SUMMER POLO PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

OBJECTIVES: To introduce and provide instruction in the sport of polo. Students or non-students 11 years or older interested in learning or playing polo are also encouraged to attend. The University of Connecticut has been an active participant in intercollegiate polo since 1969. The Department of Animal Science sponsors and supports both men’s and women’s varsity polo teams. Both teams play intercollegiate schedules and participate in both regional and national tournaments. The women’s and men’s polo teams have won a total of 10 National Intercollegiate Championships.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Jim Dinger, Ph.D., an Associate Professor Emeritus, Department of Animal Science, was hired in 1977. He served as coordinator of the overall UConn horse program, was a faculty advisor and coached the UConn Polo program.

RIDER QUALIFICATIONS: *NEW* There will be two levels offered this year. The introductory level will be offered for riders who have never played polo previously. The rider must be comfortable with the walk, trot, and canter. Due to increasing demand for the Intermediate level, students completing the Introductory course will not be admitted into the Intermediate level unless room is available. The Intermediate level is offered to riders who have played polo previously. Students who require additional riding skills are encouraged to take a beginner riding session prior to taking polo lessons. Please feel free to visit our website at UConnSummerRiding.uconn.edu to find information regarding UConn’s other available riding lessons.

FACILITIES: All lessons will be held in the indoor Horsebarn Hill Arena located on the UConn, Storrs campus. Horses are housed in the main UConn horse barn. The University of Connecticut currently has approximately 20 polo horses.

SCHEDULE TIMES: **Session I: Introductory Lessons** will be held July 16 – August 3 (three weeks) Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. $326.25

**Session III: Intermediate Lessons** will be held August 6 – August 24 (three weeks) Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. $326.25

MORE INFORMATION ON BACK SIDE
**REQUIREMENTS:** Riders must be able to independently tack and mount horse with supervision. Riders are required to wear long pants and hard-soled heels. **No sneakers.** All will be required to wear safety helmets which will be provided. Additional equipment such as mallets and tack will also be provided.

**ENROLLMENT:** Enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Classes will be limited to 10-12 students per session. Please fill out the application and read and sign the required ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONSENT FORM (form can be printed from our website at UConnSummerRiding.uconn.edu). You are considered registered upon receipt of your registration form. **Payment must be received in full prior to riding.**

Information on our *NEW* online payment system can be found at UConnSummerRiding.uconn.edu. Checks should be made payable to the University of Connecticut. Refunds are handled on a case by case basis by the Department Head. Refunds or transferring the balance of payment to future sessions are not guaranteed.

**PROCEDURE:** All riders should report to the UConn Horse Barn I for their lessons. Horses will be assigned to each rider. **Riders should arrive at least 30 minutes early to tack up and be ready for lessons.** In addition, all riders must have returned the signed Acknowledgement/Consent form prior to the first lesson. A guardian or parent must sign if rider is under 18 years of age. Please call (860) 684-2224 or (860) 486-9128 if you are unable to attend your lesson.

To print the required Acknowledgement / Consent Form visit UConnSummerRiding.uconn.edu

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2018 SUMMER REGISTRATION FORM - Polo

Please indicate the lesson you would like to enroll in by circling the session information.

Mail forms to this address:

University of Connecticut
Department of Animal Science
Attn: Jennifer Simoniello
3636 Horsebarn Hill Road Ext., Unit 4040
Storrs, CT 06269-4040

If not paying online, make checks payable to: The University of Connecticut

Please enroll me for: (please circle)

Session I – Introductory Level (July 16 – August 3) Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Session II – Intermediate Level (August 6 – August 24) Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Information

Name: ____________________________________________
Child or Adult:_________________________ Age of Child:_________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________
Town: ________________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip: ____________
Phone: ________________________________
Email: ________________________________

Previous Riding Experience:

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Number of practices and/or games you are registering for?

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How did you hear about the program?

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Emergency Contact Information

Name: ____________________________________________
Relationship:_________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Alt.#: ________________________________

Additional Information you would want Emergency Medical Personnel to know:

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In case of emergency, an ambulance will take you to the nearest or first available hospital, in most cases this is Windham Hospital in Willimantic, CT. If it is possible to transport you to another hospital, do you have a hospital preference?

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I acknowledge that I have read and signed the required Acknowledgement/Consent form, have read and agree to abide by the UConn Barn Rules and Biosafety Practices documents and understand that NO REFUNDS are provided.

Signature: ________________________________