

# Reins in Motion Foundation

## Welcome

Thank you for your interest in therapeutic riding. Enclosed is a packet of information and forms, which must be filled out and returned to us, including session payment, at the start of each session.

Reins in Motion Foundation is a non-profit therapeutic horseback riding program, which creates a supportive and dynamic environment for the development of disabled children and adults and those with life threatening illnesses living in the Bay Area. Through the use of the horse, physical, psychological, cognitive, behavioral, and communicational goals are achieved and personal strengths are emphasized.

Our students are challenged with various conditions including cerebral palsy, autism, downs and other spectrum disorders, paraplegia, sight, hearing deficit, life threatening illnesses, spinal issues that are recommended by a PT, OT and neurologists, and developmental and learning disabilities. Their ages range from preschool into adulthood.

Physicians, therapists, teachers and friends refer students to the Center. Reins in Motion PATH Certified Instructors design individual lesson plans for each client tailored to their ability level. Through a variety of horse related activities, our riders gain greater confidence, self-awareness, increased balance, muscle strength and self-esteem.

For more specific information on these programs and for our current schedule contact RIMF at 925-518-7558 or email [info@reinsinmotionca.com](mailto:info@reinsinmotionca.com)

Thank you!

Reins in Motion Staff

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### **Program**

Lessons are a minimum of 30 minutes up to 1 hour. Client's stability will determine the number of volunteers to assist with lesson. Lessons will be held rain or shine. We will make every effort to make client comfortable. On days when it is either too rainy or too hot, ground classes may take the place of riding. We will work on grooming skills, sensory activities, the learning of horse body parts and or large or small motor skills activities.

### **Fees**

Please refer to contract/agreement for Session Fees and Terms and Conditions.

### **Attire**

RIMF provides approved safety helmets and students are required to wear them while mounted or when working around the horses.

Please wear appropriate closed toed shoes at all times. If your child or client comes in sandals they WILL NOT RIDE. Boots are preferable because of heel and leather sole. Closed toed tennis shoes will be allowed. No clogs or sandals of any kind.

Long pants are important for those that are riding independently. Preschoolers who ride on the bareback pad may wear shorts in warmer weather.

Dress for comfort and according to weather. Use of sunscreen, sunglasses and water in warm weather and layers and gloves in cooler weather. RIMF has a bin of gloves available if needed.

### **Volunteers**

We have very committed volunteers that help with lessons, horse care, and many other responsibilities to ensure that we can run our program safely and keep our lessons to the highest quality possible. If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer, there are many ways that we could use their help. Please contact RIMF by phone or email, and will be in touch with them.

### **Safety Rules**

Do not leave your child or other children unattended or allow them to run around or play loudly. These behaviors could startle the horses or upset other clients.

Please do not visit or touch other horses in the barn as they are not ours. With permission, you may say hello to RIMF horses.

You and your family members are always encouraged to stay and watch lesson but in doing so, please keep in mind that for the riders safety, quiet and calmness is a must.

## **Weight**

There is a weight restriction for all clientele. Our insurance will not allow us to take any riders over 200lbs. This is for the safety of the horses and volunteers on the ground. Other alternative services may be considered such as cart riding.

## **Attitude and Behavior**

Students must demonstrate a personal desire for participation in the program. Students will demonstrate a respectful attitude toward instructors, fellow students, volunteers, parents, horses and other animals at all times. Students will comply with all barn rules, policies and exercise good judgment to ensure the general safety of all persons and animals present.

## **Attendance**

Students should arrive a few minutes before their scheduled lesson so they have time to get their helmet and be ready to ride on time. Should you be running behind, please call your specific instructor to let them know. Instructor phone numbers are listed on the contract/agreement.

## **Program Support**

RIMF is a non-profit foundation that is supported mainly by volunteer staff. We rely on grants, donations and horse sponsorships to keep the program going and to help keep our client cost down. As such, we request help now and then to help support our program. This may be asking for help with an upcoming fundraiser, looking for sponsorship, etc. Thank you so much for all of your support !

