

# WARWICK SCHILLER PERFORMANCE HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

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## Clinic Check In:

Check in occurs ½ hour – 1 hour prior to the start time of the clinic. Usually between 7:00-7:30 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.

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## Schedule:

### EVERYONE WITHOUT HORSES

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Approximately

#### Group 1

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Approximately

#### Group 2

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Approximately

Lunch break is not guaranteed - please eat when you are hungry

#### Group 3

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Approximately

#### Group 4

4:00 PM– 6:00 PM Approximately

\*\*\*Times are approximate, it will depend on when Warwick finishes the classroom session. Please be ready to go and even come into the arena when the 2 hour sessions are up.

**Day 2&3 (if applicable):** First group starts at 8 unless instructed otherwise. Each group will start 2 hours later.

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## Thanks for signing up for Warwick's clinic!

We open registration about 6 months before the clinic date. **At the time of registration, participants must be current online video library subscribers.** We do this because we view clinics as an added benefit to our subscribers. The clinics are not to teach participants Warwick's training process, there are over 650+ full length videos in the subscription to do that.

Clinics are to give hands on assistance to subscribers to help them through the parts of the process where they might be stuck or help them progress to the next step in the process. It will identify areas that need work, i.e. if the basics are not perfect, you will work on the basics.

**We view the clinics as an added benefit of being a subscriber. Please watch and implement as many of the videos as possible.** To help you understand the order in which to proceed (it's important!) **there is a flowchart, checklist and link to an APP on the FAQ page of video site.** Perfect the basics as best you can before the clinic so that the clinic time can be spent building upon those principles and tools instead of working on only them at the clinic. Ask as many questions as you can on the Facebook group page before arrival as well.

The reason that we have moved to subscriber only clinics is so that subscribers reap the benefit of not having to sit through redundant information because other riders did not familiarize themselves with Warwick's program. This is frustrating for everyone at the clinic.

**In preparation for the clinic, please think about what you want help with, as this will be Warwick's first question to you after asking for your name at the clinic.** Also, please understand that you will have to demonstrate that you are ready by showing him the steps that lead up to what you want to work on. **You will NOT move on past any step that needs work.** So, if you want to solve a problem and you don't have the tools to do so, you will work on the tools. If you want to work on something technical and the steps leading up to that are not good enough, you will work on the remedial steps and you may not get to the technical part. This is how Warwick is successful with horses, because he perfects the basics. When you have perfect basics, then you can progress in leaps and bounds.

**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 Focus for Relaxation is the start of all that. It takes time to master, which is why we would like it good before the clinic. It is not something you will perfect in 2 days at a clinic. 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).

## 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 (running around, crying, making too much noise).
- **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. Borrowed horses are not allowed. This is for everyone's benefit.
- **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.

## Questions or concerns?

We realize that some people will have unique questions or concerns and we try to address these as best we can. If you have a special request or need, please contact Robyn by email at [warwick@warwickschiller.com](mailto:warwick@warwickschiller.com) well BEFORE the clinic dates to see if we can assist you.

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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 principles of training apply to everything you do with your horse.

We keep the clinics small in size so that everyone can get attention. We split that entire group into 4 even smaller groups, 3 people in each. 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. It is never a perfect split, but we do the best we can.

**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 groups will start with horses ready for groundwork on the first day. The PM groups 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, 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 just taking a break from your exercise and will get back to it, OR that you are happy with what you have learned in the clinic and do not feel the need to do anything further. **Initial here to acknowledge that you have read this paragraph.** \_\_\_\_\_

**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. 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 2-3 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.

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, noise, 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. Have a great clinic!

