

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, INC.  
RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT  
FOR USPC NON-MEMBERS

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*This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.*

I **AGREE** for myself, and/or my child, my/our administrators and assigns, in consideration for my, and/or my child's, participation in this United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC) activity to the following:

I **AGREE** that I choose to participate voluntarily in an USPC activity, as a rider, driver, handler, lessee, owner, agent, spectator, volunteer, and/or trainer. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and USPC activities involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including, but not limited to, broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering or death ("Harm"). I fully understand that this release covers, but is not limited to, inherent risks of an equine activity which mean a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including but not limited to, any of the following:

- The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
- The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;
- A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;
- The potential of an equine activity instructor to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

I **AGREE** to release the USPC, its successors or assigns, officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and affiliated organizations from all claims including, but not limited to, claims for money or property, disability, covenants, actions, suits, causes or action, obligations, debts, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, judgments, orders and liabilities of whatsoever kind or nature in law, equity or otherwise, whether now known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and whether concealed or hidden, including but not limited to any state or federal statutory or common law claim or remedy of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the USPC or the USPC activity.

I **AGREE** to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the USPC or the USPC activity, and **specifically agree to the applicable state statute/law regarding equine/farm animal activity liability and signed posting (if any), in any state in which I or my child participates in a USPC activity. A list of state statutes and select portions of those statutes believed to be in effect at the time of the execution of this agreement is attached hereto.** I **AGREE** to review and understand the full applicable state statutes.

I **AGREE** to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the USPC and the USPC activity and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse in the USPC activity.

I **AGREE** that neither I, nor any one claiming through me, will hereafter bring, commence, prosecute or maintain, or cause or permit to be brought, commenced, prosecuted or maintained, any suit or action, either at law or in equity, in any court in the United States or in any state thereof, or elsewhere, against the USPC, its successors or assigns, for, on account of, arising out of, or in any way connected with any Harm to me or my horse, and that neither I, nor any one claiming through me, will enforce, prosecute, or recover upon, or attempt to enforce, prosecute, or recover upon, any claim or right of action whatsoever, which I, or any one claiming through me, may now have or hereafter assert, in any way connected with claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harms caused by me or my horse at the USPC activity.

I **AGREE** this Agreement is the entire agreement of the parties, and supersedes all prior oral and written understandings and agreements. This Agreement may be modified only by a written amendment signed by both parties.

I **AGREE** that if any provision of the Agreement is found to be invalid or illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall be construed as if the affected provision had not been included in order to effectuate the intent of the parties.

**In the event this form is signed by the parent/guardian of a child, then all representations and acknowledgements herein are expressly made by, for, and on behalf of the parent/guardian and child.**

By signing below, I **AGREE** to be bound by all applicable USPC rules and all terms and provisions of the USPC activity. I acknowledge that I enter into this release after having read the same, and place my signature hereto of my own free voluntary act and deed. By signing below, I represent to the USPC that I fully understand its contents, that I do not need any further explanation, and I waive any further explanation.

***I have read and AGREE to abide by the above. REQUIRED — all signatures must be originals, not photocopies.***

**OR**

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Original Signature of Participant                      Date  
*Required if applicant is of the age of majority in their state of residence.*

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Original Signature of Applicant's Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s)                      Date  
*Required if applicant is under the age of majority in their state of residence.*

# STATE EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTES

PLEASE RETAIN FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS.

## ALABAMA

**AL ST §6-5-337 WARNING:** Under Alabama law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to the Equine Activities Liability Protection Act.

## ALASKA

**AK ST § 09.65.145; AK ST § 09.65.290**

## ARIZONA

**AZ ST § 12-553**

## ARKANSAS

**AR ST § 16-120-201, 202 WARNING:** Under Arkansas law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities.

## CALIFORNIA

**NO KNOWN EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTE**

## COLORADO

**CO ST § 13-21-119 WARNING:** Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.

## CONNECTICUT

**CT ST § 52-557p**

## DELAWARE

**DE ST TI 10 § 8140 WARNING:** Under Delaware Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to 10 Delaware Code § 8140.

## FLORIDA

**FL ST § 773.01 - 773.06 WARNING:** Under Florida law, an equine sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

## GEORGIA

**GA ST §§ 4-12-1 - 5 WARNING:** Under Georgia law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to **Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.**

## HAWAII

**HI ST § 663B-1, B-2**

## IDAHO

**ID ST § 6-1801 - 1802**

## ILLINOIS

**IL ST CH 745 § 47/1 - 47/999 WARNING:** Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities.

## INDIANA

**IN ST 34-31-5-1 - 5 WARNING:** Under Indiana law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

## IOWA

**IA ST § 673.1 - 673.5 WARNING:** UNDER IOWA LAW, A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED BY, AN INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 673. YOU ARE ASSUMING INHERENT RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ACTIVITY.

