



Tryout/Application Checklist-

- ☐ Complete Athlete Application
- ☐ Read and Sign the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Teams Rules & Requirements
- ☐ Read and Sign the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team Code of Conduct/ Zero Tolerance Policy
- ☐ If you LEASE your horse, include a copy of your signed lease
- ☐ Attach a current copy of your horse(s) coggins
 - ☐ If you are in need of a current coggins Union County Saddle Club's Annual Equine Health Expo is scheduled for Saturday, March 1st.
 - ☐ Current Union County Saddle Club Membership
- A parent/guardian must be present for an introductory meeting and present at each practice if you are under 18.
- This is a Non-Gaited drill team. Your horse must trot or lope (not pace or gait) to qualify to perform on the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team.
 - Due to safety concerns for all riders and horses NO gaited horses will be permitted to perform on the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team. With patterns being executed at higher rates for speed, non-gaited horses are best suited to perform maneuvers required.
- **NO** Stallions Permitted
- It is your responsibility to have a prepared and well mannered horse present. A horse that kicks at, runs into other horses, or exhibits other uncooperative behavior is dangerous to his rider and riders/ horses around him. Your horse must be able to comfortably carry a flag at all speeds.

Union County Saddle Club

Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team

2025 Athlete Application Form

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Date Of Birth: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Current UCSC Member: YES NO

Emergency Contact: _____
Relationship to Athlete: _____ Phone: _____

Person Responsible for Horse Transportation:
Name: _____ Phone: _____
Do You Lease Your Horse? YES NO (If YES, please include a copy of your signed lease agreement)

Have you ever performed on a Equestrian Drill Team Before: YES NO

What equestrian events do you participate in?

Please complete this section if Athlete is under the age of 18:

Parent/ Guardian: _____
Relationship to Athlete: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Consent for Athletes under the age of 18:

I, the parent/ guardian of the Athlete named above, hereby, give permission for my child to try out for the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team, and participate in all team activities. I understand my child's participation in this activity is voluntary. However, if selected, I understand that my child and equine partner will be required to attend practices, fundraiser events, performances, and competitions scheduled for the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team. I, the parent/guardian, understand that I am responsible for arranging transportation for my child and equine partner to and from scheduled practices and events.

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rules & Responsibilities

- Working TOGETHER as a TEAM is a must!

Athlete

- Prior to team tryouts, the Athlete must be a current member of the Union County Saddle Club.
- Read, sign and abide by the UCSC Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team Code of Conduct, and Rules & Requirements for the current season. (Director, Assistant Coach, Athletes, and Volunteers may be disqualified from competition or removed from the team should an infraction occur.)
- The minimum age requirement for Athletes is 12 years of age with no maximum age. Most importantly the athletes are to meet the standards outlined in this document (Team Rules & Requirements), especially those specifications relating to riding ability. Athletes and equine safety are the top priorities.
- Rider and horse must be able to safely trot and lope with a flag. They must demonstrate lead changes, lope small and large circles, stop from a trot and from a lope, trot and lope in a single-file line with other horses/riders, trot in a line abreast with other horses/riders, trot and lope side-by-side with another horse/rider (all while maintaining proper spacing between riders)
- Athlete/Parent is responsible for transportation for athlete and horse
- Attend and participate in team practices/meetings
- The athletes must participate in fundraising and volunteer activities
- Missing practice(s) may result in not being able to perform at the next event
- Be prepared and on time for practices, events and fundraisers (regular UCSC shows, fundraisers, etc)
- Be on your horse, in the arena, warmed up, and ready to practice/perform at the stated "be ready" time.
- Be a positive role model and representative of the Union County Saddle Club
- Team Members are responsible for maintenance, laundry, and/or care of their Team issued uniform(s) and equipment.

Parent/Guardian (Athlete under the age of 18)

- Read, sign, and abide by the UCSC Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team Code of Conduct and Rules & Requirements for the current season.
 - (Director, Coaches, Athletes, and Volunteers may be disqualified from competition or removed from the team should an infraction occur.)
- At least one (1) parent or guardian must be at all practices with their athlete
- Provide the encouragement and support needed by your athlete
- Displaying a positive relationship with the Team Director and Assistant Coach(es) demonstrates respect that your athlete will see
- Plan to volunteer for events, fundraisers, and other operational duties
- A record of team transactions and balances will be provided to each parent/athlete monthly.

Horses

- You must own or formally lease your horse you plan to perform on the Drill Team.
- It is your responsibility to have a prepared well-mannered horse present for practices and performances.
- A horse that kicks at, runs into other horses, or exhibits other uncooperative behavior is dangerous to his rider and riders/horses around him.
- Your horse must be able to comfortably carry a flag at all speeds.
- If a member's horse becomes uncooperative or is injured and cannot perform, it is the rider's/parent's responsibility to find an acceptable replacement.
- If there is an instance where a rider cannot find an acceptable replacement horse, he/she can remain an active member of the team if he/she chooses to attend practices, performances, and any other events the Drill Team is involved in to aid where it is needed.