## **Possible Reasons for Client Discharge**

1. Participant's inability to maintain head and neck control while sitting on the horse presents a safety concern.
2. Inability to follow directions that interferes with progress toward treatment goals.
3. Uncontrolled or inappropriate behavior that causes a safety risk for either the participant, instructor, volunteer, or horse.
4. Participant's weight exceeds 200 lbs.
5. Changes in medical, physical, cognitive or emotional condition that makes therapeutic riding inappropriate.
6. Nonpayment of session fees. (see contract for fees)

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**Participant Application and Health History**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: M F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal  
Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different from  
above: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Referral  
Source: \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH HISTORY

Diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Onset: \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate current or past special needs in the  
following areas:

Vision: Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing: Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Sensations: Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Communications: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Heart: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Breathing: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Digestion: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Elimination: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Circulation: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Emotional/Mental Health: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Behavioral: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Pain: Y\_\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Bone/Joint: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Muscular: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Thinking/Cognitive: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

What medications is participant currently taking, including over the counter medications?

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Describe participants abilities/difficulties in the following area (include assistance required or equipment needed) FUNCTION (i.e. mobility skills such as transfer, walking, wheelchair use, driving / bus riding:

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SOCIAL (i.e. work/school including grade completed, leisure interests, relationships-family, support systems, companion animals, fears/concerns)

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\_\_\_\_\_ GOALS  
(i.e. why you are applying for participation and what would you like to accomplish):

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**PHOTO RELEASE**

One of the best ways to explain our mission of supporting children is through photographs, video, artwork, and testimonials of our program participants. We use these in our brochures, newsletters, website, and social media. I agree that photographs taken of Participant or other materials created by Participant and submitted to Reins in Motion, shall become property of and may be used by Reins in Motion, at its discretion, for any publicity or marketing purposes, and I hereby consent and authorize such use without restriction.

I DO \_\_\_\_\_ authorize

DO NOT \_\_\_\_\_ authorize

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian

**Page 7A Physician's Statement (Page 1 of 3) – must be signed by physician**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Onset: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past/Prospective Surgeries: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medications: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seizure Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Controlled: Y N Date of Onset: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shunt Present: Y N Date of Last Revision: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Precautions/Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobility:  Independent Ambulation  Assisted Ambulation  Wheelchair  
 Braces/Assistive Devices: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For those with Down Syndrome: AtlantoDens Interval X-rays - Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Result:  positive  negative  
 Neurologic Symptoms of AtlatoAxial Instability: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate current or past difficulties in the following systems/areas, including surgeries:

	Y	N	Comments
Auditory			
Visual			
Tactile Sensation			
Speech			
Cardiac			
Circulatory			
Integumentary/Skin			
Immunity			
Pulmonary			
Neurologic			
Muscular			
Balance			
Orthopedic			
Allergies			
Learning Disability			
Cognitive			
Emotional/Psychological			
Pain			
Other			

To my knowledge, there is no reason why this person cannot participate in supervised equestrian activities. However, I understand that the therapeutic riding center will weigh the medical information above against the existing precautions and contraindications. I concur with a review of this person's abilities/limitations by a licensed/credentialed health professional (e.g. PT, OT, Speech, Psychologist, etc.) in the implementations of an effective equestrian program.

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ MD DO NP PA Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ License/UPIN: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CAREFULLY READ PRECAUTIONS AND CONTRAINDICATIONS ON REVERSE**

## Physicians Statement Page 7B

Please note that the following conditions may suggest precautions and contraindications to therapeutic horseback riding. Therefore, when completing this form, please note whether these conditions are present, and to what degree.

### Orthopedic

Atlantoaxial Instability – include neurologic symptoms

Coxa Arthrosis/Cranial Deficits

Heterotopic Ossification/Myositis Ossificans

Joint subluxation/dislocation

Osteoporosis

Pathologic Fractures

Spinal Fusion/Fixation

Spinal Instability/Abnormalities

### Neurologic

Hydrocephalus/Shunt

Seizure

Spina Bifida/Chiari II Malformation/Tethered Cord/Hydromyelia

Medical/Psychological

Allergies

Animal Abuse

Physical/Sexual/Emotional Abuse

Blood Pressure Control

Dangerous to self or others



## **Physicians Statement Page 7C**

Exacerbations of medical conditions

Fire Settings

Heart Conditions

Hemophilia

Medical Instability

Migraines

PVD

Respiratory Compromise

Recent Surgeries

Substance Abuse

Thought Control Disorders

Weight Control Disorder

Other

Age – under 4 years

Indwelling Catheters

Medications – i.e., photosensitivity

Poor Endurance

Skin Breakdown

## **Reins in Motion Foundation Riding Program Creed**

WE believe dreams are essential to life and right to risk belongs to us all.

