

# Little Hooves on the Prairie

Riding Lesson Waiver, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk & Horse Protection Agreement

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

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

Parent/Legal Guardian, if under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## WARNING

**Under Colorado 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 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.**

## 1. Acknowledgment of Risk

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I understand that horseback riding, handling horses, grooming, leading, feeding, working around horses, and being near horses are activities that involve risk. Horses are large animals and can be unpredictable, even when they are well-trained.

I understand that risks may include, but are not limited to:

- Falling from a horse.
- Being stepped on, kicked, bitten, pushed, bumped, or knocked down.
- A horse spooking, bucking, bolting, rearing, stopping suddenly, or moving unexpectedly.
- Equipment, tack, saddle, bridle, helmet, girth, or stirrup failure.
- Uneven ground, mud, rocks, holes, weather, fencing, gates, trailers, arenas, or other property conditions.
- Collisions with objects, animals, people, fences, or equipment.
- Injuries caused by my own actions, another participant's actions, or failure to follow instructions.

I understand that injuries may be minor, serious, permanent, or fatal.

## 2. Assumption of Risk

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I voluntarily choose to participate, or allow my minor child to participate, in horse-related activities at Little Hooves on the Prairie.

I understand and accept the inherent risks of equine activities. I agree that I am responsible for my own safety and/or the safety of my minor child while participating, watching, visiting, or being present on the property.

## 3. Release of Liability

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In exchange for being allowed to participate in riding lessons, horse handling, horsemanship activities, or any related activities, I release and hold harmless Little Hooves on the Prairie, its owners, instructors, employees, volunteers, helpers, property owners, horse owners, agents, representatives, and family members from any and all claims, demands, injuries, damages, losses, medical expenses, legal fees, or causes of action related to participation in equine activities.

This release includes claims related to injury, property damage, illness, death, or loss that may occur before, during, or after participation.

## 4. Agreement to Follow Rules and Instructions

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I agree that I and/or my minor child will follow all instructions given by Little Hooves on the Prairie staff, instructors, or helpers. I understand that failure to follow instructions may result in the lesson or activity being stopped immediately, without refund.

I agree that participants and visitors must:

- Wear approved riding helmets when required.
- Wear proper footwear around horses.
- Walk calmly around horses and avoid running, yelling, or sudden movements.
- Not feed horses without permission.
- Not enter pens, stalls, pastures, trailers, or riding areas without permission.
- Treat all horses, people, tack, equipment, and property with respect.
- Notify the instructor immediately of any fear, pain, discomfort, medical concern, or unsafe situation.

## 5. Protection of Horses

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I understand that the horses used by Little Hooves on the Prairie are valuable, living animals and must be treated with kindness and respect.

I agree that I and/or my minor child will not intentionally hit, kick, scare, chase, tease, mistreat, overwork, or harm any horse.

I understand that if I or my minor child intentionally harms a horse, damages tack, damages equipment, or causes injury through reckless or unsafe behavior, I may be financially responsible for veterinary bills, farrier bills, tack repair or replacement, property damage, and other related costs.

## 6. Medical Permission

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In the event of an emergency, I authorize Little Hooves on the Prairie staff or representatives to seek medical treatment for me and/or my minor child if I cannot be reached or if immediate care is needed.

I understand that I am responsible for any medical expenses, ambulance fees, emergency care, or related costs.

Known allergies, medical conditions, medications, or special concerns:

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## 7. Helmet Acknowledgment

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I understand that wearing a helmet may reduce the risk of head injury, but it does not eliminate all risk.

Participant is required to wear a helmet during mounted riding activities unless otherwise agreed in writing by Little Hooves on the Prairie.

Participant/Guardian Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Photo and Video Release

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Please check one:

- Yes, Little Hooves on the Prairie may use photos or videos of me/my child for social media, website, advertising, or promotional purposes.
- No, Little Hooves on the Prairie may not use photos or videos of me/my child for promotional purposes.

## 9. Agreement for Minors

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If signing for a minor child, I certify that I am the child's parent or legal guardian and have the legal authority to sign this waiver on the child's behalf.

I agree to explain the risks and rules to my child and ensure that my child follows all instructions.

## 10. Entire Agreement

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I have read this waiver carefully. I understand that by signing it, I am giving up certain legal rights. I sign this document freely and voluntarily.

This agreement applies to today and all future visits, lessons, events, activities, or horse-related participation with Little Hooves on the Prairie unless replaced by a newer signed agreement.

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

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

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature, if under 18:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Little Hooves Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Note: This form is a general template and should be reviewed by a qualified Colorado attorney before use.