

**Leatherdale Equine Center
PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE**

By signing this document, I acknowledge that there are inherent risks in using and being in close proximity to horses. Those risks include bodily injury and death. I understand that horses are unpredictable and capable of sudden, unexpected and potentially dangerous movements despite their prior history. I further understand that horses are easily frightened by sound, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, smells, persons or other animals. They may run, bite, buck or kick. Horses may also encounter natural hazards, such as surface or subsurface conditions and may react unpredictably. They may even collide with other objects, persons or animals. Riders can fall off of horses and injure themselves.

In consideration for permission to be on the premises of the Leatherdale Equine Center and/or use horses and equipment, I voluntarily agree to the terms of this Participant Waiver and Release. I understand it is my responsibility to acquaint myself with rules of safety applicable to any involvement with horses and their environment. I hereby represent that I am capable of using and being in close proximity to horses and their environment. I further represent that I am competent and capable to participate in the activities in which I will be participating.

I assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage resulting from my decision to be around or on horses at Leatherdale Equine Center. For myself, my heirs, assigns, next of kin and anyone else who might claim through me or on my behalf, I forever release, indemnify and hold harmless Regents of the University of Minnesota, the Leatherdale Equine Center, their officers, regents, directors, employees, trainers, volunteers and agents ("Releasees") from any and all loss, cost, expense, injury or damage of any kind, including (together and singly, "Claims"). **THIS RELEASE APPLIES EVEN TO CLAIMS BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART ON RELEASEES' NEGLIGENCE, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, BUT NOT RELEASEES' WILLFUL OR WANTON ACTS.**

This release shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota. If any portion of this release is held invalid by a court, it is agreed that the remainder of this release shall continue in full legal force and effect notwithstanding the invalidity of any portion of it.

I HAVE READ THIS LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Signature of Rider

Age

Date

Printed Name of Rider

IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER AGE 18, PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN BELOW:

I, parent/legal guardian of this participant, consent and agree to the above release and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and Claims.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Emergency Phone Number