

# NAH Horse Riding Liability Release

Release of Liability- In consideration of Courtney Smith DBA Need A Hand Horse Training & Ryder Gebhardt DBA RG Performance Horses

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do agree to hold harmless and release the above stated individual, instructors, Anne Brzezicki property owner, volunteers, **other participants**, and anyone acting on Need A Hand Horse Training's behalf of all claims, demands, causes of action, and legal liability; and I do further agree to not bring legal action claims, demands, and causes of action against Need A Hand Horse Training for any economic or non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, and injury to the animals, and/or by me and /or by my minor child or legal ward, in relation to the premises and operations of Need A Hand Horse Training.

I understand that horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present with such activity despite all safety precautions.

While Need A Hand Horse Training chooses its school horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use by student riders, no riding horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from a horse to the ground it will generally be the distance from 3 ½ feet to 5 ½ feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: stopping short, changing directions or speed at will, shifting its weight, bucking, rearing, kicking, biting, or running from danger.

Rider's Responsibility: I UNDERSTAND THAT Upon handling and/or mounting a horse and taking up the lead rope and/or reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain in control, balanced and aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety, including that of an unborn child, if the rider is pregnant.

Rider further agrees to be responsible for any and all damages, injuries, or loss of life caused by the horse ridden and/or owned by rider while in control of the owner, owner's family members, invitees, or other handlers or agents appointed by them and also for any acts of the horse caused by vices or dangerous behaviors not disclosed to Need A Hand Horse Training if rider is providing their own personal horse.

## Need A Hand Horse Training Lesson Health Safety

**Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

Due to today's health awareness Need A Hand Horse Training has adopted the following health safety guidelines for their instructors, volunteers, students, and barn patrons. It is the responsibility of everyone to self-govern their own health. Patrons are encouraged to practice healthy habits such as but not limited to hand washing, physical distancing and limiting physical contact.

By participating in any events on the premises of Need A Hand Horse Training you are acknowledging the risks of interacting with others in a public setting. If an individual is sick or has been in contact with an individual that is sick, we ask that you do not attend barn activities for the recommended quarantine duration designated by your doctor or health professional.

Need A Hand staff, volunteers and patrons are not health professionals and will not give any medical recommendations or require pre exams prior to participation in any Need A Hand functions. Barn patrons are asked to self-regulate their own health or seek the guidance of a health professional should they feel ill or come into contact with someone who has become ill.

Need A Hand does not require the use of face coverings and while they may be worn while in the barn are a face coverings **ARE NOT** allowed to be used while riding. Special requests may be granted in a private riding setting. This is for the safety of our riders. Seeing a student's face and being able to clearly understand them is crucial for our instructors to assist them in riding safely. These precautions pertain to any type of viral or contagious illness and is not limited to COVID-19.

Rider and/or Parent/Guardian authorize Need A Hand Horse Training to use my name, statements and likeness, without charge, for promotional purposes in publications, advertising, video, web, news media, social media or other formats.

**I have read and understand the above agreement and agree to all terms within agreement along with the Equine Liability Act law that has been visibly posted. I will also allow the use of my name and/or picture for purposes of public awareness in newspapers, newsletters, Need A Hand horse training advertisements and website.**

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian (if rider is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_