

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, made as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ between Magister Equitum Stables, LLC, Mike Schweiss, Julie Schweiss, Autumn Schweiss and Brook Schweiss-Mead, and all other instructors of the farm (hereinafter referred to as "Organization") and the person(s) executing this document (hereinafter referred to as "Rider").

In consideration for Organization services, including but not limited to teaching, providing shows, cross country schooling opportunities, training, grooming, boarding, lessons and horse handling Rider voluntarily agrees to the terms of this RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT and hereby agrees to personally assume the risks associated with horse riding, and being around, near and on horses;

**FURTHER BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, RIDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THERE ARE INHERENT RISKS IN USING AND BEING AROUND HORSES. THOSE RISKS INCLUDE SERIOUS BODILY INJURY AND DEATH. CLIENT UNDERSTANDS THAT HORSES ARE UNPREDICTABLE AND CAPABLE OF SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED, AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS MOVEMENTS DESPITE THEIR PRIOR HISTORY. CLIENT FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT HORSES ARE EASILY FRIGHTENED BY SOUND, SUDDEN MOVEMENT, UNFAMILIAR OBJECTS, SMELLS, PERSONS, OR OTHER ANIMALS. THEY MAY RUN, BITE, BUCK, OR KICK OR RESPOND TO SOUND. HORSES MAY ALSO ENCOUNTER NATURAL HAZARDS, SUCH AS SURFACE OR SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS, AND MAY REACT UNPREDICTABLY. THEY MAY EVEN COLLIDE WITH OTHER OBJECTS, PERSONS, OR ANIMALS. RIDERS CAN ALSO FALL OFF OF HORSES AND INJURE THEMSELVES. HORSES CAN INJURE THEMSELVES THROUGH THEIR OWN ACTIONS. PARTICIPATION IN SHOW JUMPING AND CROSS COUNTRY JUMPING FURTHER ELEVATES THESE RISKS.**

Rider hereby releases, waives, and forever discharges Organization of all actions of whatever kind or nature either in law or in equity arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries known or unknown, death, or property damage – including damage to Rider's horse and other personal property – resulting during Rider's involvement Organization's premises and any activity involving Organization services so long as such injury, property damage, or death is not caused by an intentional, willful, or wanton act or omission of Organization (*i.e.* Rider releases Organization from liability for damages caused by Organization's negligence only). Rider assumes full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage from such activities, and shall hold Organization harmless for any liability thereof as set forth herein.

Rider further agrees that if a claim or lawsuit is made against Organization, its owners, instructors, volunteers, agents, and/or employees for any injury or damage brought by, or allegedly attributable to, Rider arising from Rider's involvement with Organization, or any activity involving Organization's services, Rider will pay all attorney's fees and costs reasonably incurred by Organization to defend that claim or lawsuit and will reimburse Organization for any judgment, expense, or other damage incurred. Rider represents that his or horse is healthy with no behavioral problems and has a current negative coggins. Rider acknowledges that he or she will wear an ASTM approved helmet for all activities and a ASTM approved vest for cross country jumping.

This release is given on behalf of Rider, Rider's spouse, Rider's legal representatives, administrators, executors, heirs, and assigns, and in the case of any child or children of Rider's, on behalf of them, their legal representatives, administrators, executors, heirs and assigns. This release is an ongoing release and remains in effect until Rider has revoked it in writing.

**RIDER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AFFIRMS THAT HE/SHE HAS CAREFULLY READ THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT, UNDERSTANDS ITS MEANING, AND HAS VOLUNTARILY EXECUTED THE SAME.**

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

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Rider Signature

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Print Rider Name

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Address

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City, State, Zip

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Telephone Number

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

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Parent signature if Minor