



**UNITED STATES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC.
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EQUINE ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

THIS IS A LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

Assumption of Risk

I, _____, understand that there are risks inherent in equine activities and events. These include, but are not limited to:

- the propensity of horses to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them and/or damage to property in their vicinity
- the unpredictability of a horse's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals, regardless of its training and past behavior
- certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions and objects
- collisions with other horses, animals, people and objects
- sickness and disease, including communicable disease

I understand that the handling, use and riding of a horse, whether for recreation or during instruction, involves the risk of personal physical injury, including, but not limited to, lacerations, bruises, fractures, head injuries and death. With full knowledge and awareness of these and all other dangers inherent in and related to the sport of horseback riding and equine-related activities, I am knowingly participating in instruction and/or training at the USHJA Pony Finals Clinics (Event) and voluntarily engage myself and/or my horse in these activities and fully assume all risks involved.

I understand that horseback riding is a rigorous and physically demanding activity for both horse and rider. I have fully disclosed to USHJA and to the instructor at the Event my riding experience and have not misrepresented any condition or lack of ability of either myself or my horse. I have fully disclosed any and all physical, mental or other conditions, including my use of any medications or other substances, which may affect my ability to participate in the sport. If, at any time, I feel unfit or unsure about proceeding with any riding activity, or if the horse or equipment appear to be deficient in any manner, I will inform my instructor/and or host of my concern before proceeding with the activity.

I understand that in participating in Event, I will follow any and all rules of riding conduct and safety established by USHJA and the instructor and/or host for Event and I must equip myself with appropriate attire.

Waiver of Liability

In consideration for my participation in instruction or other equine-related activities during this Event, I and anyone legally entitled to act on my behalf, hereby agree to release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue USHJA, its officers, directors, representatives, agents, assigns, employees or independent contractors, sponsors or

their officers, shareholders, representatives, agents, assigns or employees for any and all claims related to riding, instruction, or any other activities at Event including those arising from the ordinary negligence of USHJA, its officers, directors, representative, agents, assigns, employees or independent contractors. This agreement shall apply to all personal injuries and illnesses, including death, as well as any property loss or damage which may result from riding, instruction, handling horses or other activities at and/or during Event.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless

I and anyone legally entitled to act on my behalf further agree to forever hold harmless, defend and indemnify USHJA, its officers, directors, representatives, agents, assigns, employees or independent contractors, and sponsors or their officers, shareholders, representatives, agents, assigns and employees for any and all claims including those arising from ordinary negligence, which may arise out of my instruction, training, or otherwise participating at Event. This includes, but is not limited to, any economic or non-economic losses, including any and all reasonable attorney’s fees, due to any bodily injury, including death, or property damage sustained in connection with all activities including riding, handling, and otherwise participating in the Event.

Permission to Use

I hereby give my permission to USHJA, its agents or assigns for use of any photographs, videos, broadcasts or other recordings or reproduction of same taken of me by USHJA, its agents or assigns at Event and acknowledge and agree that same is and shall remain the sole and exclusive property USHJA. The images may be reproduced, preserved, distributed and used without limitation by USHJA for any purpose, including sale.

Severability and Venue

I expressly agree that this agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as the laws of that State allow. If any portion thereof is held invalid, the remainder of the agreement shall continue in full legal force and effect and that if legal action related to this agreement is brought, it must be brought in an appropriate court of jurisdiction in the State of New York.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS ENTIRE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS A LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE AND A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Signature of Participant (or guardian if under 18)

Print Name of Participant

Date

USHJA ID

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Phone