



# Orleans County Fairgrounds

Orleans County Fairgrounds, Barton VT

## 2022 Riding Ring Release Form

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian Name(if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Under Vermont law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A 1039. I hereby release the Orleans County Fairgrounds, its employees and volunteers from any legal actions. I further agree to make no claims against the Orleans County Fairgrounds, its employees and volunteers should an accident, injury, or loss occur to any horse, rider, spectator, or article sent to this event. I understand and agree that I, and any minors I am signing for, are participating in this horse show at their own risk.

Orleans County Fairgrounds 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, lightning, 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, and natural and man-made changes in landscape.

I have been fully warned and advised by Orleans county fairgrounds that the RIDER should purchase and wear protective headgear (riding helmet), and 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 even prevent death from happening as the result of a fall or other occurrence. **Minors 18 and under are required to wear protective headgear.**

In consideration of Orleans County Fairgrounds allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the RIDER, and the parent or guardian thereof if a minor, do agree to hold harmless and release Rhinestone Ranch its owners, agents, employees, officers, members, premises owners, insurers, and affiliated organizations from legal liability due to Orleans County Fairgrounds ordinary negligence; and I do further agree *that except in the event of Orleans County Fairgrounds gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct*, I shall not bring any claims, demand, legal actions and causes of action, against Orleans County Fairgrounds and/or its associates, 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 Orleans County Fairgrounds, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of Orleans County Fairgrounds.

All Riders and Parents or Legal Guardians 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. I/WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING TO THE APPLICANT ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF RIDER

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT, or GUARDIAN (Please print)