



POMFRET HORSE & TRAIL ASSOCIATION, INC.

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Read and understand this document before you sign it.

Under Connecticut law (§52-557p) each person engaged in equestrian activities shall assume the risk and legal responsibility for any injury to his person or property arising out of hazards inherent in equestrian sports.

Assumption of Risks

I acknowledge that horseback riding entails known and unknown, anticipated and unanticipated risks, from natural and man-made conditions, which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property or to third parties. Such risks include, but are not limited to, failure of riders to control their horses, the existence of tree branches and roots, animal burrows, erosion, slippery and uneven footing, waterways, rocks and other conditions. I voluntarily assume the risks of encountering these conditions on behalf of myself and my child, if the rider is under 18.

Release of Liability

Accordingly, I release and agree to hold harmless Pomfret Horse and Trail Association, Inc. ("PHTA"), its officers, directors, members, landowners on whose property events may occur, and any other agent, independent contractor, volunteer or organizer from any and all liability for personal injury, death, or property damage of any kind whatsoever that may be sustained by any person or entity. I understand this agreement is binding whether or not said accident, personal injury, death or property damage is due in whole or in part to the negligence of PHTA, its officers, directors, members, volunteers or organizers, landowners or independent contractors for any claims, demands or suits.

Further, I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating. I agree I shall be solely responsible for the payment of any medical costs and expenses incurred on my behalf.

Compliance of Rules

I agree to follow the instructions of PHTA and its officers, volunteers, and employees at all times and not to undertake any activity which PHTA has not specifically authorized. I further understand I am required to wear appropriate leather footwear with heels and an ASTM/SEI certified helmet properly secured at all times when mounted on a horse.

I have read this entire Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, fully understand its terms and conditions, and sign it freely and voluntarily.

If the rider is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign on his/her behalf.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____

I am signing as the parent or guardian of the rider under the age of 18.

Name of Rider _____

Media Release

Pomfret Horse and Trail Association has the right to use, reproduce, and/or distribute photographs or videotapes of me and/or my horse, written communication, and statements given during an interview. Such use includes advertising, press releases, promotional materials, and the PHTA website.

- I give permission.
 I do not give permission