Release and Waiver of Liability

HORSE RIDING AND PARTICIPATION IN HORSE RELATED ACTIVITY IS DANGEROUS

In consideration for being permitted to participate in any way in horse riding activities I, the undersigned, understand, acknowledge and accept that :

Horse riding and participation in horse related activities is/are dangerous recreational activities and horses and cattle can act in a sudden and unpredictable (changeable) way, especially if frightened or hurt.

There is a significant risk that serious **INJURY** or **DEATH** may result from participating in horse related competition or activities.

I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the Australian Quarter Horse Association, its affiliated clubs and/or the management/organiser 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 horse related activities.

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 any horse activity.

I agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Australian Quarter Horse Association, its affiliated clubs and/or the management/organizer of the activities and that I will follow all directions of the management/organizer of the activities. My failure or refusal to do so can result in **my immediate disqualification** from the activities and the forfeiting of all fees paid in relation to the activities. I understand that any such non compliance may result in injury, death and/or permanent disability and I agree to indemnify the management/organizer against all claims made by any person as a result of my failure to comply.

I agree to wear a helmet of the currently approved standard in all activities where the Rules & Regulations governing the activity require the wearing of a helmet, I am solely responsible for ensuring that I wear a suitable helmet when required and take sole responsibility for my actions.

Horse Experience: (tick where appropriate)
Very experienced participant/competitor ☐ Novice participant/competitor ☐ Never participated/competed ☐

I understand that the Australian Quarter Horse Association, its affiliated clubs and/or the management/organizer takes due care to ensure that the venues chosen are safe and suitable, any equipment provided for the purpose of such activities is maintained in good condition and the Association's/management/organizer's staff are appropriately trained. I also understand that neither the Association, its Board, its affiliated clubs the management/organizer or staff will be liable for any loss, damage or injury suffered by me or any child under my care as a result of participation in horse related activities, whether caused by the Association's/affiliated club's/management/organizer's negligence or otherwise.

I further confirm I am in good health and do not suffer from any disability which will affect my ability to participate. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this release of liability, fully understand it's 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 Association, its affiliated clubs and/or management/organizer to the greatest extent allowed by law in the event of me and/or the children under my care, suffering injury or death.

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Name of Participant/Member Signature of Participant/Member Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date
(where the member/participant is under 18 years of age)