

San Juan Sparkles & Spurs

About You

Rider Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State & Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Can we text this number? _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current Age: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Parent/Guardian if under 18: _____

Tell us why you are interested in joining the San Juan Sparkles & Spurs? _____

Do you own your own horse? Transportation for your horse? _____

Please describe you riding abilities _____

Tell us about your horse and his/her/their experience? Are they good with flags, leads, one-hand riding?

Financial Commitment

Annual Performance Team Membership Fee is \$150, due by April 1st.

Annual Flag Team Membership Fee is \$50, due by April 1st.

Team Purpose

Developing quality horsemanship within the sport of drill and instilling values of responsibility, discipline, commitment, respect in all aspects, and accountability both to community and team focused on women of all ages. The organization/team is organized exclusively for educational, nonprofit, and community entertainment/shows under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Exit Policy

If at any point you choose to leave/exit the team, you agree to

- 1) Notify Holly D. Piatek and/or Rachel Flores in writing, text, email, or in person.
- 2) Return all of the team owned items within 1 week of your final date in the same condition which received.
- 3) 3 day after all team items have been returned, rider, and those associated, will be removed from Band App.
- 4) All funds collected by the team are non-refundable.
- 5) Feedback will be requested.

Participation & Attendance Policy

1. Practices in Fall/Winter are on Sunday afternoons, and in Spring/Summer are on Thursday evenings.
2. Attend all scheduled REQ (Required) dates that are set the year prior (see below)
3. Mandatory attendance to Team Building day. Set at January Business Meeting and scheduled for February.
4. The 2 practices before a performance are mandatory to perform.
5. Mandatory monthly Business Meeting. Those in Montrose, Delta, & Mesa Counties need to attend this meeting in person. (call in requests must be set 7 days ahead by approval only)
6. Every rider should actively participate in team functions. Committees to participate in:
 - a. Costumes, Scheduling, Membership/Media, and Funding
7. Everyone is highly encouraged to participate in/at fundraising events and/or booths.
8. Members are required to volunteer a minimum of 3 hours as a representative of the San Juan Sparkles and Spurs during the current season.

Allowed Absences

1. Absences/Attendance will be tracked for the season November – October
2. 3 Excused absences (Only 1 may be used for a Performance)
3. 1 Un-Excused absence
4. 1 Non-Ride Meeting absence (meetings that you are approved to call in will NOT be considered absent)
5. 10 minutes late to a practice/meeting is considered tardy
6. 3 Tardies will equate to an absence
7. 30 minutes late to a practice is considered an absence
8. Anything beyond the allowance will need at Exception request, or member is liable to be removed.

Exception Absences

1. Exceptions may be requested to the Membership Committee with a minimum 2 weeks' notice (no new requests will be accepted from June 15th to August 1st)
2. Must be in writing with full details as to reasoning
3. Approval/Rejection will be made within 72 hours by the Membership Committee and response will be confirmed in writing
4. Records will be given at the nearest Business Meeting

Specific to Performance Team

1. No Un-Excused Absences will be allowed after February 1st
2. No absences will be allowed from the 2nd Sunday in July through the 1st Sunday in August

Specific to Flag Team

1. 2 Practices each month will be "FTR" Flag Team Required. These dates will be set at Business Meetings.
2. Trot with a flag one handed by November 1st, hold a position in at least 3 basic maneuvers at a fast-paced trot by March 1st, lope a circle as a sweep, one handed, with a flag by May 1st
3. Exceptions for anything stated above will be agreed upon by the Membership Committee

Definition of Terms

1. Excused Absence: Scheduled time away that has been approved by the team and/or Membership Committee with a minimum of 14 days' notice, an unexpected illness, family death, or emergency.
2. Un-Excused Absence: When you (with your horse when applicable) do not attend (no-show) a scheduled event/practice for reason such as, but not limited to, not feeling good, being tired, scheduling something else last minute, scheduled something that could be worked around the drill team's schedule, or because you felt the weather would be bad

REQ Dates (Please note some dates may adjust as these are based on previous year's dates)

Gymkhana Performance – 4/16/24	GJ Performance - 7/19/24	Montrose Performance – 7/27/24
Montrose Parade – 7/4/24	Delta Parade – 7/20/24	Delta Parade & Perform – 8/3/24
Cedaredge Parade & Perform - 7/6/24	Montrose Performance - 7/26/24	Ouray Parade & Perform – 9/2/24

Note: we have additional performances and parades we like to attend, but are dependent upon committed riders' availability. We call these "RD dates" (Rider Dependent).

