

Rider's Name _____

Horse's Name/#: _____

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Fredericktown Saddle Club
AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM
FOR INDIVIDUALS

This form must be completed by and for each participant.

Fredericktown Saddle Club
ASSOCIATION NAME, hereinafter known as "THIS ASSOCIATION."

LOCATION: Fredericktown Show grounds, Waterford/Salem Road
Fredericktown, OH 43019

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY.

THIS ASSOCIATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY. ALL IN ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATING ARE AT THEIR OWN RISK.

- A. AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS: This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered rider, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state and country in which THIS ASSOCIATION'S physically located. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term "HORSE" herein shall refer to all equine species. The term "HORSEBACK RIDING" herein shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. The term "RIDER" shall refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The term "I", "ME", "MY" shall herein refer to the registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.
- B. ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION – I UNDERSTAND THAT: Horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. According to NEISS (National Electronics Injury Surveillance Systems of United States Consumer Products) horse activities more hospital days and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities.
- C. RIDER RESPONSIBILITY I UNDERSTAND THAT: Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins, the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends on his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety and that of an unborn child if the rider is pregnant. THIS ASSOCIATION advises pregnant women not to ride horses.
- D. NATURE OF HORSES - I UNDERSTAND THAT: NO horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from a horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 3 ½ to 5 ½ feet, and the impact may result in injury or death to the rider. Horseback riding is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal (human) tries to impose its will on another much larger, stronger prey animal with a mind of its own (horse) and each has a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened of provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: stopping short, changing directions or speed at will; shifting its weight, bucking, rearing, biting, or running from danger.
- E. CONDITION OF NATURE I UNDERSTAND THAT: THIS ASSOCIATION is **NOT** responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. **SOME EXAMPLES ARE:** Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, water, wild and domestic animals insects, reptiles which can walk, run, or fly near, or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape.