

**WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT,  
AND LIABILITY RELEASE**

**Pennsylvania**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING**

I agree to the following agreement with Rider Horsemanship, Inc., a Maryland corporation (hereafter referred to as "Instructor") as a condition for its allowing me, and/or the persons identified below, to engage in any or all of these activities: attend and/or participate (directly or indirectly) in one or more lessons, clinics, or instructional activities with Carolyn V. Rider/Rider Horsemanship, Inc.; be near horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules (regardless of who owns them); handle horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules; receive instruction or guidance (directly or indirectly) in riding, working with, or handling of horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules at any time and at any location from Instructor; ride horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules on or near the facilities of any location where a clinic or instructional activity with Instructor takes place; observe Instructor handling my own horse, pony, donkey, or mule; and/or use equipment (including, but not limited to, "Natural Horsemanship" halters, lead ropes, or others) on or near horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules before, during, or after the clinic, lesson, or instructional activity. (All of these activities, individually and collectively, will hereafter be referred to in this document as "The Activities.")

NAME OF CONTRACTING PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY (Spouse or Other Parent): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESSES OF CONTRACTING PARTIES: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: [Home] \_\_\_\_\_ [Business] \_\_\_\_\_ [Cell/Other] \_\_\_\_\_

I also make this agreement on behalf of the following, who is/are my child/ren or legal ward(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

All parts of this agreement shall apply to me and to the children/legal wards listed above. [We will collectively call ourselves "I," "me," or "my" throughout this agreement.] This Waiver, Assumption of Risk Agreement, and Liability Release is intended to be valid and binding *at all times, now and in the future*, when Instructor permits me (directly or indirectly) to engage in any or all of The Activities at any time and at any location.

**IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. I have requested to engage in any or all of The Activities at any time and at any location.
2. *Risks/Assumption of Risk.* I understand that anyone riding, handling, or even near a horse, pony, donkey, or mule (these animals will hereafter be referred to as "equines" in this document) can suffer bodily and other injuries at any time and without warning. Among other things, equines are unpredictable by nature. For example, when frightened, angry, or under stress, the natural instincts of an equine are to jump forward or sideways, back up quickly, or run away from danger by trotting or galloping. Equines are also known to kick, buck, rear up, spin around, strike, or bite. I know that equines can do any of these things without warning. I also understand that all equines, even if they have no history of inflicting injury, are powerful and have the potential to be dangerous to people and animals that are on, near, or around them.

I also understand that riding, handling, working with, or even being near an equine or taking part in any of The Activities can expose me to numerous hazards, which could include, *for example*: (a) the propensity of an equine animal to behave in ways that result in injury, harm, or death to nearby persons; (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such phenomena as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; (c) certain hazards such as surface or subsurface ground conditions;(d) collisions with other equine animals or with objects; and (e) the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, including but not limited to failing to maintain control over the equine animal or not acting within the participant's ability. **I understand these risks and dangers that are an inherent and integral part of equine activities and The Activities, and I agree to assume each of them. I also understand that these are just some of the risks, and I agree to assume others that are not mentioned above. I am not relying on Instructor to list all possible equine-related risks for me in this document or at any other time in the future.**

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3. *Assumption and Acceptance of Risks.* I knowingly and voluntarily agree to assume the risks of any aspect of The Activities, equine activities, weather conditions, conditions of the grounds and facilities, spectators, participants, and all other conditions associated with my attendance at or participation in The Activities.

4. **WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE:** As consideration for Instructor allowing me to engage in any or all of The Activities, now or in the future, to the greatest extent allowed under Pennsylvania law, and with full knowledge and appreciation of the risks of equine activities, I (on behalf of myself and my minor child/ren, if any) freely and voluntarily agree to each of the following: (a) Rider Horsemanship, Inc., Tao of Horsemanship, Inc., Caroline V. Rider, Eric T. Rider, Chelsey Rodgers, Rider's Crossing, Inc., Louis C. Volandt, and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, assistants, representatives, assigns, and others acting on their behalf shall **not** be liable for any personal injuries, personal property damages, or losses of any kind that I (and/or my minor child/ren, if any) may sustain as a result of participating in, preparing for, attending, or engaging in any of The Activities at any time; (b) I/we fully and forever release, waive, and discharge all claims, demands, damages, rights of action, or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known, unknown, anticipated or unanticipated against Rider Horsemanship, Inc., Tao of Horsemanship, Inc., Caroline V. Rider, Eric T. Rider, Chelsey Rodgers, Rider's Crossing, Inc., Louis C. Volandt, and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, assistants, representatives, assigns, and others acting on their behalf caused by their ordinary negligence resulting or arising from my/our engaging in The Activities at any time and at any location (except if such injury or damage is directly caused by Instructor's willful or wanton disregard for my safety; or intentional wrongdoing). The term "damages," means, for example, medical expenses, losses incurred because of bodily injuries or property damages, and/or personal property damages. **I am voluntarily releasing these persons and entities from liability to the fullest extent allowed under Pennsylvania law.**

**WARNING:**

**YOU ASSUME THE RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO PENNSYLVANIA LAW**

If the Activities involve the use of an equine that I own or that have the lawful use and possession of, I also agree to hold harmless and release Rider Horsemanship, Inc., Tao of Horsemanship, Inc., Caroline V. Rider, Eric T. Rider, Chelsey Rodgers, Rider's Crossing, Inc., Louis C. Volandt, and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, assistants, representatives, assigns, and others acting on their behalf from liability for any and all injuries, damages, or losses that the equine(s) may sustain at any time arising out of its involvement (directly or indirectly) in the Activities that may accrue from any cause whatsoever, including accidents, illness, or injuries (except if such injury or damage is directly caused by Instructor's intentional misconduct, gross negligence, or wanton and willful misconduct).

5. **INDEMNIFICATION.** I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Rider Horsemanship, Inc., Tao of Horsemanship, Inc., Caroline V. Rider, Eric T. Rider, Chelsey Rodgers, Rider's Crossing, Inc., Louis C. Volandt, and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, assistants, representatives, assigns, and others acting on their behalf against all liability, claims, losses, actions, or expenses that are sustained, suffered, or incurred by any third person(s) that I may cause (directly or indirectly) while engaging in any or all of The Activities at any time and at any location. ["Third persons" are any and all people who are not parties to this Agreement and includes, *but is not limited to*, my relatives, guests, other clinician participants, spectators, or visitors, etc.]. The indemnification shall include reimbursement of Instructor's reasonable attorney fees.

6. **ASTM/SEI Headgear.** I agree to be fully responsible for my own safety at all times while engaging in any or all of The Activities at any time and at any location. Instructor has advised me that, for my own protection, I should purchase and wear properly fitted and secured ASTM-standard/SEI-certified protective headgear (helmet and strap) that is designed for use when riding or when near equines. **I am NOT relying on Instructor to provide a certified helmet for me, to check any helmet or helmet strap that I may wear, or to monitor my compliance with this suggestion at any time – now or in the future. If I choose to wear an ASTM-standard/SEI-certified helmet, or if I choose not to, this is my decision alone.**

7. *Emergencies.* Person(s) to Contact in Case of Emergency: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. This Waiver, Agreement, and Liability Release is governed by Pennsylvania law and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as the law permits. This document can only be modified in a written document that is signed by me and Caroline V. Rider (on behalf of Rider Horsemanship, Inc.). Should any clause in this document conflict with the law, only that clause will be void and the remainder of this document shall stay in full force and effect at all times. It is also mutually agreed that any disputes arising under this Waiver, Assumption of Risk Agreement, and Liability Release, or any activities that are undertaken pursuant to it, shall be litigated in a State or Federal Court of proper jurisdiction located in or nearest to Wicomico County, Maryland, where Instructor is incorporated and transacts business, and I agree that this is a convenient location.

**9. ALSO, I REPRESENT THAT:**

- I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, AND LIABILITY RELEASE (ALL THREE PAGES), AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND IT;**
- I AM AT OR OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE;**
- I AM OF SOUND MIND, AND I AM NOT SUFFERING FROM SHOCK OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR INTOXICANTS;**
- I INTEND FOR THIS WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, AND LIABILITY RELEASE TO BE VALID AND BINDING TODAY AND AT ALL TIMES IN THE FUTURE;**
- IT IS MY INTENTION TO RELEASE INSTRUCTOR AND RELATED PERSONS AND ENTITIES FROM LIABILITY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED UNDER PENNSYLVANIA LAW; AND**
- THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.**

SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME HERE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY (Spouse/ Other Parent): \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME HERE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF INSTRUCTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_