

Orchard Hill Properties, LLC, d/b/a
ORCHARD HILL EQUESTRIAN CENTER
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS and RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Please sign this agreement only after you have read and fully understand it. Questions regarding the significance of this release to you must be addressed to your counsel. Orchard Hill personnel cannot interpret this agreement or provide legal advice to you

Risks of riding horses at Orchard Hill Equestrian Center

Handling and riding horses is a risky activity.

Horses may behave in unpredictable ways. They may react to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, people, other animals, poor footing, or collisions with other horses or objects.

You or other participants may act in a negligent manner, such as failing to maintain control of the animal or not acting within the participant's ability.

There may be defects in the facilities and land at the Orchard Hill facility, including:

- Riding areas that do not have perimeter fencing
- Fields that contain holes resulting from the removal of orchard trees, animal burrows, and other causes
- Walking and riding areas that may cause people and horses to slip or fall when wet or icy

Any of these risks may result in injury, fatalities, or loss to You (note that as defined below, You includes Your horse and others visiting with you).

Release of Liability

In return for the right to enter the OHEC property and/or to participate in equine activities, You agree to release Orchard Hill from all liability related to injuries, death or property damage sustained while on the premises or while participating in off-premises OHEC activities.

This release includes liability for economic losses for lost work time

You acknowledge that not all people associated with OHEC are licensed professionals. Licenses are posted in the farm office. You acknowledge that our professionals are further isolated from liability by Massachusetts law as stated in a sign posted on the property stating:

“WARNING: Under Massachusetts law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 2D of chapter 128 of the General Laws.”

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Release of Liability for personal property

Our facility includes multiple barns, tack rooms, and parking areas shared by many users. You acknowledge that Orchard Hill cannot take responsibility for the damage to, or loss of, Your riding equipment, trailer or other personal possessions.

Recourse

You agree to reimburse Orchard Hill for legal costs incurred in its defense of actions taken by You that contradict this agreement.

Definitions

“Orchard Hill” is defined as Orchard Hill Properties LLC, its owners, employees, contract trainers, volunteers; owner’s family members, the owners of horses that you may ride with the consent of Orchard Hill, and the residents of the homes on the farm, and the owners and operators of Haycrest Farm and Berlin Orchards where you may be allowed to ride, from time to time, with the permission of these land owners.

“You” is defined as the participant whose signature appears below, the participant’s parent or guardian if the participant is under the age of eighteen, family members, friends and other people that may be present on the OHEC property with You, and any horses or pets that You may bring to the property.

This is a perpetual agreement.

Today’s Date _____

Participant’s name

Signature

Participant’s parent/guardian name (if under 18)

Signature

Participant or parent/guardian’s mailing address


Participant or parent/guardian’s email address

Emergency contact name

Phone #

For Orchard Hill

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