



ESHS EQUESTRIAN CLUB RIDER GEAR INFORMATION

This form is to provide general information on gear that riders typically acquire. Reigning Phoenix Equestrian primarily coaches in the English style of riding. Western style of riding may be discussed and educated, however English style will be the club's training (as is the horses' training involved).

Traditional Rider Attire

- **Helmet** *Mandatory at any barn*
- Polo shirt (*riding in T-shirts and tank tops is allowed with RPE*)
- Riding Breeches (*jeans are allowed with RPE*)
- Riding Boots
 - Tall Boots (*and recommended tall socks*)
 - Paddock Boots [*and recommended **Half Chaps***]
 - *For starters, any boot with a small heel will suffice for starting (examples: military combat boots, cowboy boots, ankle boots)*
- Riding Gloves (*recommended but not necessary*)

Barn Worker Attire Recommendations

- May wear shorts around the barn (*although may want to keep a pair of **thin sweatpants** on hand for pestering flies or helping with hay*)
- Recommend muck boots / rain boots (*rainy season can produce excessive mud*)
- **Closed-toe shoes** are mandatory for being around the horses (*the horses never mean to step on a person's foot but it does happen on occasion with negligence*)

Reigning Phoenix Equestrian does highly encourage and train **bareback-style** of riding, in which case if a rider does prefer to wear shorts while riding bareback, RPE finds that acceptable.

SHOPPING RECOMMENDATIONS

There are many places to buy riding gear nowadays. Multiple online services provide avenues as well as recommended, local stores.

Local Stores

- Maryland Saddlery Consignment (Crofton/Gambrills, MD)
 - Highly recommended for just about any gear you want to get for a reasonable price. RPE constantly makes the trip out for new gear.
- Dover Saddlery (Crofton, MD)
 - High quality, although second stop to Maryland Saddlery as Dover tends to be pricier.

Online Stores

- State Line Tack (www.statelinetack.com)
- Amazon
- Chick's Saddlery (www.chicksaddlery.com)
- Dover Saddlery (www.doversaddlery.com)

REMINDER

This does not include show attire and gear. This is simply normal attire and gear that typically equestrians wear and use during normal riding and training.