

**Hampton Roads Horse Show Series  
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, §§ 3.2-6200 through 3.2-6203 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, which state in part: "(i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to the persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (v) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability." This 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 **Hampton Roads Horse Show Series**, heretofore known as **HRHSS**, and consisting of the following host barns: River Birch Farm, Foxtail Farm, Fox Ridge Farm, River Run Farm, and Bit by Bit Farm.

Furthermore, with this waiver, I expressly assume the risk of injury or death due to negligence by **HRHSS**, their agents, members, spectators, and judges for my own safety or for the safety of my minor child.

With the knowledge of the foregoing, and as an inducement for the **HRHSS** to allow me to ride or participate in shows on any property that **HRHSS** uses to host any such show, I hereby agree to waive or release any and all rights that I or my heirs may have to make a claim against the **HRHSS**, their agents and participants, arising from any damages, injury, or death which I might sustain or which might occur to any horse I am riding as a result of my horseback riding. 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 **HRHSS** may use. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify **HRHSS**, its agents, members, landowners, their families, employees or tenants, for any injury, death, loss or damage to any personal property which might occur during an equine activity as defined by § 3.2-6200 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, or social functions sponsored by the HRHSS or held in our behalf or for our benefit, when such injury, death, loss or damage occurs.

BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER 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 **HRHSS**, ITS REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENTS, FOR ANY INJURIES I MIGHT SUSTAIN WHILE HORSEBACK RIDING OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY EQUINE ACTIVITY, AND THAT I AM INDEMNIFYING AND HOLDING HARMLESS THE **HRHSS** AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES AND AGENTS 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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Print name of Participant

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Participant Signature ( Parent or guardian if under age 18)

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