

## TRAILBLAZERS RIDING CLUB

Name of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of Junior Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

### LIABILITY RELEASE

I hereby release the Trailblazers riding club, its officers, members, agents and volunteers, plus any and all landowners involved in this riding event, from any and all liability for injury, damages or harm that may occur to me, to the horse I am using, or to the property owned or used by me. Further, I represent that I understand the hazardous nature of using horses, including pleasure riding, in which injury can occur to horse and rider due to vehicles, natural and man-made obstacles or materials, other horses, dogs, storms, groundhog holes, cattle, stress, and other hazards. My horse is in good enough condition and fit enough to undertake the distance I have selected to go, and I have reasonable control of the horse so as to avoid risk of injury to others. I also warrant that I have a current negative Coggins test on this horse (according to state law).

I realize that all necessary precautions should be taken for safety, such as wearing a hard hat, helmet and proper riding footwear. However, if I wish to ride without exercising these safety measures I do so at my own risk.

Signature of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of any conflict between the various forms, The Virginia Law and releases on the reverse side will apply.

**Adult participants sign page 1 and page 2. Parents or guardians of minors (under age 18) sign bottom of page 1 and bottom of page 2 (parent or guardian release and waiver).**

**Release and Waiver of Liability**

I am aware that horseback riding is an athletic event, which poses potentially serious risks of injuries or death to its participants. I understand that my horse or I may be injured or die as a result of my negligence, the negligence of others, or through no fault of myself or anyone else, because of the nature of the activity in which I am going to be engaged. I also understand that horses, even the most well trained, are often unpredictable and often difficult to control.

With this waiver, I accept notice of the provisions of Section 3.1-796.130 through 3.1-796.133 of Code of Virginia, which state in part: That there are inherent risks in equine activities, including (i) the propensity of equine to behave in dangerous ways which 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) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions. The waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or parent or guardian of a minor, in writing, with receipt acknowledged by the Trailblazers Riding club and its officers.

Furthermore, with this document, I expressly assume the risk of injury or death due to negligence by Trailblazers, its officers, directors, members, agents, employees, staff, or guests for my own safety or the safety of my minor child.

With the knowledge of the foregoing, as an inducement for the officers, directors, and members of the Trailblazers, I hereby agree to waive or release (give up) any and all rights that I or my heirs may have to make a claim against the Trailblazers or its members and participants arising from any damages, injury, or death which I might sustain or which might occur to any horse I am riding as a result of my horseback riding. I further agree to indemnify (hold harmless) all of the foregoing from any claims which I might make or which might be made on my behalf by others or which might be made against me by others arising from riding with the Trailblazers or following or participating on foot or by automobile. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify the Trailblazers and its members for any injury, death, loss of or damage to any personal property which might occur during riding or social functions sponsored by the Trailblazers or held in its behalf or for its benefit.

**By signing this release and waiver, I understand that I am giving up (waiving and releasing) any right I have to sue or make a claim which I might have or which might subsequently arise or occur against the Trailblazers and its members and participants for any injuries I might sustain while horseback riding or following or participating on foot or by automobile and that I am indemnifying (holding harmless) Trailblazers and its members for injuring anyone else or any horse ridden by another while so engaged. It is my intent to give up those rights and provide the hold harmless agreement, and I do so knowingly and voluntarily.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parent or Guardian Release and Waiver**

I am the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, and on the minor's behalf and on my behalf and behalf of all other parents or guardians of the minor, I accept the release and waiver of liability at the top of this form as an inducement for allowing my child, or this minor, to ride with the Trailblazers. I further authorize any emergency medical care which may be necessary. I represent and warrant that I have the authority to give this release.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date