Member Responsibilities

1. You are responsible for your own equipment and horse. If you need someone else to haul your horse, please chip in for gas, be ready to load and unload, and care for your horse throughout the season.
2. Our horses' health, appearance, and soundness reflect on the whole team. If you are using your own horse, it needs to be up to weight, have a current coggins if traveling where required, be trimmed/shod, vaccinated, dewormed, sound, and bathed before appearances, and please be considerate of other horses if your horse is sick.
3. You will need to be working with your horse outside of practices so we can all progress and improve. Remember we are only as good as our weakest horse and rider. The better the horse and rider, the better the team is and the more fun we have.
4. Strive to have a positive attitude, uplift your team, and work with others willingly. Be able to take criticism, be open to trying something new, and do not blame your horse or others for your weaknesses. We are always learning as a team and we can all help each other to become better.
5. If you use it, return it in the same or better condition. If you drop it, pick it up. Whether we are at practice, a rodeo, parade, competition, or a performance, please pick up after yourselves and your horse. Leave the area better than when we came. If you break or damage something, it is your personal responsibility to mend the situation.

Additional Expectations

- ❖ We run a 3-strike rule for horses that endanger themselves, their riders, other horses, or other riders
- ❖ During practices you will be required to use:
 - Western saddle and tack
 - Loop reins
 - Shanked bit for 1 handed riding
 - Leg wraps/boots on all 4 legs of your horse
 - Regular cowboy boots for yourself
 - No spaghetti strap or crop top shirts (appropriate public riding clothes)

Equipment Checkout Rules

1. Everyone is to checkout their team items at least 2 days BEFORE the event. You will each be responsible for checking that your gear fits, works correctly, and is ready for the event.
2. Bathe your horse. This is so the team equipment stays clean after you have used it. (Note: We hand spot-wash all our gear to keep it in the best condition for long term use.)
3. Items will be returned NO EARLIER than the next day AFTER the event. Do NOT return items the day of the event.
4. Return items the way you got them – Clean, neat, and in the same bags, totes, containers that they were checked out in.

Costume & Uniform Expectations

- ❖ While at or preparing for events, please wear the team shirt for the year or team warm up shirt for the year when needed, before and/or after your show shirt for the performance or parade.
- ❖ Show shirts are to be spot washed or hand washed and air dried
- ❖ Hang the shirts up in between same day performances to keep them clean
- ❖ Do not eat in your show shirts, and remove them as soon as possible after performing
- ❖ Show shirts are NOT to be worn outside of our team performances
- ❖ All drill shirts are to be worn properly, zipped and/or buttoned up
- ❖ We wear BLACK jeans to parades and performance. No washed out, faded, or jeans with holes allowed. They must be worn on the outside of your boots.
- ❖ Boots must be dark brown or black and polished before each performance
- ❖ Chaps and Christmas Skirts are to be put on last. DO NOT WALK IN YOUR CHAPS OR SKIRTS
- ❖ Do NOT hang your chaps or skirt on your horse. Avoid getting them dirty and/or sweaty
- ❖ Team tack and equipment are to be returned in a clean and orderly stored fashion
- ❖ Your personal tack is to be cleaned before each performance
- ❖ If team items get damaged (losing snaps, rips, falling apart, or broken), it is your responsibility to tell the Costume Committee and for any costs incurred to fix and/or replace the item.
- ❖ If you forgot part of your uniform (hatband, flag boot, correct color jeans), do NOT wait, report to the Costume Committee IMMEDIATELY so we can try to fix it.
- ❖ The Costume Committee will decide how horses are to be decorated for parades and performances. Do NOT personalize your horse. ALL horses are to look the same
- ❖ Appearances will require you to wear mascara and designated colored lipstick

Signature

By signing, you understand and agree to all things stated in this Team Contract & Application as well give permission to the San Juan Sparkles and Spurs Drill Team to use photographs and/or videos of rider listed above in publications, new releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission of the San Juan Sparkles and Spurs.

