

Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability

Warning: this agreement will affect your legal rights – read it carefully

Member/Guardian Consent and Indemnity Agreement:

I consent to and assume all risks and hazards and/or incidental as outlined in the below Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability waiver related to the participation of the named member in the activities of the Squamish Valley Equestrian Association (“SVEA”) and/or use of its land/facilities and agree to indemnify and hold harmless said Association, its officers, members, servants, or agents nominated or appointed by or on its behalf, against all loss from any claim whatsoever hereafter made against it or them by or on behalf of the said member.

If the member is under 19 years of age, then a parent or guardian is to agree to this waiver and sign.

- (1.) I am aware that there are inherent dangers, hazards and risks (collectively “Risks”) associated with “Equine Activities” and injuries resulting from these “Risks” are a common occurrence. I am aware that the “Risks” of “Equine Activities” mean those dangerous conditions which are an integral part of “Equine Activities”, including but not limited to:
 - (a) the propensity of any equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them and to potentially collide with, bite or kick other animals, people or objects;
 - (b) the unpredictability of an equine’s reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, tremors, vibrations, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals and hazards such as subsurface objects;
 - (c) the potential for other participants to behave in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to themselves or others, including failing to act within their abilities to maintain control over an equine.
- (2.) I freely accept and fully assume all responsibility for all “Risks” and possibilities of personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting from my participation in “Equine Activities”.
- (3.) I agree that although the SVEA has taken steps to reduce the “Risks” and increase the safety of the “Equine Activities” it is not possible for the SVEA to make the “Equine Activities” completely safe. I accept these “Risks” and agree to the terms of this waiver even if the SVEA is found to be negligent or in breach of any duty of care or any obligation to me in my participation in “Equine Activities”.
- (4.) In addition to consideration given to the SVEA for my participation in “Equine Activities”, I and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns (collectively my “Legal Representatives”) agree:
 - (a) to waive all claims that I have or may have in the future against the SVEA
 - (b) to release and forever discharge the SVEA from all liability for any personal injury, death, property damage, or loss resulting from my participation in the equine activity due to any cause, including but not limited to negligence (failure to use such care as a reasonably prudent and careful person would use under similar circumstances), breach of any duty imposed by law, breach of contract or mistake or error in judgment of the SVEA, and;
 - (c) to be liable for and to hold harmless and indemnify the SVEA from all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, costs demands, including court costs and costs on a solicitor and own client basis, and liabilities of whatsoever nature and kind arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in “Equine Activities”.
- (5.) I agree that this waiver and all terms contained herein are governed exclusively and in all respects by the laws of the Province or Territory of Canada in which the “Equine Activities” are provided by the SVEA. I hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that Province or Territory of Canada and I agree that no other court can exercise jurisdiction over the terms and claims referred to herein. Any litigation to enforce this waiver will be instituted in the Province or Territory of Canada in which the “Equine Activities” are provided by the SVEA.
- (6.) I confirm that I have had sufficient time to read and understand this waiver in its entirety. I understand that this agreement represents the entire agreement between myself and the SVEA and it is binding on myself and my “Legal Representatives”.