

ETOWAH RIDING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025

Memberships are good for 1 calendar year

The Etowah Riding Club (ERC) is non-profit organization, and hosts 2 horse shows per year in cooperation with families, individuals, and local businesses in our community. The Etowah Riding Club is for all who have an interest in equine activities and education.

Once a member of ERC, all members are expected to abide by the Rules and By-Laws on record for this organization. You can find the Rules and By-Laws on our website at: www.etowahridingclub.org.

ERC strongly believes that the two membership levels that include independent grounds access should have minimum in-person meeting attendance requirements annually. This is so members can know what is going on with their club, any changes, and the current state of the ERC grounds.

Membership dues for 2025 are as follows:

Working Membership – \$50.00/annual

- This membership includes household members (either spouses or single), along with any dependent children 17 years and under. Please note; when an individual reaches the age of 18, they are required to purchase their own ERC membership.
- One vote allocated.
- Minimum requirement of 4 club meetings per year.*
- Minimum requirement of 10 volunteer hours per household/per year.*
- Independent access to the ERC grounds (gate codes will be given for this membership).

Minimum meeting attendance and minimum volunteer hours are required to maintain this membership level. Requirements will be reviewed quarterly to see if the individual or household is on track for the year. Volunteer work sheets will be available to fill out at workdays or other events.

Volunteer time may be submitted to the Executive Board for approval (for example, if a member volunteers time for the club that is not necessarily tied directly to a horse show, event or grounds maintenance.)

If the requirements are not being met, the individual or household will not be allowed to renew at the Working Membership level for the upcoming new year. The individual or household may apply again the following year (for Working Membership level).

Supporting Membership – \$150.00/annual

- This membership includes household members (either spouses or single), along with any dependent children 17 years and under. Please note; when an individual reaches the age of 18, they are required to purchase their own ERC membership.
- One vote allocated.

- Minimum requirement of 2 club meetings per year.*
- No volunteer hours per household/per year are required, but any volunteer hours are certainly welcomed.
- Independent access to the ERC grounds (gate codes will be given for this membership).

Supporting Membership level has only the meeting attendance requirement (at 2 meetings per year), however any volunteer hours are welcomed.

Social Membership – \$30.00/annual

For individuals, couples or families who simply wish to support the Etowah Riding Club.

- This membership includes household members (either spouses or single), along with any dependent children 17 years and under. Please note; when an individual reaches the age of 18, they are required to purchase their own ERC membership.
- No vote allocated.
- This membership has no minimum requirements for club meeting attendance or volunteer hours. Social members are welcome at all club meetings and events. Any volunteer hours are certainly welcomed.

No independent access to the ERC grounds (no gate codes will be given for this membership).

Honorary Membership – No membership fee

A special membership for individuals, families, businesses, educational organizations, or other community organizations. Awarded by special selection by the Executive Board only.

- No vote allocated.
- This membership has no minimum requirements for club meeting attendance or volunteer hours. Honorary members are welcome at all club meetings and events. Any volunteer hours are certainly welcomed.
- No independent access to the ERC grounds (no gate codes will be given for this membership).

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

Working _____ Supporting _____ Social _____ Honorary _____

of Family Members (please only include children/members of household if under 18) _____

As a non-profit organization, we rely on volunteers and sponsors for our shows. Would you be interested in either volunteering or sponsorship for the ERC shows?

Volunteering: Yes _____ No _____

Sponsoring/Finding Sponsors: Yes _____ No _____

Date Membership Paid: _____ Amount _____

Check or Cash: _____

I have read the 2025 Etowah Riding Club By-Laws and do hereby agree to adhere to the rules and regulations stated within

Please make checks payable to:

**Etowah Riding Club
Post Office Box 93
Etowah, NC 28739**

ETOWAH RIDING CLUB
LIABILITY AND PHOTO WAIVER 2025

In consideration of the risk of injury while participating in Etowah Riding Club Horse Shows (the "Activity"), and as consideration for the right to participate in the Activity, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, or personal representatives, knowingly and voluntarily enter into this waiver and release of liability and hereby waive any and all rights, claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever arising out of my participation in the Activity, and do hereby release and forever discharge Etowah Riding Club, located at Brickyard Rd, Etowah, North Carolina 28792, their affiliates, managers, members, agents, attorneys, staff, volunteers, heirs, representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns, for any physical or psychological injury, including but not limited to illness, paralysis, death, damages, economical or emotional loss, that I may suffer as a direct result of my participation in the aforementioned Activity, including traveling to and from an event related to this Activity.