Uniform(s) & Equipment

- Team Members/ Parents are required to read, understand, sign, and abide by the Equipment Issuance Agreement (Athletes/Parent/Guardian will be

held responsible for missing or damaged uniform(s) and/or equipment).
This agreement will be provided when items are issued.

- Uniform(s)/ Equipment issued to each team member will be recorded during the time of issue and upon return of item(s).

Tryouts

- Team tryouts will take place at the Union County Saddle Club Arena on posted date
- Athletes MUST obtain UCSC Membership prior to the tryout date
- Listed Forms must be signed and presented on the day of tryouts:
 - Athlete Application Form
 - Rules & Requirements Form
 - Code of Conduct/ Zero Tolerance Policy
 - Copy of current Coggins
 - Copy of signed lease agreement (if your horse is leased)
- Flags and flag holders will be provided
- Athletes who are **active and in good standing** on the Team are still required to try out again and are encouraged to attend and assist during tryouts.
- If there are not **at least eight (8) qualified athletes who try out, there will not be a team that season.**

I thoroughly understand the Expectations outlined in this document. By signing this document I agree to abide by the indicated terms, rules, and requirements. Should I fail to abide by any of these terms or violate the code of conduct/ zero tolerance policy I am aware my actions will be grounds for suspension or immediate dismissal from the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team.

Athlete:_____

Athlete Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

Parent/Guardian:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

Union County Saddle Club

Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team

Code of Conduct

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to establish and outline the expectations for members, parents, and volunteers of the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team. As ambassadors of the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team, this Code of Conduct applies to the following individuals at all times: director, coaches, athletes, athlete parents, team volunteers, and any other person who chooses to act on behalf of the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team.

- Adhere to the Rules and Requirements of the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team.
- Respect the authority and decisions made by the Director/ Coaches
- Respect fellow team members and opposing team members
- No foul language when you are at events as a representative of the Team (remember there are children who are looking up to you) THIS INCLUDES PARENTS & RELATIVES
- Place the health and safety of athletes and their equine partners above all other considerations, including level of routine difficulty.
- Adhere to rules and regulations posted at visiting facilities, including governing laws concerning the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and/or providing of drugs and alcohol to any person/minor.
- Verbal or physical threats against others are strictly prohibited.
- Be a positive role model and representative of yourself, the Team, and the UCSC.
- Your actions should not bring embarrassment, or be detrimental to the reputation or image of the Team and/or UCSC.
- Promote the Team and the UCSC in a positive manner.

I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct. By signing this document I understand that violation of this Code of Conduct may result in suspension or immediate dismissal from the Sass 'N Saddles Precision Drill Team.

Athlete Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Parent/Guardian signatures are required for athletes under the age of 18)



Zero Tolerance Policy

I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY, READ AND AGREED TO ABIDE BY THE UNION COUNTY SADDLE CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.

LIABILITY RELEASE: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Under Georgia law, an equine Activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. Pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the official code of Georgia annotated.

Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian signatures are required for athletes under the age of 18)

Zero Tolerance Policy

In an effort to uphold the integrity of the sport as well as promote a professional and family oriented environment, the following Rules and Regulations are being implemented to operate in conjunction with the Union County Recreation Department's Zero Tolerance Policy implemented on 3/1/01, amended on 10/16/03.

- Any contestant competing at any Union County Saddle Club event must have signed a waiver statement releasing the Union County Saddle Club and County from any liabilities associated with equestrian sports. The waiver is part of the event sign up sheet.
- **NEGATIVE COGGINS REQUIRED AT ALL U.C.S.C. EVENTS!**
- All membership fees must be paid prior to competing for points to count toward year end awards.
- Decisions made by judges are final, in all aspects of judgment.
- U.C.S.C. staff may ask anyone to leave the premises if they observe any poor sportsmanship, and/or destruction of club equipment or arena properties. These behaviors are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Refunds WILL NOT be offered.
- When competing at a U.C.S.C. event, you are representing the club as well as the sport and NO excessive abuse of the horses or any other animal will be tolerated. The interpretation of abuse will be at the discretion of the judge and/or any elected officer of the club. An immediate conference will be called between the judge, club officers and Board Members in attendance to make a final ruling. The contestant may be disqualified from the remainder of the event.
- Riders and observers at U.C.S.C. events understand that they ride and/or observe at their own risk, and do not hold Union County Saddle Club or Union County, its staff or members liable for any accidents that may occur. This is pursuant to Georgia Equine Liability Law, Chapter 12 of Title to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which outlines the limits of liability for equestrian events, and the companies or associations that operate the events and facilities.
- Any member of the U.C.S.C. suing, attempting to sue or seek monetary damages for any expense or injury while participating, or as a spectator, at any U.C.S.C. function, shall be barred from the Union County Saddle Club in perpetuity.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the U.C.S.C. grounds. The Union County Saddle Club reserves the right to refuse participation to any person for actions including, but not limited to abuse of alcohol, drugs, the use of profane language, or fighting at an event.
- Any situation that arises for which the U.C.S.C. does not have a rule, the Board Members in attendance will make a decision on the situation.