

**NEW AND IMPORTANT** information you need to know about our Participant and Lesson fees, Screening Assessment, Lesson payment and Cancellation policy, Session schedule and Stable rules

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### Participant Fee

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The participant fee covers the cost of insurance for the rider and volunteer participating in the program. The insurance is provided by the Canadian National Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA) and the Saskatchewan Horse Federation.

**Rider and Volunteer Participant fee is \$25.00** for the entire year. *(Includes a subscription to the Saskatchewan Horse Federation's bi-monthly publication of ShowTrail).*

### Lesson Fee

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Lessons are \$50.00 each. This cost covers less than one third of the actual operating cost per lesson. The ongoing costs are:

- Instructor training and payment for lesson.
- Stabling, care and feeding of our therapeutic riding horses
- Maintenance of tack and equipment
- Veterinary and Farrier visits

*All of which could not be provided without the generous donations of private individuals, clubs, businesses and corporate sponsors.*

**One of our main objectives here at RTRA is to help make therapeutic riding lessons affordable for all riders. No rider should be refused the opportunity to participate in our program due to lack of funds.**

Full or partial sponsorship of a student's lesson is available through our core funding depending on availability. Supplemental funding could also be obtained through your workplace or social fund to sponsor your child for an 8-week session of therapeutic riding lessons. If you wish to donate towards the RTRA core fund, a tax deductible receipt will be issued.

**Please know that by the implementation of this newly structured Therapeutic Riding Program, the added volunteer fundraising effort by parents and volunteers WILL BE GREATLY DIMINISHED, except for special events or unforeseeable circumstances.**

If you have any questions, concerns or new ideas for funding, please contact our Financial Director, Randell Toporowski, by email: [reginatra@sasktel.net](mailto:reginatra@sasktel.net)

## Screening Assessment

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A screening assessment by the RTRA Instructor, Medical Advisor and/or Physiotherapist will be arranged after all the required forms, including the Physician referral, have been received. The cost of the rider's screening assessment is **\$40.00**. *Annual screening* assessments are imperative to reassess changes in rider's height or weight, medical or neurological history, physical ability, and developmental disorders for continued program participation.

## Lesson payment

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The student rider can be fully or partially sponsored. Fees are discussed at the assessment appointment if the rider is an approved candidate. Fees are due in advance at the beginning of one session. Post-dated checks will also be accepted.

## Cancellation policy

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*If the RTRA Instructor* needs to reschedule a student's riding lesson, notice of at least 24 hrs must be given, **except** in cases of illness, weather conditions, lack of volunteers, therapy horse illness/injury or any other unforeseeable circumstance. Every effort will be made by the RTRA Instructor to reschedule that lesson at another time in the same session.

*If the Parent/Caregiver* needs to reschedule a student's riding lesson, notice of at least 24 hrs must be given in order to cancel the volunteer or to reschedule another rider in that timeslot. The rider's lesson fees are non-refundable, except in the case of a Physician's written order. Every effort will be made to reschedule the lesson.

## Session Schedule

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Our #1 priority is to re-establish this program with safety and progress. It will take time and patience with everyone involved. At present we have one Instructor and one horse, so the initial number of enrolled riders will be small in the first few sessions. Time is needed to schedule volunteers who can commit to that same rider weekly for the entire session. Familiarity is important to the rider and his/her family. Due to the waiting list of prospective riders, we ask that you initially enroll for one session only and inform us of further requests.

## Stable Rules

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The Regina Therapeutic Riding Association leases space from 49 Rivers Road. We must abide by the list of Stable Rules at all times while on the premises to ensure the highest possible standard of safety for all human and equine concerned. These rules will be posted at the facility and it is their policy to be read by everyone who visits. Release forms expire on December 31st of each year. On arrival to 49 Rivers Road, everyone is required to sign a new release form at the start of each New Year. The forms are available upon request to RTRA staff.