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, he was a faculty advisor, and he coached the UConn Polo program.

RIDER QUALIFICATIONS: 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 students who 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 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: Beginner Introductory Lessons will be held July 18 – August 5 (three weeks) Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. $315.00

SESSION II: Intermediate Lessons will be held August 8 - August 26 (three weeks) Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. $315.00

MORE INFORMATION ON BACK SIDE
**REQUIREMENTS:** Riders will be required to wear safety helmets which will be provided. 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 application, read and sign the required ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / CONSENT FORM (form can be printed from our website at UConnSummerRiding.uconn.edu) and send a check for the full amount of the session. Payment must be received 2 weeks before the session begins. Checks should be made payable to THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT. Classes will be limited to 10-12 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 Acknowledgement/Consent form prior to the 1st 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.

For further information visit our website at UConnSummerRiding.uconn.edu

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**APPLICATION FOR SUMMER POLO - PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL FULL PAYMENT TO:**

University of Connecticut  
Department of Animal Science  
Attn: Jennifer Simoniello  
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 - Introductory Level OR Session II - Intermediate Level** (please circle).

I (have/have not) played polo before (please circle one).

| NAME: ______________________________________ | AGE (if not adult): __________ |
| ADDRESS: ____________________________________ | |
| TOWN: ___________________ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: ________ |
| PHONE NUMBER: _______________ TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED: __________ |
| EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________ |
| NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: __________ PHONE# _____________________ |

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE PROGRAM? _______________________________________

I acknowledge that I have read and signed the required **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONSENT FORM** and have returned the signed form with my registration application.

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