**Radford Redcoats Equestrian Team Expectations**

**Conduct**

* Be respectful and considerate to everyone.
* Leave everything you use in the same condition or better than you found it.
* Clean up any manure, hair, hoof pickings, or other messes right away.
* Boots with heels are required at all times in the barn and while mounted.
* A properly fitted ASTM riding helmet is required at all times while mounted.
* Attire should be neat & workmanlike (shirt tucked in, etc.).

**Before Lessons**

* Arrive early enough to catch your horse, groom, and tack up. You are expected to be tacked and ready by your lesson time.
* Get all tack and equipment ready BEFORE catching your horse.
* Horses should be curried, brushed, & have their feet picked out prior to being tacked up.
* Use Radford Redcoats flyspray during fly season.
* If you notice a cut, missing shoe, or other problem with your horse, tell the instructor immediately.
* **Do not leave saddle racks up in the aisle. This is dangerous.**
* If you will be jumping, you should carry a crop unless there are specific instructions not to with that horse.
* Spurs only allowed with permission from the instructor on certain horses.
* If you need help, PLEASE ASK!!
* Do not mount until the instructor is in the ring and has examined your horse & tack.

**During Lessons**

* Do not flop onto the horse’s back when mounting. Place your right foot in the stirrup first, then sit down gently in the saddle.
* Be aware of what others are doing in the arena and be courteous.
* Pass left to left whenever possible or communicate (inside/outside) with others about where you are going.
* Support each other. **Only positive comments to your peers.**
* If you don’t understand, tell the instructor. Ask Questions!!

**After Lessons**

* Walk your horse until he/she is properly cooled out.
* In warm months, horses should be hosed in the wash stall to remove sweat and dirt, then scraped off.
* In cold months, horses should be groomed to remove ALL sweat marks and dirt.
* Leather tack should be cleaned after every ride. Condition as necessary with neatsfoot oil or Lederbalsam.
* Do not lay a sweaty girth across the saddle.
* Flip saddle pads dirty side up to dry/air out. Dirty saddle pads should be placed in the laundry bin.
* Everything should be put away and cleaned up when you are done.
* If you are the last to leave, turn the lights out.

HAVE FUN!!