



**WHEELER SADDLE CLUB (WSC)
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RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

1. According to H R S § 663B-1, B-2, Hawaii is unique in how it treats liability for injuries incurred during equine activities. The relevant section provides that, in any civil action for injury, loss, damage, or death of an equine participant, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the injury, loss, damage, or death was not caused by the negligence of an equine activity sponsor, equine professional, or their employees or agents, if the injury, loss, damage, or death was caused solely by the inherent risk and unpredictable nature of the equine. Liability is not limited by this statute where the equine professional knowingly provided faulty tack or equipment, failed to make reasonable and prudent efforts to determine the ability of the participant to engage safely in the equine or activity, owns or otherwise is in lawful possession of the land or facilities upon which the participant sustained injuries because of a known, dangerous latent condition, or if he or she commits an act or omission that constitutes willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the participant or intentionally injures the participant.

2. In consideration of my voluntary participation in an equine activity at WSC, I understand and agree to the following:

- a. Such equine activity has certain inherent risks, including but not limited to a horse's propensity to act in ways which can cause injury, harm or death, a horse's reaction to sudden sounds or movement, the existence of certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions, and the possibility of collision with other objects.
- b. Appropriate safety equipment will be worn at all times (children under the age of 18 years are required to wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets while riding a horse at Wheeler Saddle Club; additionally, all riders will wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets when jumping a horse).

3. Being aware of the risks involved in participating in such activity, including death, personal injury, property damage or property loss, I hereby agree to the following in the event of death, personal injury, property damage, or property loss occurs to me, horse or property as a result of the above mentioned activity.

- a. I hereby agree that I will hold harmless and not institute any claim or bring any suit against the United States, Wheeler Saddle Club, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers because of said death, personal injury, property damage, or property loss including the death of horse(s).
- b. I hereby agree to defend Wheeler Saddle Club its officers, employees, agents and volunteers in the event that WSC, the United States, its agencies and their officers, employees and agents have any claims or suits; presented against them because of said death, personal injury, property damage or property loss including death of horse(s). I additionally agree to indemnify and reimburse Wheeler Saddle Club and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers for any costs or awards incident to a suit or claim presented against them because of said death, personal injury, property damage, or property loss including the death of horse(s).

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- c. I hereby release and discharge Wheeler Saddle Club its officers, employees and agents from any and all claims based on said death, personal injury, property damage, or property loss including the death of my horse(s).
 - d. I acknowledge an understanding that the activity is conducted without Wheeler Saddle Club assuming any liability for death, personal injury, and property damage or property loss occurring in conjunction with the above activity.
 - e. I expressly assume the risk of harm to another participant, their horse, or their property which is caused by my action or inaction and will accept responsibility for that harm (financially and otherwise) and agree to indemnify (reimburse) Wheeler Saddle Club for losses, damages, or costs.
4. The provisions of this document are binding not only on me but on my agents, heirs, assignees, or any other persons or entities claiming on my behalf.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

If signing for minor child/children, please provide name(s) of child/children and your relationship.

_____ Printed Name of Child	_____ Age	_____ Relationship to Minor
_____ Printed Name of Child	_____ Age	_____ Relationship to Minor

Signature of Parent and/or Legal Guardian on behalf of the above named child/children

Date: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Barn Number: _____ Signature: _____

Liability waivers expire in two years.

Please drop off signed liability form in the mailbox at the Ohana Center. All club members, as well as guests, must have a liability form on file while being on stable property.

Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe while at WSC