

Southern Hill Riding Academy – Sherry Guess Clinics

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LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

Serious injury or death may result from your participating in this activity

- A. Voluntary Agreement I, the following listed individual, and the parent or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate in horse-related activities at this facility, event or show. I know there is no particular necessity for my participation or my child's participation if a minor, in horse related activities. The persons and facilities being released by this agreement have no unusual control over me or my child. Indeed, I and my child do NOT have to participate.
- B. Agreement Scope This agreement shall be legally binding upon me, the participant, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and this agreement shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Oklahoma. Any disputes shall be litigated in, and venue shall be proper in the county in which this facility is located in the State of Oklahoma.
- C. Definitions "Horseback Riding" and "Horse Activities" shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses, ponies, mules or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. "Horse" shall refer to all equine species. "Rider" and "Participant" 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 following listed individual and parents or legal guardian thereof if a minor.
- D. Horse Activity Risks I UNDERSTAND THAT: Horseback riding is classified as a dangerous sporting activity, and there are unlimited obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. Related injuries can be severe and may result in death to me or my child. The risks in horseback riding include, but are not limited to: the propensity of the horse to behave in ways that may result in injury or death; the unpredictability of a horse's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions, whether known or unknown by the sponsor, instructor, landowner or facility owner or their agents; collisions with other horses or objects; the potential of another participant or other person to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to the injury of me or my child; inability of me or my child to remain in control of the horse; and, the potential of tack to become dislodged or move in ways that may result in injury or death. If a participant falls from the horse it will generally be at a distance of 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 feet, and the impact may result in serious injury to the participant. 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 directions or speed at will, shifting its weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, kicking, biting, running from danger or intentionally injuring its rider or participant. No riding horse is a completely safe horse; whether it is a schooling horse, my horse or some other person's horse.
- E. Rider Responsibility I UNDERSTAND THAT: Upon mounting a horse the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety depends wholly upon his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the horse. I agree that I am responsible for my own and my child's own safety, including that of an unborn child, if the rider is pregnant. Pregnant women should ride horses only under the advice of their physician. I understand that I am not to ride if I am pregnant, unless I have a release from my physician.
- F. Inspection of Premises I UNDERSTAND THAT: THIS FACILITY, CLINIC SPONSOR OR INSTRUCTOR/CLINICIAN 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, but not limited to: thunder, lightening, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles, which may walk, run, or fly near, or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on the arena, groomed or ungroomed native land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, horse activities, and natural and man-made change in landscape. The rider and parents or legal guardian have inspected the premises and facilities and are satisfied that all conditions are safe for rider's intended purpose, usage and presence.
- G. Accidental/Medical Insurance I AGREE THAT: Should emergency or other medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses. My accidental/medical insurance company is _____ and my policy number is _____.
- H. Protective Headgear Warning I UNDERSTAND THAT: I shall purchase and wear protective headgear (equestrian riding helmet that meets A.S.T.M. standards and is certified by SEI), and do understand that the wearing of such headgear while mounting, riding, dismounting, and otherwise being around horses, may prevent or reduce severity of some head injuries, and may even prevent death from happening as the result of a fall or other occurrence.

Initials _____

- ## **SIGNOR STATEMENT OF AWARENESS**

I HAVE ALSO READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE 4HIM RANCH STABLE RULES INCLUDING WEARING A HELMET AT ALL TIMES WHILE MOUNTED. I HAVE ALSO READ THE CLINIC CANCELLATION POLICY AND WILL APPLY.

Does this rider have any physical and/or mental health conditions, problems, and/or disorders which may affect his/her safety, ability to ride a horse, or ability to understand instructions? YES NO

If yes, please explain here:

Friend (List Name)	Other
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