



Pemberton Equestrian Center, Inc.

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Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, Indemnity, and Participation Agreement

By signing this agreement, you are giving up certain legal rights, including the right to recover damages in case of injury, death, or property damage. Read this agreement carefully before signing it. Your signature indicates your understanding of and agreement to its terms.

I, _____, the undersigned, in consideration of my participation horseback riding, training, competing, handling, and other related activities hereby agree to release and discharge Rachelle Benner, Jeffrey Benner, Pemberton Equestrian Center, Inc., and all of their employees and independent contractors hereinafter collectively referred to as P.E.C. on behalf of myself, AND my minor child _____, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

ASSUMPTION OF INHERENT RISKS

1. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), understand and acknowledge that the activity I am about to voluntarily engage in as a participant and/or volunteer bears certain known risks and unanticipated risks which could result in injury, death illness or disease, physical or mental, or damage to myself, to my property or to spectators or other third parties. The following describes some, but not all of those risks:

- a. A horse may, without warning or any apparent cause, buck, stumble, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's foot/feet, push or shove a person all of which may cause the rider to fall or be jolted, resulting in serious injury or death.
- b. Equipment may fail; saddles or bridles may loosen or break resulting in serious injury or death.
- c. Additional risks include, but are not limited to, those caused by the actions of other people including, but not limited to, co-participants. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) hereby assume ALL of the risks of participating in horseback riding, training, competing, handling, and other related activities.

2. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), acknowledge that horseback riding is a dangerous activity and involves RISKS that may cause serious injury and in some cases death, because of the unpredictable nature and irrational behavior of horses, regardless of their training and past performance.

3. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), voluntarily assume the risk and danger of injury or death inherent in the use of the horse, equipment, and gear provided to me by and understand that equipment can fail at anytime thereby resulting in injury.

4. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), voluntarily assume the risk and danger of injury or death inherent in the use of the stables and property where P.E.C. is located.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE

5. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), RELEASE, WAIVE, AND DISCHARGE P.E.C. today and on all future dates from ANY CLAIM of injury, death, other damage or loss resulting from my participation as described above, or as a result of the ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE of their employees, agents, and independent contractors, including, but not limited to; training or selecting horses, maintenance, care, fit or adjustment of saddles, bridles or other equipment, instruction on riding skills or leading and supervising riders, and the maintenance and care of the property where P.E.C. is located and does business.

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

6. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), agree to HOLD HARMLESS, DEFEEND, AND INDEMNIFY P.E.C., their employees, agents, and independent contractors (that is, defend and pay any judgment and costs, including investigation costs and attorneys' fees) from any and all claims of mine, my spouse, family members, or others arising from:

- a. Me or my minor child's participating horseback riding, training, competing, or handling;
- b. Arising out of or in any way connected with either my use of the horse and any equipment or gear provided therewith or any acts or omissions of employees or agents or
- c. Arising out of claims of co-participants, rescuers, and other arising from the conduct of my participation in horseback riding.

COVENANT NOT TO SUE

7. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE P.E.C. doing business under their own name or any other name and/or any of their employees, agents, or independent contractors, FOR ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST WHATSOEVER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, OR INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH) TO MY PERSON OR PROPERTY.

RULES AND HEALTH STATUS

8. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), agree to abide by and follow any instructions given or rules established by P.E.C. or any of their employees, agents, or independent contractors, with regard to my use of the horse or any equipment or gear provided therewith.

9. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), certify that I have sufficient health, accident, and liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage I may incur while participating in this event or ongoing events, and to cover bodily injury or property damages cause to a third party as a result of my participating in this event. If I have no such insurance, I certify that I am capable of personally paying for any and all such expenses or liability.

10. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), represent that, to the best of my knowledge, I do not have any health conditions that would make it inadvisable for me to participate in equestrian activities.

11. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), understand and agree that no person will be allowed to mount any horse or pony located on the property of P.E.C. without wearing an ASTM-standard and SEI certified helmet.

12. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), understand and agree that while P.E.C. requires me to wear an ASTM-standard and SEI certified helmet, they do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries.

VENUE, SEVERABILITY, ATTORNEY FEES & INTEGRATION CLAUSE

13. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), agree that if, in spite of this contract, legal action is brought regarding a claim, it must be brought in the Superior Court of Wicomico County, Maryland and further agree that the substantive laws of the State of Maryland shall apply in any action brought.

14. The undersigned expressly agrees that the foregoing assumption of risk, waiver of liability for negligence, and indemnity agreement in governed by the State of Maryland and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by Maryland law, and that in the event any portion of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the balance of the Agreement shall not be affected or impaired in any way and shall continue in full legal force and effect.

15. I, the ADULT PARTICIPANT OR MINOR PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S), understand that this is the entire Agreement between myself (and minor child, if applicable) and cannot be modified or changed in any way by the representations or statements of an employee, agent, independent contractor or by me.

16. MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT, UNDERSTAND IT COMPLETELY, UNDERSTAND THAT IT AFFECTS MY LEGAL RIGHTS, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS. I UNDERSTAND IT IS A PROMISE NOT TO SUE AND IS A RELEASE AND INDEMNITY FOR ALL CLAIMS.

17. If I am a parent or guardian of a minor child choosing to participate in horseback riding activities with P.E.C., I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this release on the child's behalf.

Printed Name of Participant

Date

Signature of Participant or Parent/Guardian (if Participant is under 18)

Date