

**HIDDEN CREEK EQUESTRIAN CENTER- WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS** must be followed to permit the continued running of events. Anyone not complying with protocols may be asked to leave the grounds and forfeit their entry. As part of these protocols, I attest that:

1. I have not been exposed to any individual suspected to be suffering from COVID-19 or experiencing symptoms in the 14 days previous to coming onto the show grounds. (Except in the case that I am a health care worker and was wearing proper PPE at the time of exposure.)
2. I have not experienced any of the CDC listed symptoms of COVID-19 in the 14 days previous to coming onto the grounds.
3. I have not experienced a temperature over 99.5 F within 72 hours of coming onto the grounds.

For and in consideration of Hidden Creek Equestrian Center (HCEC) allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a HCEC sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and; I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

**A. RULES AND REGULATIONS:** I hereby agree to be bound and abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of USEF AND ESDCTA as published in their respective Rule Books and Protocols which can be found on their websites and as amended from time to time.

**B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK:** I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any HCEC Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the HCEC Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

**EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING:**

***SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH MAY RESULT FROM THE INHERENT RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATION IN EQUINE ANIMAL ACTIVITIES AND HIDDEN CREEK EQUESTRIAN CENTER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY.  
RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK. YOU ASSUME THE RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO PENNSYLVANIA LAW.***

**C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the HCEC Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any HCEC Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any HCEC Event.

**D. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY:** In conjunction with my participation in any HCEC Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: HCEC, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any HCEC Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the HCEC Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a HCEC Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the HCEC Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

**E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:** This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.**

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any HCEC Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

RIDER/HANDLER/LONGEUR     OWNER     TRAINER     OFFICIAL     STAFF     VOLUNTEER     COACH

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Handler/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_