

WILSON BROOK FARM

HORSE RIDING AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

FOR INDIVIDUALS RIDING HORSES BORROWED OR RENTED FROM THIS STABLE
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY, OR FOR EACH PARTICIPANT

WILSON BROOK FARM LLC
41 GABRIEL WOODS RD
NEW GLOUCESTER, ME 04260

PREMISES OWNERS NAME: WILSON BROOK FARM, hereinafter known as “this stable”

RIDING LOCATION: WILSON BROOK FARM AND SURROUNDINGS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY. THIS STABLE DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY OR THAT OF YOUR HORSE.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED TO AS FOLLOWS: THAT

REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE the following listed individual Hereinafter known as the “**RIDER**”, and the parents or legal guardians thereof, if a minor, do Hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate in horse riding on This Stable’s premises or other locations and that **RIDER** will ride his/her own horse or one borrowed or leased by **RIDER’S** own arrangement, today and on all future dates.

RIDERS NAME: _____ **AGE(IF UNDER 21)** _____

AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY This agreement shall be legally binding upon me, the registered **RIDER** and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives, and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state and county of **THIS STABLE’S** physical location. A dispute by the **RIDER** shall be litigated in the venue shall be the county in which **THIS STABLE**, is physically located.

The term “**HORSE**” herein shall refer to all equine species. The term **HORSEBACK RIDING OR RIDING** herein shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. The term “**RIDER**” shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms “**I**”, “**ME**”, “**MY**” shall herein refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION Horseback riding is classified as **RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY**, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. According to NEISS (National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems of the United States Consumer Products) horse activities rank 64th among the activities of people relative to injuries that result in a stay in the U.S. hospitals. Related injuries can be severe requiring more hospital stay and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities.

NATURE OF RIDING HORSES No horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 3 ½ to 5 ½ feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider.

Horseback riding/horse driving is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal, the human, tries to control and become one unit of movement with another much larger, stronger animal, the horse, with each having a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not

limited to: stopping short, changing direction or speed at will, shifting its weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, biting, kicking, or running from danger.

RIDER RESPONSIBILITY Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the RIDER is in primary control of the horse. The Rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instruction, and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. The RIDER shall be responsible for his/her own safety.

CONDITION OF NATURE This Stable is not responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way.

SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Thunder, lighting, rain, wind , wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, natural and man-made changes in landscape.

INSPECTION OF PREMISES RIDER has inspected **THIS LOCATION** and or **STABLE'S** facilities and trails and is satisfied that all premises conditions are reasonably safe for **RIDER'S** intended purpose, usage and presence upon **THIS LOCATION** and or **STABLE'S** premises.

ACCIDENT/MEDICAL AND PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE Should medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses. Should my actions or that of my horse/or borrowed horse cause injury or damage of any kind I and/or my own personal liability shall pay for such damages.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WARNING I have been fully warned and advised by **THIS STABLE** that the rider should wear protective headgear (riding helmet), and that the wearing of such headgear is **required** while mounting, riding, dismounting and otherwise being around horses as this may prevent or reduce severity of some head injuries and even prevent death from happening as the result of a fall or other incurrence.

LIABILITY RELEASE In consideration of **THIS STABLE**, allowing my participation in this activity, it's owners, agents, employees, officers, members, premises owners, insurers, and affiliated organizations from legal liability due to **THIS STABLE'S** ordinary negligence: I do further agree that except in the event of **THIS STABLE'S** gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against **THIS STABLE**, and **IT'S ASSOCIATES** as stated above in this clause, for economic and non-economic losses sue to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and/or minor child or legal ward in otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of **THIS STABLE**.

ALL RIDERS AND PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS MUST SIGN BELOW AFTER READING THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT:

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWERENESS

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, ASSUMPTION OF THE INHEARENT RISKS AGREEMENT I/WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL STATED FACTS ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE

SIGNATURE OF RIDER _____ **DATE** _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN _____ **DATE** _____

ADDRESS IN FULL:

HOME PHONE#
CELL PHONE#

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