Rider Printed Name: _____

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

If a minor, Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY. SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

Warning: Under Colorado law, an equine professional is not responsible for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resultant from the inherent risk of equine activities pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.

A. **REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE.** By signing this agreement, I and the parent or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby allow the listed rider(s) to participate in all activities associated with SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS including but not limited to practices, parades, performances, travel, competition or to use SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS located at 18808 F RD, DELTA, CO 81416 to take instruction for the purpose of horseback riding today and on all future dates.

RIDER NAME(S) _____ _____ _____	Date of Birth (if under 21) _____ _____ _____
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Does this rider have physical and/or mental health conditions, problems, and/or disabilities which may affect his/her ability to safely ride a horse? Yes _____ No _____ if yes, describe here: _____
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INITIAL BELOW AFTER READING EACH SECTION. RIDER AND/OR PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST INITIAL.

- _____ B. AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS. This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered rider, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of Colorado. If any clause, phrase, or word conflicts with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term "horse" herein refers to all equine species. The term "horseback riding" herein refers to riding or otherwise handling of horses or ponies, whether from the ground or mounted. The term "rider" herein refers to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms "I", "me", "my" shall herein refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

- _____ C. ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION. I understand that horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions.

- _____ D. NATURE OF STABLE HORSES. I understand that SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS suggests using horses with calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use as riding horses for their riders. Yet, no horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of up to six feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include but are not limited to: stopping suddenly; changing directions or speed at will; shifting its weight; bucking, rearing, kicking, biting, running from danger.

- _____ E. RIDER RESPONSIBILITY. I understand that upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety, and that of an unborn child if the rider is pregnant.

- _____ F. CONDITIONS OF NATURE. I understand that SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS is NOT responsible for acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. Some examples are: thunder, lightning, rain, wind, water, wild and domestic animals, insects, or reptiles which may walk, run, or fly near or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape.

- _____ G. CARRY-ON OBJECTS AND SHARP NOISES. I understand that items which may fall, blow away, flap in the wind, bounce, or make sharp noises can possibly scare a horse. I also understand anything I carry on me or in my pocket that is sharp or pointed could cause injury in a fall.
- _____ H. ACCIDENT/MEDICAL INSURANCE. I agree that should emergency medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for ALL such incurred expenses. In no circumstance will I and/or my insurance company hold SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS, owners or workers, responsible for any incurred expenses. My insurance company is _____ and my policy number is _____. I hereby authorize SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS to provide emergency medical care authorization or transportation for me or for my child.
- _____ I. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR. I understand that SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS does not require the use of a helmet for all riders when riding, but recommends using SEI certified ASTM Standard Equestrian Helmets for use by riders. While these helmets may reasonably be expected to prevent or reduce the severity of some of the wearer's head injuries in the event of a blow to the head, use of these helmets does not eliminate the possibility of head injury.
- _____ K. LIABILITY RELEASE. I agree that in consideration of SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS allowing my participation in this activity under the terms set forth herein, I the rider, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do agree to hold harmless, release and discharge SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS, its owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises and trails, affiliated organizations insurers, and others acting on its behalf (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "ASSOCIATES") of and from all claims demands, causes of action and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS's and/or its associates ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS's gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS and its associates as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage sustained by me and/or my minor child and/or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of SAN JUAN SPARKLES AND SPURS. Ultimately the rider and rider alone is responsible for themselves and the horse(s) they ride.

All Riders and Parents/Legal Guardians must sign below after reading this entire document. Each parent must sign.

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I/We, the undersigned, have read and do understand the foregoing agreement, warnings, release and assumption of risk. I/we further attest that all facts relating to the applicant's physical condition, experience, and age are true and accurate.

SIGNATURE OF RIDER (if over 18 years old) _____
Date

_____ for ANY AND ALL RIDERS LISTED UNDER SECTION A
SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN AND/OR SPOUSE #1 DATE _____

_____ for ANY AND ALL RIDERS LISTED UNDER SECTION A
SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN AND/OR SPOUSE #2 DATE _____

PRINT NAME(S) OF PARENT(S) AND/OR GUARDIAN

Address in full: _____ Home Phone: _____
_____ Bus. Phone: _____
_____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency contact: _____
Name Relationship Phone #