

# Horse Arena Use: Release of Liability & Waiver

Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
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## Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

I, the undersigned, understand and acknowledge that equine activities, including but not limited to riding, handling, training, or being in proximity to horses, involve inherent risks that may result in serious injury, death, or property damage.

In consideration for being permitted to use the horse arena(s) and/or participate in equine-related activities at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, I agree to the following:

I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, hereby release, waive, discharge, and hold harmless the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, and affiliated organizations (collectively referred to as "Fairgrounds Associates") from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, or liability of any kind, whether known or unknown, arising out of or related to my participation in equine activities or use of the premises.

This release includes, but is not limited to, any claims resulting from the ordinary negligence of the Fairgrounds or its Associates.

I agree not to bring any legal action against the Fairgrounds or its Associates for any injury, loss, or damage sustained while on the premises or participating in equine activities, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

## Acknowledgment of Risk

I understand that under Washington Equine Activity Liability Act, including RCW 4.24.530 (definitions) and RCW 4.24.540 (limitations on liability), an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury or death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

I understand that:

- Horses are unpredictable animals and may react suddenly to sounds, movements, or other stimuli
- Riding and handling horses involves inherent risks, including falls, kicks, bites, and collisions
- Arena footing, weather conditions, and other environmental factors may contribute to risk

I voluntarily assume all risks associated with these activities.

## Helmet Acknowledgment

I understand that wearing a properly fitted riding helmet can reduce the risk of serious head injury.

- I will wear a helmet while riding
- I choose NOT to wear a helmet and accept full responsibility for that decision

## Participant Information

**Participant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Signature

I have read and understand this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. I acknowledge that I am signing it freely and voluntarily.

**Participant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## For Minors (Under 18)

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian, consent to the minor's participation and agree to all terms of this waiver on their behalf.

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_