

## 2016 Warwick Schiller Clinic Information



This 2 day clinic is to work on the fundamentals of groundwork and riding. Please watch the pre-clinic preparation videos on the subscription. The videos are to make sure everyone has a clear idea of the order of things, and to remind you if you want to ride, you won't be going forward until your horse can laterally flex softly and disengage well. This video is

to prevent people from walk, trotting and cantering for 3 months before the clinic, but not doing the basics, and so have to spend the 2 clinic days working on the basics. If they spend 3 months working on the basics, we can get so much more done in the 2 days.

The best way to ensure that you get the most help and the best instruction for your money is to be honest with yourself and assess your ability and your horse's ability. Clinics are a way for Warwick to evaluate how you and your horse are performing the exercises and to give you feedback based on what he observes at the clinic. It is hugely important that you bring with you an open mind, a sense of humor and a willingness to hear the feedback in order to make improvements with your horse. Please leave your hyper-sensitivity at home. It is never Warwick's intention to purposely offend you or anyone else at the clinic. However, if you are easily offended by words or tone of instruction, which may include analogies, stories, immediate corrections and pointing things out to others (as a teaching tool), then you may block out any learning and not enjoy the clinic. Remember, it is your choice to participate in the clinic or not. If you do not wish to follow Warwick's guidance and instructions during the clinic, please accept that this is your choice. On the other hand, if you are coming to the clinic with an open mind, a thirst for knowledge and desire to improve your horsemanship skills and are not overly sensitive, then you are going to have a great time and learn heaps!

The better understanding that you have of the basics of Warwick's process, the better you and your horse will be situated to move from groundwork to riding. Warwick believes that doing groundwork is not about groundwork for groundwork's sake, it is about finding problems. The little problems you fix on the ground will set you up for bigger and faster successes in the saddle (no matter if that saddle is English or Western).

It is also crucial to understand the way that Warwick teaches. If there is a specific problem that presents itself at the clinic that he feels will help everyone understand a concept better, he will definitely use that problem as an example. Remember, he is not trying to single

anyone out or trying to make fun of anyone, ever. He is trying to grasp teaching opportunities when the opportunity arises. At the end of the clinic, he wants everyone to leave the clinic feeling like they learned more and have a plan with their horse when they get home. And, every clinic is different because everyone is at various stages and brings various problems with them. Addressing these differences is where you all can learn a great deal and actually realize how using the "Make the wrong thing hard and right thing easy" thought process applies to everything you do with your horse.



We keep the clinics small in size so that everyone can get attention. We split the entire group into 2 even smaller groups, an AM and PM Group. We will ask you a couple of weeks before the clinic where you are in the process with your horse so that we can better arrange the groups to matching experience levels.



No matter which group you are assigned to, Warwick requires you to be present all day because you will learn a lot by watching others. The AM group will start with horses ready for groundwork on the first day. The PM group should plan to be watching. And vice versa when it is PM's time in the arena. You will get one on one time with Warwick, and because there is no specified time (because it depends on which different horse problems there are, etc.), if you need to have a chair while in the arena with your horse, please bring one in, or you can self-break during your session. When Warwick gives you something to do, please work on it. He might not supervise it all, but he wants you to work on it. It may need to be worked on for an hour or two before you move on. If you have a question while you are working on it, just call out to him, don't worry about interrupting. **If you are not working on it, then Warwick will assume that you are fine with what you have completed in the clinic and do not wish to proceed.** Please initial here to acknowledge that you have read this paragraph.

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We strive to make the clinic environment conducive to learning for everyone – this includes fencesitters and participants with horses. This means that while spectating, we do not want distractions, negativity, excessive alcohol consumption, etc. It is not fair for those who have come to learn to have to tolerate unnecessary distractions. Thank you in advance for this.

We can not reiterate enough that you will get out of the clinic what you put in. If you do not have and keep an open mind, then you may be disappointed in what results you have. Warwick's style of teaching may be confronting to some people, in that he may ask you some tough questions. While the answers may be extremely personal to you, please understand that for Warwick, the horse is first and foremost. We are pretty certain he must have been a horse in a previous life because he understands how they think so well. And if you aren't getting enough out of it, then ask questions! We keep clinics small enough that everyone can receive personalized attention over the 2 days but despite how intuitive Warwick is with the horses, he can't read our human minds. So, please speak up instead of leaving disappointed.

Have a great clinic!





### **Clinic Check In:**

Check in occurs ½ hour – 1 hour prior to the start time of the clinic. Usually between 7:30-8:30 the first scheduled day of the clinic. Please have your completed release with you.

If you are arriving with your horse the day before the clinic, please contact the clinic organizer for instructions.