WE commit ourselves to slaying the dragons of doubt in ourselves and others.

WE believe the world is changed one life and one step at a time.

WE believe persons with disabilities should be in control of their own lives.

WE dedicate ourselves to a program designed for the individual, wherein quality will always be placed before quantity.

WE pledge ourselves to a program where disabled people govern themselves and a learning model based on mentorship.

WE believe freedom and dignity are priceless; success can only be kept when given away.

WE believe life is a Round Table where in each member is both student and teacher.

WE pledge to build in each other virtues of Courage, Loyalty, Compassion, Honor, Justice, Generosity and Faith.

WE believe in the philosophy of ENN, which calls on each of us to rise to our highest good and goals.

WE dedicate ourselves to quality life with programs that offer opportunities to Dream, to risk, to love and to serve.

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### Reins in Motion Foundation Informed Consent Release of Liability

Name (participant)

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Address

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City, State, Zip

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Age at date of session

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**Name of guardian (if participant is a minor)** \_\_\_\_\_

If the above-listed Participant is under 18 years of age, I hereby declare that I am authorized as their guardian to sign this Legal Release on their behalf, and understand and agree that they are bound by all terms and conditions of this document.

In consideration of the services provided by Reins in Motion Foundation (RIM) & their respective agents, employees, directors, officers, contractors, volunteers, in connection with Participant's participation at Reins in Motion, I as Participant or, if Participant is a minor, as parent/guardian of Participant agree as follows:

I am familiar with the Program and all of my questions about the Program, including questions concerning the details of activities, the physical conditions, and the Program's location have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that participation in the Program creates a risk of injury and I expressly acknowledge and assume the risk of such injury to the Participant. The following describes some of those risks.

- The Program involves outdoor activities where exposure to environmental risks include poison oak, insects, snakes, predators, unpredictable forces of nature such as storms, earthquakes, and wildfires. Entering restricted areas on the property is prohibited and could be dangerous.
- The Program may require travel to an off-site activity by bus or vehicle and includes: horseback riding. Possible injuries include sunburn, dehydration, heat stroke, slipping, falling, drowning, and other mild or serious injuries and conditions.

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- An environment free of allergens, including but not limited to food allergens, cannot be guaranteed at Reins in Motion. Therefore, RIM cannot guarantee the Participant will not come into contact with any allergens while at Reins in Motion. Participation in the program will expose the participant to food, activities and persons that may result in exposure to allergens and injury.

I agree that this description of risks is not complete, and that unknown or unanticipated risks may result in property loss, injury, or death. I understand that the unique character of this Program is to serve participants who are medically fragile or high risk. I have submitted, to the best of my knowledge, complete health history information to the ENN and represent that Participant is free from medical or physical conditions that might create undue risk to Participant. I represent that Participant is fully capable of participating in this Program. Therefore, I assume and accept full responsibility for any injury, death, loss of personal property, and/or expenses that may result from Participant's involvement in this Program, and I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Exceptional Needs Network and their agents, employees, directors, officers, contractors, volunteers, and all entities associated with it to the fullest extent of the law, from any and all damages, losses or liability that may result from Participant's involvement in the Program.

**Participant Signature (if age 18 or older)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT**

Print Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Hm.Ph. \_\_\_\_\_ Wk.Ph \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

In the Event I cannot be reached:

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Medical Facility \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Health Ins.Co. \_\_\_\_\_ List  
all pertinent medical information (allergies to food or drugs, medications being taken, special medical  
condition \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT PLAN**

In the event of an emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during the  
process of receiving services, or working in program or while being on the property of the agency, I  
authorize Reins in Motion Foundation to:

- 1.) Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed.
- 2.) Release client records upon request to the authorized individual or agency

Date \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name and Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**NONCONSENT PLAN**

I do not give my consent for emergency medical treatment in the case of illness or injury during the  
process of receiving services, working in program or while being on the property of RIMF In the event  
of emergency treatment/aid is required I wish the following procedures to take place:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ NONCONSENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_



