

Rebel Ranch Horse Tours, LLC

This form must be completed by and for each participant
Rebel Ranch Horse Tours, LLC will herein be known and referred to as RRHT

*HORSE RIDING AGREEMENT
LIABILITY RELEASE FORM*

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE
SIGNING***

*SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN
THIS ACTIVITY. THIS BUSINESS AND/OR ANY STAFF MEMBER
CONNECTED WITH IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY OR
THAT OF ANY HORSE*

In consideration for participating in horse-related activities connected with the RRHT, the undersigned hereby agrees as follows:

- A. REGISTRATION OF RIDER & PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT: I, the following listed individual hereinafter known as the "RIDER" and he parents or legal guardian thereof if a minor, do hereby and agree to participate in horse riding and/or horse instruction on and about RRHT, and that RIDER will ride a horse provided to him or her by RRHT, his or her own horse, or one borrowed or leaded by RIDER'S own arrangement, today and on all future dates: _____(RIDER) _____(age if under 21)
- B. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT & DEFINITIONS: This agreement shall be legally binding upon me, the RIDER, and the parents or guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and parental representatives. This agreement shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of South Carolina. Any disputes by the RIDER shall be subject to paragraph K below and litigated in the county in which RRHT is physically located. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with the laws of the State of South Carolina then that single part is null and void. The tem "HORSEBACK RIDING" or "RIDING" herein shall refer to riding, instruction in, or otherwise handling of or being near horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys whether from the ground or mounted. The term "RIDER" shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms "I", "me", and "my" shall herein refer to the above RIDER and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.
- C. INHERENT RISK OF ACTIVITY: I understand that horseback riding is a rugged recreational activity and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activities despite all safety precautions. As such, related injuries can be severe or even deadly and, at the least can require more hospital days and result in more lasting residual effects than injuries from most other activities. Further, this inherent risk is not totally mitigated by either (1) the presence of an instructor or trainer or (2) by the use of a horse that has been used for or is considered usable for the instruction of beginners. Horse accidents are common and, in fact, are virtually guaranteed to occur given enough time around horses. Horse accidents are even more common with beginners although expert rider are still subject to considerable (sometimes fatal) danger from participation in this activity.
- D. NATURE OF RIDING HORSES: I understand that RRHT chooses its horses for their calm disposition and sound training as required for use as riding horses for our lesson programs yet, no horse is completely safe. If a horse is frightened or irritated it may divert from any training it has received and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include but are not limited to: stopping short, changing directions or speed at will, shifting its weight, kicking, biting, and running under obstacles or from danger.
- E. RIDER RESPONSIBILITY: I understand that, notwithstanding the presence or participation of an instructor or trainer, 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 or her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his or her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal (which is not easy for beginners). The RIDER shall be responsible for his or her own safety and that of an unborn child if the rider is pregnant. RRHT advises pregnant women not to ride horses.

- F. CONDITIONS OF NATURE: RRHT is not responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or otherwise react in some unsafe way. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and/or domestic animals, insects or reptiles which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person. Further, RRHT is not responsible for irregular or obstructed footing on groomed or wild land (including indoor or outdoor arenas, pens, pastures or trails) which is subject to constant change in condition according to use, weather, temperature, maintenance (or lack thereof) and natural and man-made changes in landscape. Further still, RRHT is not responsible for activities engaged in by others such as, but not limited to, hunters (shooting guns, for example), or car drivers or occupants (honking horns or throwing objects to scare a horse, for example).
- G. ACCIDENTAL AND PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE: I agree that should medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accidental/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses and deductibles. Should my actions or that of my horse cause injury or damage of any kind, I and/or my own personal liability insurance company shall pay for such damages.
- H. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WARNING: I agree that for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward have been fully warned and advised by RRHT that an ASTM/SEI approved helmet should be worn while riding and being near horses and I do understand that the wearing of such headgear at these times may reduce the severity of some of the wearer's head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer's death from happening as the result of a fall and other occurrences.
- I. LIABILITY RELEASE: I agree that in consideration of RRHT allowing my participation in this activity under the terms set forth herein, I, the RIDER, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward or other parent, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do agree to hold harmless, release, and discharge RRHT, its owners, agents, independent contractors, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners or premises and trails (whether or not such premises or trails are owned by RRHT, affiliated organizations and insurers and others acting on its behalf (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "Associates") of and from all claims, demands, causes of action and legal liability, whether our damage be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated due to RRHT's and/or its Associate's ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of RRHT gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against RRHT and its Associates as sated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of RRHT, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of RRHT, whether on or off the premises of RRHT.
- J. ATTORNEYS FEES: I agree that in consideration of RRHT allowing my participation in this activity under the terms set forth herein agrees to indemnify RRHT and its Associates for all reasonable attorney fees and related costs incurred in defending themselves against any compensatory actions taken or threatened by the RIDER, the parents or guardians thereof, or his or her heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and parental representatives.
- K. IN CLOSING: As much as we enjoy making our horses available to various riders (paying or otherwise), we respectfully request that if RIDER believes that a horse-related personal injury or death (apart from RRHT's willful and gross negligence) is justifiable grounds for shifting any part of the financial, emotional and physical burdens of his or her injury (as onerous, regrettable, and/or tragic as they may be) back to RRHT or its Associates, then please do not participate in this activity with our horse

All RIDERS and/or parent or legal guardian must sign below after reading this entire document:

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS:

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICANT ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

_____ RIDER Helmet: Yes or No _____ DATE _____

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_____ for _____
Parent/Guardian RIDER Helmet: Yes or No _____ DATE _____

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Parent/Guardian RIDER Helmet: Yes or No _____ DATE _____

_____ ADDRESS _____ Phone _____

Under South Carolina Law, an equine sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of equine activity, pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 9 of Title 47, Code of Laws of SC, 1976.