### **Schedule:**

Day 1: Morning group	9:00 AM – 1:00 Approximately
Lunch	
PM Group	2:00 – 6:00 Approximately
Day 2: Morning group	8:00 – 12:00 Approximately
Lunch	
PM Group	1:00 – 5:00 Approximately

These times are approximate. Warwick will shorten lunch breaks and extend other sessions if the teaching points are not finished when a break is called for. He's been known to eat and talk at the same time or not eat at all. This is important for you as the participant. If you need to self-break, do so, do not wait for him to stop or you might be waiting a long time.

It is pretty typical that he is around before and after the clinic and at many of our venues, a dinner on the first night is usually scheduled for those wanting to participate.

### **Other important information:**

- Please bring whatever your horse needs for 2 days with you. Do not count on venues having feed, buckets, hoses, muck buckets, forks, etc. available.
- Pets – some venues do not allow dogs or other pets. Please enquire first before you bring a pet.
- Children – if you are bringing young children, please ensure that you have childcare situated and that they are not left unattended. Children of any age should not be a distraction to riders or fencesitters at any time.
- Videotaping – please do not bring video cameras and please no videoing on phones either. This is not because of our lack of willingness to share ideas and training techniques but a short 30 second clip of any trainers clinics can be misrepresented to the general public with or without the intent to. There will be occasions that WSPH will be videotaping and you can expect that it will be published on Youtube or the subscription website.
- You are signing up for one horse and rider combination for the duration of the clinic. If you would like to bring more than one horse, you must pay for additional rider slot.
- Products may be available for purchase depending on the venue.
- If you would like to work on trailer loading, it will be worked on in your session in the arena providing that the facility is conducive to this work. Warwick will not be available after the clinic for trailer loading sessions. HYGW?



**Warwick Schiller Performance Horsemanship**  
**EQUINE ACTIVITY RELEASE & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

1. I, the undersigned have read and understand, and freely and voluntarily enter into this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement with Warwick Schiller & his designees (Company), understanding that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement is a waiver of any and all liability(ies).
2. I understand the potential dangers that I could incur in working on the ground with, mounting, riding, walking, boarding, jumping, feeding said horse; including, but not limited to, any interactions with other horses. Understanding those risks I hereby release that Company, its officers, directors, shareholders, employees and anyone else directly or indirectly connected with that Company from any liability whatsoever in the event of injury or damage of any nature (or perhaps even death) to me or anyone else caused by on incidental to me electing to mount.
3. I understand and recognize and warrant that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, is being voluntarily and intentionally signed and agreed to, and that in signing this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement I know and understand that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement may further limit the liability of equine professionals to include any activity, whatsoever, involving an equine, including death, personal injury and/or damage to property.
4. I recognize and agree that I know which equine professional(s) I will be working with, and acknowledge that I agree said equine professional(s) has/have made reasonable and prudent efforts to determine my ability to engage in the equine activity, and has/have sufficient knowledge of my equine and horseback riding skills as to relieve, release and hold harmless said equine professional(s) from any continuing duty to monitor my equine activities.
5. I further voluntarily agree and warrant to Release and Hold Harmless this (these) equine professional(s) from any liability whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any incident caused by or related to said equine professional's(s') negligence, relating to injuries known, unknown, or otherwise not herein disclosed; including, but not limited to, injuries, death or property damage from: doing groundwork; mounting; riding; dismounting; walking; grooming; feeding; use of horse barn; use of arena; round corral, playground, paddock, trails or horse ring, in any capacity; falling off horse whether horse is bucking, flipping, spooked; or my failure to understand any equine professional's directions relating to my riding or otherwise use and control, or lack thereof, of my horse or the horse I have been assigned to.
6. I understand that I may be videoed and understand that all concepts, ideas, footage, electronic files and other materials related to it will become the property of Warwick Schiller and that Warwick Schiller may use any and all materials generated as he sees fit without compensation to me. I hereby assign to Warwick Schiller all right, title and interest in and to any video footage, and Warwick Schiller shall have the right to obtain and hold in its own name any copyrights, registrations and other proprietary rights which may be available. Further, I consent to the use of my picture, videotaped image or likeness and/or name and any related narrative by Company in any news story, publication, video, training material or advertising of any kind or in any manner in which Company may decide to use it.
7. Helmet use – I acknowledge that it is my decision to wear or not wear a helmet. I am not relying on Company or anyone affiliated with Company to provide a helmet, to check any helmet or strap that I may wear. The decision to wear or not wear a helmet is my decision alone. Some venues require helmet use.

Person voluntarily entering into this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian if above is under age 18:**                      **Age(if a minor)** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_