## KANSAS

**KS ST § 60-4001 - 4004 WARNING:** Under Kansas law, there is no liability for an injury to or the death of a participant in domestic animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of domestic animal activities, pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4001 through 60-4004. You are assuming the risk of participating in this domestic animal activity.

## KENTUCKY

**KY ST § 247.401 - 4029 WARNING:** Under Kentucky law, a farm animal activity sponsor, farm animal professional, or other person does not have the duty to eliminate all risks of injury of participation in farm animal activities. There are inherent risks of injury that you voluntarily accept if you participate in farm animal activities.

## LOUISIANA

**LA R.S. 9:2795.1 - 9:2795.3 WARNING:** Under Louisiana law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to R.S. 9:2795.3.

## MAINE

**ME ST T. 7 § 4101 - 4103-A WARNING:** Under Maine law, an equine professional has limited liability for an injury or death resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

## MARYLAND

**NO KNOWN EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTE**

## MASSACHUSETTS

**MA ST 128 § 2D WARNING:** Under Massachusetts law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 2D of chapter 128 of the General Laws.

## MICHIGAN

**MCLA 691.1661 - 1667 WARNING:** Under the Michigan equine activity liability act, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of the equine activity.

## MINNESOTA

**MN ST § 604A.12**

## MISSOURI

**MO ST 537.325 WARNING:** Under Missouri law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

## MISSISSIPPI

**MS ST § 95-11-1 - 7 WARNING:** Under Mississippi law, an equine or livestock activity sponsor or an equine or livestock professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities or livestock shows resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities or livestock shows, pursuant to this chapter.

## MONTANA

**MT ST 27-1-725 - 728**

## NEBRASKA

**NE ST § 25-21,249 - 253 WARNING:** Under Nebraska law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to sections 25-21,249 to 25-21,253.

## NEVADA

**NO KNOWN EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTE**

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

**NH ST § 508:19**

## NEW MEXICO

**NM ST § 42-13-1 - 5**

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## NEW JERSEY

**NJ ST 5:15-1 - 12 WARNING:** UNDER NEW JERSEY LAW, AN EQUESTRIAN AREA OPERATOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ANIMAL ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO P.L.1997, c.287 (C.5:15-1 et seq).

## NEW YORK

**NO KNOWN EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTE**

## NORTH CAROLINA

**NC ST § 99E-1 - 99E-3 WARNING:** Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.

## NORTH DAKOTA

**ND ST 53-10-01; ND ST 53-10-02**

## OHIO

**OH ST § 2305.321**

## OKLAHOMA

**OK ST T. 76 § 50.1 - 50.4** Except as provided in subsection B, a livestock activity sponsor, a participant or a livestock professional acting in good faith and pursuant to the standards of the livestock industry shall not be liable for injuries to any person engaged in livestock activities when such injuries result from the inherent risks of livestock activities.

## OREGON

**OR ST § 30.687 - 697**

## PENNSYLVANIA

**PA ST 4 P.S. § 601 - 606**

## RHODE ISLAND

**RI ST § 4-21-1 - 4 WARNING:** Under Rhode Island Law, an equine professional, unless he or she can be shown to have failed to be in the exercise of due care, is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to this chapter.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**SC ST § 47-9-710 - 730 WARNING:** Under South Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of equine activity, pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 9 of Title 47, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

**SD ST § 42-11-1 - 5 WARNING:** Under South Dakota law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to § 42-11-2.

## TENNESSEE

**TN ST § 44-20-101 - 105 WARNING:** Under Tennessee Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, title 44 chapter 20.

## TEXAS

**TX CIV PRAC & REM § 87.001 - 005 WARNING:** UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

## UTAH

**UT ST § 78B-4-201 - 203**

## VERMONT

**VT ST T. 12 § 1039 WARNING:** Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A § 1039.

## VIRGINIA

**VA ST § 3.2-6200 - 6302** "Intrinsic dangers of equine activities" means those dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including; (i) the propensity of equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to 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.

## WASHINGTON

**WA ST 4.24.530 - 540**

## WEST VIRGINIA

**WV ST § 20-4-1 - 7**

## WISCONSIN

**WI ST 895.481 NOTICE:** A person who is engaged for compensation in the rental of equines or equine equipment or tack or in the instruction of a person in the riding or driving of an equine or in being a passenger upon an equine is not liable for the injury or death of a person involved in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, as defined in section 895.481(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

## WYOMING

**WY ST § 1-1-122 - 123**