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PARTICIPANT RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & WAIVER

Full Name of attendee and guardian (if under 18 years) _____

_____ Address: _____

_____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Event/Activity _____

Address of Event/Activity _____

Date of Event/Activity _____

Name of Affiliate holding Event/Activity _____

Equestrian Activities can be dangerous and The Donkey Society of Victoria (“the Suppliers”) advise that participation in a competition or event contains elements of risk, both obvious and inherent. In consideration for being permitted to participate in any way in equestrian activities, and in particular this event,

I, _____ (Participant's Name), the undersigned, understand, acknowledge and accept that:

1. Equestrian activities are a dangerous recreational activity and equines can act in a sudden and unpredictable way, especially if frightened or hurt.
2. Participation in (“the Event”) is a hazardous activity and may result in injury, loss, damage or death to me;
3. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the proprietors of.....(hereafter referred to as the “Releasees”) or others and I voluntarily participate at my own risk and assume sole responsibility for any injury, death or property damage I may suffer that arises from my participation in donkey sport activities.
4. I understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind altering drugs before and during the activity and I take full responsibility for any injury, loss or damage associated with their consumption. I agree not to drink alcohol or take drugs prohibited by law before or during this event.
5. Participation in the Event requires certain skills. I declare that I have sufficient skills to be able to safely and properly participate in the Event.
6. I am responsible for ensuring that I have, and will wear, equipment suitable for safely and properly participating in the Event; I agree to wear a helmet at all times for ridden and driven events during the event, and agree that I am solely responsible for ensuring that I wear a suitable helmet while riding or driving my donkey and take sole responsibility for my actions.
7. I am responsible for the condition of any tools and equipment and ensuring that they are appropriate for the Event.

8. The DSV takes equine welfare very seriously and does not allow abuse of any sort at DSV events. Animals exhibiting problems with their health or behaviour may not be suitable to participate. The DSV Committee or its representatives has the final authority to order to keep any animal out of an event for these reasons, even if the rider/handler/owner disagrees. The following are considered abusive and will not be tolerated: The use of unreasonable force in disciplines, especially when it is accompanied by a display of overly emotional behaviour on the part of the handler; excessive or over-zealous application of the spurs; applying any foreign object in a manner that would be perceived as "beating" the animal; any correction which results in drawing the horse's blood; disciplining a horse while it is secured to a picketline or other object and any handling or treatment likely to be perceived as inhumane by the general public. In addition, participating animals are to be of a good body condition score and sound.
9. I agree to follow the directions of any event organiser or official, and that any misconduct or refusal by me to follow any direction of any organiser or official can result in the cancellation of my participation in the event and my immediate removal from my donkey no matter where that may occur. I understand that any such non-compliance may result in injury, death and/or permanent disability and I agree to indemnify the Releasees against all claims made by any person as a result of my failure to comply.
10. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release and hold harmless and agree not to sue The Donkey Society of Victoria Incorporated, their officers, officials, volunteers, coaches, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, state bodies, affiliated clubs, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the activities (all of who are referred to as "Releasees") with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.

Effect of this Document

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without inducement of any kind.

I understand that my signature to this document constitutes a complete and unconditional release of all liability of the Releasees, to the greatest extent allowed by law in the event of me and/or the children under my care, suffering injury or death.

Signature of Participant/Guardian: _____ Dated: ___/___/___

For Participants Under Age 18

This is to certify that I, as a parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, acknowledge, understand and accept all of the above and consent and agree to his/her releases as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities arising from my minor child's involvement or participation in donkey sport activities and in particular, this event, even if arising from the negligence of the Releasees.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Dated: ___/___/___

Photography Disclaimer: I do / do not (please strikethrough as applicable) agree to my photo being used for promotion purposes for DSV.