I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTIVITY AND I AM PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY ENTIRELY AT MY OWN RISK. I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAVELING TO AND FROM AS WELL AS PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY, PAIN, SUFFERING, ILLNESS, DISFIGUREMENT, TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT DISABILITY (INCLUDING PARALYSIS), ECONOMIC OR EMOTIONAL LOSS, AND DEATH. I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE INJURIES OR OUTCOMES MAY ARISE FROM MY OWN OR OTHERS' NEGLIGENCE, CONDITIONS RELATED TO TRAVEL, OR THE CONDITION OF THE ACTIVITY LOCATION(S). NONETHELESS, I ASSUME ALL RELATED RISKS, BOTH KNOWN OR UNKNOWN TO ME, OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY, INCLUDING TRAVEL TO, FROM AND DURING THIS ACTIVITY.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Etowah Riding Club against any and all claims, suits or actions of any kind whatsoever for liability, damages, compensation or otherwise brought by me or anyone on my behalf, including attorney's fees and any related costs, if litigation arises pursuant to any claims made by me or by anyone else acting on my behalf. If Etowah Riding Club incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse Etowah Riding Club. I acknowledge that Etowah Riding Club and their directors, officers, volunteers, representatives and agents are not responsible for errors, omissions, acts or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific event or activity on behalf of Etowah Riding Club.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS ACTIVITY MAY INVOLVE A TEST OF A PERSON'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL LIMITS AND MAY CARRY WITH IT THE POTENTIAL FOR DEATH, SERIOUS INJURY, AND PROPERTY LOSS. The risks may include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, lack of hydration, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic and actions of others, including but not limited to, participants, volunteers, spectators, coaches, event officials and event monitors, and/or producers of the event.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS "WAIVER AND RELEASE" AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I EXPRESSLY AGREE TO RELEASE AND DISCHARGE Etowah Riding Club AND ALL OF ITS AFFILIATES, MANAGERS, MEMBERS, AGENTS, ATTORNEYS, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, HEIRS, REPRESENTATIVES, PREDECESSORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION AND I AGREE TO VOLUNTARILY GIVE UP OR WAIVE ANY RIGHT THAT I OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING A LEGAL ACTION AGAINST Etowah Riding Club FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

To the extent that statute or case law does not prohibit releases for negligence, this release is also for negligence on the part of Etowah Riding Club, its agents, and employees. In the event that I should require medical care or treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance. In the event that any damage to equipment or facilities occurs as a result of my or my family's willful actions, neglect or recklessness, I acknowledge and agree to be held liable for any and all costs associated with any actions of neglect or recklessness.

This Agreement was entered into at arm's-length, without duress or coercion, and is to be interpreted as an agreement between two parties of equal bargaining strength. Both the participant, _____, and Etowah Riding Club agree that this Agreement is clear and unambiguous as to its terms, and that no other evidence will be used or admitted altering or explain the terms of this Agreement, but that it will be interpreted based on the language in accordance with the purposes for which it is entered into. In the event that any provision contained within this Release of Liability shall be deemed to be severable or invalid, or if any term, condition, phrase or portion of this agreement shall be determined to be unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect, so long as the clause severed does not affect the intent of the parties. If a court should find that any provision of this agreement to be invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting said provision it would become valid and enforceable, then said provision shall be deemed to be written, construed and enforced as so limited. In the event of an emergency, please contact the following person(s) in the order presented:

Emergency Contact

Contact Relationship

Contact Telephone

Etowah Riding Club has my permission to use my photograph or my minor's photograph publically to promote the club. I understand the images may be used in print, website and social media. I also understand that no royalty fee or any other compensation will be paid to me for such use.

I, the undersigned participant, affirm that I am of the age of 18 years or older, and that I am freely signing this agreement. I certify that I have read this agreement, that I fully understand its content and that this release cannot be modified orally. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract and that I am signing it of my own free will.

Participant's Name

Address:

Signature:

Date:

PARENT/GUARDIAN WAIVER FOR MINORS

In the event that the participant is under the age of consent (18 years of age), then this release must be signed by a parent or guardian, as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of _____, named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this individual.

Parent / Guardian Name:

Relationship to Minor:

Signature:

Date:
