

Special Equestrians, Inc.

Therapeutic Riding and Therapeutic Driving Participant Eligibility Guidelines

Special Equestrians will make every effort to meet the needs of all persons who apply for therapeutic riding and therapeutic driving.

However, the nature of these activities includes limitations, precautions and occasionally contraindications. These are due to a variety of causes, most notably the following:

- Size and weight-carrying ability of the available horses
- Nature of a disability or condition that would make it unsafe for an individual to ride or drive
- Inability to schedule riding or driving time to coincide with an individual's schedule

Medical Precautions and Contraindications

Information is available for review by request from Special Equestrians.

Physicians Statement

All Special Equestrians participants must have a signed and dated, statement from their doctor's office, biennial (every two years) for all riding and driving participants except those participants with Down syndrome, who must have an annual signed medical statement.

Age

Therapeutic riding or driving participants must be at least 4 years of age.

Weight Limit

Special Equestrians reserves the right to impose a weight limit if no horse is available to safely carry a riding participant weighing over 180 pounds. A lower limit may be imposed if illness or injury prevents the use of a suitable horse.

Behavior

Inappropriate, unsafe or disruptive behavior or any condition where the participant is harmful to him/herself or others is a contraindication to therapeutic horseback riding or driving.

Evaluation/Re-evaluation

Each potential Special Equestrians participant will receive an initial evaluation by a PATH Int'l. certified instructor. Based on this evaluation and the participant's medical reports, the participant will be advised if therapeutic riding or driving is recommended.

Under certain conditions a participant's condition may change and a re-evaluation becomes necessary. Based on this re-evaluation, the participant may have to cease riding. A doctor's written verification is required for the participant to resume riding.

Thank you for understanding these guidelines. It is the intent of Special Equestrians to provide the safest possible therapeutic riding lessons for our participants.

Special Equestrians reserves the right to decide we are unable to serve an applicant due to unavailable resource(s) and or/safety concerns including PATH Intl. guidelines relating to contraindications for participation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.