



**Release and Waiver of Liability**

I am aware that horseback riding and other equine activities are athletic events which pose potentially serious risks of injuries or death to their participants. I understand that my horse(s) or I may be injured or die as a result of my negligence, the negligence of others, or through no fault of myself or anyone else, because of the nature of the activity in which I am going to be engaged. I also understand that horses, even the most well trained, are often unpredictable and are often difficult to control.

With this waiver I accept notice of the provisions of the Equine Activity Liability Act 3.1-796.130 through 3.0-796.133 of the code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, which state in part “ (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant; (ii) the inability to predict an equine’s reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals; and (iii) the hazards of subsurface conditions. The waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or parent or guardian of a minor, in writing, with receipt acknowledged by a representative of the Suffolk Horse Show Association, heretofore know as SHSA.

Furthermore, with this wavier, I expressly assume the risk of injury or death due to negligence by SHSA, their agents, governing board and officers, members, spectators and judges for my own safety or the safety of my minor child.

With the knowledge of the foregoing, and as an inducement for the SHSA to allow me to ride or participate in shows on any property that SHSA uses to host any such show, I herby agree to waive or release any and all rights that I or my heirs may have to make a claim against the SHSA, their officers and participants, arising from any damages, injury, or death which I might sustain or which might occur to any horses. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless all of the foregoing from any claims which I might make or which might be made on my behalf by others or which might be made against me by others, arising from riding on any property which SHSA may use. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify the SHSA, their governing board, or participants, from any injury, death, loss, or damage to any personal property which might occur during an equine activity as defined by 3.1-796.130 of the code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, or social functions sponsored by the SHSA or held in our behalf or for our benefit, when such injury, death, loss or damage occurs.

BY SIGNING THIS WAVIER AND RELEASE, I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP, (WAIVING AND RELEASING) ANY RIGHT I MIGHT HAVE TO SUE OR MAKE A CLAIM WHICH I MIGHT HAVE OR WHICH MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY ARISE OR OCCUR AGAINST THE SHSA, AND PARTICIPANTS, OR GOVERNING BODY OVER WHOSE LAND I RIDE, FOR ANY INJURIES I MIGHT SUSTAIN WHILE HORSEBACK RIDING OR PARTICIPATING IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY, AND THAT I AM INDEMNIFYING AND HOLDING HARMLESS THE SHSA, AND GOVENERING BODY OVER WHOSE LAND I RIDE, FOR INJURING ANYONE ELSE OR ANY HORSE RIDDEN BY ANOTHER WHILE SO ENGAGED, IT IS MY INTENT TO GIVE UP THOSE RIGHTS AND PROVIDE THE HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, AND I DO SO KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY.

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Participant Name (Please Print)

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Participant Signature  
(if minor, parent or legal guardian signature)

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Date