

# PENNSYLVANIA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have chosen to allow my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program and its related horse activities. I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child's participation in the activities of the 4-H horse program. I also understand and acknowledge that my child's participation in these activities and the use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness, death and/or damage to personal property. I understand that the activities themselves, other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other factors may cause these risks and dangers and I, on my own behalf and on behalf of my child, hereby accept and assume these risks and dangers.

I and my child are aware that:

- A. Horses have a tendency to behave in ways, which may result in injury, death, loss to riders, or other persons in the immediate vicinity;
- B. Horses may react in an unpredictable way to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals, and any unexpected situations;
- C. Riding, driving, or handling a horse may give rise to a risk of injury from hazards arising from the surface or subsurface of the ground in which these activities occur;
- D. While in the vicinity of a horse while riding, driving, or handling a horse, I may be involved in a collision with another horse, another animal, a person, or an object;
- E. Other participants in the program may fail to maintain control over a horse or fail to act within their abilities, thus causing harm to me or other participants; and
- F. Other participants in the program may act in a negligent manner, which could result in harm to me.

As a parent or guardian I have discussed with my child the need to behave in a safe manner. I will make sure that my child wears appropriate clothing, headgear, and footwear during horse activities.

My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of eight (8) required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith.

I understand that my child is not required to participate in any horse activity, but grant permission for him/her to do so, despite the possible risks. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in these activities, and that I assume any expense that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. As a parent/guardian, I assume the same risk for myself, and other family members and friends present at these horse activities.

This document shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators, and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my child's participation in 4-H horse program activities shall first be submitted to arbitration and/or be venued in a Court of the State of Pennsylvania selected by the sponsoring 4-H club or clubs, the choice of which shall be at their sole discretion.

I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age and I am the legal parent/guardian authorized to sign this document on behalf of the child named herein.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Member (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form needs to be signed and kept on file for each youth participant in any 4-H Horse program activity for 14 years if the youngest participant is 8. The form needs to be signed each year and before a youth participates in Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program activities.