SUMMER POLO PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

OBJECTIVES: To introduce and provide instruction in the sport of polo. Students or non-students 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 a men's and women's varsity polo team. Both teams play intercollegiate schedules and participate in both regional and national tournaments. Both Women's and Men's Polo Teams won the National Intercollegiate Championship. The women's team won championships as recently as 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. The University of Connecticut is the only public university in New England to have a polo team. The other teams that comprise the Eastern Region include: Cornell, Skidmore, Yale, Vassar, UMass, and Harvard.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Jim Dinger, Ph.D., an Associate Professor of Animal Science, has been on the faculty since 1977 and he served as coordinator of the overall UConn horse program, faculty advisor, and coach of the polo program.

RIDERS QUALIFICATIONS

There will be two levels offered this year. The **Introductory level** will be offered for riders that 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 in the Intermediate level unless there is room available. The **Intermediate level** is offered to students that have played polo previously. Instruction in show ring equitation is not required. Students who require additional riding skills are encouraged to take a beginner riding session prior to the polo session. Please feel free to visit our website at [www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/summerriding.htm](http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/summerriding.htm) to find information regarding UConn’s other riding lessons available.

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 available for student use.

SCHEDULE TIMES: 

**SESSION I: Beginner lessons** will be held July 19 – Aug. 6 (three weeks) Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. students **$270.00** and **$315.00** for non - students

**SESSION II: Intermediate lessons** will be held August 9 - August 27 (three weeks) Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **$270.00** for students and **$315.00** for non - students

REQUIREMENTS: Riders will be required to wear safety helmets which will be provided. Any other necessary equipment such as mallets and tack will also be provided.
**ENROLLMENT:** Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Please fill out the Registration Application and sign the required Release Form (Release Form can be printed from our website at [www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/releaseform.pdf](http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/releaseform.pdf)) and send a check for the full amount of the session or a $75.00 deposit to reserve a space (DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE REFUNDED UPON CANCELLATION). Payment or deposit must be received 2 weeks before the session begins and any remaining balance must be paid at the 1st lesson. Checks should be made payable to THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT. Classes will be limited to 12 students per introductory session.

**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 liability release form prior to the 1st day of class. A guardian or parent must sign if rider is under 18 years of age. Please call the barn at (860) 486-8411 or (860) 486-9128 if you are unable to attend your lesson.

For further information visit our website at [www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/summerriding.htm](http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/summerriding.htm)

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**APPLICATION FOR SUMMER POLO - PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH DEPOSIT OR FULL PAYMENT TO:**
Kathy Noyes
Univ. of Connecticut
Animal Science Department
3636 Horsebarn Road Ext., Unit 4040
Storrs, CT 06269-4040

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Please enroll me for the SUMMER POLO Session I at the Beginner Level or Session II Intermediate Level (please circle).

I (have/ have not) played polo before.

NAME:____________________________________________________________________________ AGE (if not adult):________________
ADDRESS:__________________________________________________________________________
TOWN:____________________________ STATE:__________ ZIP CODE:_________
PHONE NUMBER:____________________ DEPOSIT AMOUNT:___________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS:___________________________________________

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:________________________ PHONE# ________________________

I acknowledge that I have read and signed the required RELEASE FORM and have returned the signed form with my registration application.

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Signature of Rider/Parent/ Guardian (please circle one)