

Sentinel Farms Arts, Agriculture and Equestrian Camp

**Sentinel Farms, LLC
Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC
4118 VT Route 116, Starksboro, VT 05487**

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
AND
HOLD HARMLESS & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY BEFORE SIGNING

NAME: _____ **AGE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE: _____ **ZIP:** _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **BUSINESS PHONE:** _____

•WARNING

Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities.

Each participant, or parent or guardian of a minor participant, may execute a release assuming responsibility for the risks of engaging in equine activities. The release shall give notice to the participant, or parent or guardian, of the risks of engaging in equine activities, including (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to the participant, (ii) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or animals, and (iii) the hazards of surface or subsurface conditions. A release shall remain valid until expressly revoked by the participant or, if a minor, the parent or guardian.

•DESCRIPTION OF RISKS

“Engages in an equine activity” means a person who rides, trains, drives, or is a passenger upon an equine, whether mounted or unmounted, but does not mean a spectator at an equine activity or a person who participates in the equine activity but does not ride, train, drive or ride as a passenger upon an equine.

“Equine activity” means (i) equine shows, fairs, competitions, performances, or parades that involve any or all breeds of equines and any of the equine disciplines, including, but not limited to, dressage, hunter and jumper horse shows, grand prix jumping, three-day events, combined training, rodeos, driving, pulling, cutting, polo, steeple chasing, endurance trail riding and western games, and hunting; (ii) equine training or teaching activities; (iii) boarding equines; (iv) riding, inspecting, or evaluating an equine belonging to another whether or not the owner has received some monetary consideration or other thing of value for the use of the equine or is permitting a prospective purchaser of the equine to ride, inspect, or

evaluate the equine; and (v) rides, trips, hunts, or other equine activities of any type however informal or impromptu that are sponsored by an equine activity sponsor.

“Equine professional” means a person or his agent engaged for compensation in (i) instructing a participant or renting to a participant an equine for the purpose of riding, driving, or being a passenger upon an equine or (ii) renting equipment or tack to a participant.

“Spectator” means any person in the vicinity of an equine activity whether watching the activities or simply in the area.

“Participant” means any person, whether amateur or professional, who directly engages in an equine activity, whether or not a fee is paid to participate in the equine activity.

All the above named must understand that there are risks inherent in dealing with horses and ponies (equine activity). Some of the inherent risks include:

- The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine.
- The unpredictability of an equine’s reaction to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals.
- That there may be hazards including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions.
- The possibility of collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object.
- The potential of an equine activity Participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person or the Participant or other persons, including, but not limited to failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the Participant.

Participants and spectators further understand the examples of the equine activity taking place at Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC include but are not limited to:

- Riding, jumping, showing, trail riding, and the like.
- Routine care and feeding of the equine, including veterinary and farrier services.
- Traveling, loading and unloading of equine.
- Breeding activity, both natural and artificial.

•ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

1. I, _____, the undersigned have read and understand, and freely and voluntarily enter into this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement with Kerry Kurt and Sonny Provetto, and the agents and employees of Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC understanding that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement is a waiver of any and all liability(ies).

2. I understand the potential dangers that I could incur in mounting, riding, walking, boarding, feeding said horse; including, but not limited to, any interactions with other horses and other animals. Understanding those risks I hereby release Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, and anyone else directly or indirectly connected with Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC from any liability whatsoever in the event of injury or damage of any nature (or perhaps even death) to me or anyone else caused by or incidental to my electing to mount and ride a horse, or be a spectator at such event, at Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC.

3. I understand that there are risks inherent in dealing with equines (including horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, and hinnies) as itemized above.

4. I understand and recognize and warrant that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, is being voluntarily and intentionally signed and agreed to, and that in signing this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement I know and understand that this Agreement may further limit the liability of equine professionals to include any activity, whatsoever, involving an equine, including death, personal injury and/or damage to property.

5. I recognize and agree that I know which equine professional(s) I will be working with, and acknowledge that I agree said equine professional(s) has/have made reasonable and prudent efforts to determine my ability to engage in the equine activity, and has/have sufficient knowledge of my equine and horseback riding skills.

6. I also freely and voluntarily enter into the following Mediation and Arbitration Agreement concerning any equine activity incidents relating to or allegedly involving Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC or its agents.

NOTICE: Wearing an ASTM/SEI approved hard hat is **REQUIRED** while riding or driving.

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read the above statements and definitions, and hereby indemnify and hold harmless, Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC and its employees or owners from any liability arising from accident, injury, theft, or damages to myself, my representatives, and helpers, all equipment and property, and all animals under my jurisdiction. I have received a copy of Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC Rules and will adhere to them strictly. This agreement shall continue for each and every visit to Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC property.

I further agree to be held solely responsible for the control of my horse(s) and to handle them in a safe and cautious manner.

I agree to provide my own health insurance coverage and liability insurance for any damage or injury caused by my horse(s), and to provide proof of such insurance upon request.

Participant agrees that Participant has been given sufficient time to read, and understand, and ask questions, if any, concerning the nature and scope of this Voluntary Waiver Agreement.

The terms of this release form shall be construed as the entire agreement and may not be altered, amended, or modified except in writing and signed by both parties. The terms of this release shall be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont.

In addition, I, _____, (student/rider above named for, if minor, parents/guardians) hereby grant permission and authority to Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC its officers and authorized employees to act for us in executing verbal instructions of if unable to contact us, to act for us in dealing with physicians, available ambulance companies and hospitals, to obtain prompt medical attention for the participant named above in the event of any perceived medical emergency. I hereby covenant and agree to release Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC its officers, agents and employees, and owners of any property concerned, and hold harmless from liability for any injury or damage which the rider may sustain while at Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC or participating in any activity sponsored by Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC and from any liability connected with obtaining prompt medical attention for the rider named above.

MINORS:

The undersigned declares that the undersigned is the parent or legal guardian of the minor named below. The undersigned has read the foregoing Release and Indemnity Agreement and in consideration of Sentinel Farms, LLC, Sentinel Farms Sport Horse Riding Club, LLC allowing such minor entry onto its premises and/or allowing such minor to participate in equestrian activities, hereby agrees that all of the terms and conditions contained herein shall apply to such minor and shall be binding upon the undersigned and the minor.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS OF THE RELEASE and WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT.

Executed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Date: _____ **Signed:** _____

Print Participant Name: _____

If under 18, the parent or guardian must read and sign the above, indicating his/her acceptance.

Date: _____ **Signed:** _____

Print Parent/guardian (if minor): _____