

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY  
EQUINE RELEASE, WAIVER, AND INDEMNIFICATION

The undersigned participant, and his or her parent or legal guardian if the participant is under the age of 18 years, does/do hereby execute this release, waiver, and indemnification for himself or herself/themselves and his or her/their heirs, successors, representatives, and assigns and, thereby, agree(s) and represents as follows:

To release the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, its members, employees, agent, representatives, subsidiary corporations, affiliated entities, including the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc., and those governmental agencies and other organizations affiliated with this activity (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all liability, loss, damage, costs, claims, and/or causes of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damage arising out of participation in the activity, it being specifically understood that said activity includes the handling of equine by the undersigned participant. The undersigned person(s) further agree(s) to indemnify the Released Parties and hold them harmless for any liability, loss, damage, cost, claim judgment, or settlement which may be brought or entered against them as a result of the undersigned person's participation in said activity.

If involved in equine activities pursuant to Section 3.2-6202 amended of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the undersigned(s) execute(s) this waiver of the undersigned(s) rights to sue and agree(s) to assume all risks resulting from the "intrinsic dangers of equine activities". "Intrinsic dangers of equine activities" is defined as those dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including but not limited to, (i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (v) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability.

This waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or Parent or guardian of a minor. The revocation shall be in writing which shall be delivered to the provider and shall become effective thirty (30) days after delivery to the provider.

In the case of school, college, and university sponsored classes and programs, waivers executed by a participant or parent or guardian of a participant shall apply to all equine activities in which the participant is involved in the next succeeding twelve (12) month period unless earlier expressly revoked in writing. The revocation shall become effective thirty (30) days after it is delivered to the provider.

The undersigned(s) should maintain all medical and health insurance needed to cover all risks of any kind in any place in livestock, equine, and/or other activities.

I, the undersigned participant will wear and use [I, the undersigned parent/guardian,] will ensure the wearing and use by the participant of, in accordance with all established policies and procedures, including Cooperative Extension policies and procedures, all safety equipment and agree to ensure equipment is in good condition at all times.

Printed Name of Participant	Signature of Participant	Date
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Participant Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian if Participant under age 18	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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Parent/Guardian Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_