to refuse any participant that we cannot safely accommodate.

It is a requirement of NARHA that ALL riders submit a new Rider Application Packet on January 1 of each new calendar year (or the first session ridden of the New Year). It is the rider's responsibility to be sure paperwork is current. Failure to comply will result in a temporary riding suspension until paperwork is made current.

Thanks again for your interest in our program. We look forward to seeing you at Maryland Therapeutic Riding.

Sincerely,

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