



**2024 Rolling Hills Rodeo Association (RHRA)**  
**Hold Harmless Agreement and Release of Liability Acknowledgement**  
**(Must be completed for all contestants – Notary Required)**

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

The Equine Activity Liability laws of the State of Washington, RCW 4.24.530 - 540, state among its statutory provisions that “an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional shall not be liable for an injury to or the death of a participant engaged in an equine activity”.

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_,

*(list all contestants & guardians names)* hereby acknowledge that I/We, and/or my legal guardian on my behalf, have voluntarily registered to participate in an activity involving horseback riding with Rolling Hills Rodeo Association.

**I/We acknowledge the WARNING OF INHERENT RISKS:**

Equine and rodeo activities are inherently dangerous and equines and associated livestock have:

- a) the propensity of the animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them;
- b) the unpredictability of the animal’s reaction to outside stimulation such as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, person, or other animals;
- c) collisions with other animals or objects;
- d) or the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within his or her ability. An equine activity sponsor or 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.

I/We, the undersigned member and/or legal guardian of a minor participant hereby request that the above-named member(s) be granted permission (1) to enter the restricted area, (2) to participate as a contestant, assistant, official or otherwise in rodeo events, (3) to compete for money, prizes, recognition or reward, (4) to be covered by participants' hospitalization insurance, if applicable, as limited by the master policy (all collectively hereinafter called "permissive entry").

In consideration of "permissive entry" to member into the restricted area, which is the area from which admission to the general public is restricted, which includes, but is not limited to the rodeo arena, competition area, chutes, pens, adjacent walkways, concessions, and other appurtenances, we, the member, and the undersigned parents or legal guardian of the member, on behalf of the member, and for ourselves, our personal representatives, heirs, next of kin, spouses and assigns, do hereby:

1. RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the rodeo committee, stock contractor, rodeo association, sponsors, arena operators or owners, and each of them, their officers, agents and employees (all hereinafter collectively referred to as "releasees") from any and all claims and liability arising out of strict liability or ordinary negligence of releasees or any other participant which causes the member or any of the other undersigned injury, death, damages or property damage. We, the undersigned, jointly, severally, and in common, covenant to hold releasees harmless and to indemnify releasees from any claim, judgement or expenses releasees may incur arising out of any of the member’s activities or presence in the restricted area.

2. UNDERSTAND that member’s entry into the restricted area and/or participation in rodeo events contains DANGER AND RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH TO MEMBER, that conditions of the rodeo arena change from time to time and may become more hazardous, that rodeo animals are dangerous and unpredictable, and that there is INHERENT DANGER in rodeo which we each appreciate and voluntarily assume because we choose to do so. Each of the undersigned has observed events of the type that the member seeks to participate in. We further understand that the arena surface, access ways or lack thereof, lighting or lack thereof, and weather conditions all change and pose a danger to the member. We further understand that other contestants and participants pose a danger to the member, but nevertheless, WE EACH VOLUNTARILY ELECT TO ACCEPT ALL RISKS connected with the member's entry into the restricted area and/or participation in any rodeo events.

3. AGREE that this agreement shall apply to any incident, injury, accident or death occurring on or after the date of the member’s signing, including without limitation, at the Rolling Hills Rodeos and FOR A PERIOD OF TIME covering any statutory period in which a cause of action may accrue for minors or adults. All subsequent agreements and release documents signed by any of the undersigned shall amplify, but shall in no way limit the provisions of this document. The provisions of this document may be cancelled by any one of the undersigned by delivering to the above rodeo association written cancellation of this agreement which shall be effective 24 hours after the date said cancellation is actually received by the rodeo association.

4. I acknowledge that I am aware that there are risks to myself and/or my child of exposure to, directly or indirectly arising out of, contributed to, by, or resulting from an outbreak of any and all communicable disease, including but not limited to, the virus “severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS CoV-2)”, which is responsible for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and/or any mutation or variation thereof.

5. The member(s) and the undersigned parents or guardians of the member, jointly and severally, AGREE TO INDEMNIFY the releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or costs (including, reasonable attorneys’ fees) they may incur due to the presence or participation of the member in the described activities whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise. If the member is a minor, the parents or guardian of the member agree that by signing hereunder they are in addition to binding themselves to this agreement, binding the member to the maximum extent permitted by law. Nothing herein shall be construed to be a waiver of the limitations on damages or any of the immunities or defenses provided to, or enjoyed by, the releasees under federal or state constitutional, statutory or common law. WE HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT; WE UNDERSTAND IT IS A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS. WE APPRECIATE AND ASSUME ALL RISKS INHERENT IN RODEO.

**Contestant Signatures: Please have all contestant’s sign.** (If very young a parent may sign for them)

**Contestant #1** Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant #2** Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant #3** Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant #4** Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant #5** Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant #6** Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY REQUIREMENT...**

- **FOR 18+ CONTESTANTS: ALL CONTESTANTS 18 & OVER MUST HAVE THEIR OWN SIGNATURE NOTARIZED.**
- **FOR MINOR CONTESTANTS: BOTH PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE SIGNATURES NOTARIZED.**  
*\*Both Mother & Father need to have their signatures notarized, however, they can be on different documents if needed. Waived if proof sole custody or the death of a parent/legal guardian can be provided.*

_____ Signature of <b>Natural Father</b>	_____ Printed (clearly) or typed Natural Father's Name
_____ Signature of <b>Natural Mother</b>	_____ Printed (clearly) or typed Natural Mother's Name
_____ Signature of <b>18+ Contestant</b> or another Legal Guardian	_____ Printed (clearly) or typed
_____ Signature of <b>18+ Contestant</b> or another Legal Guardian	_____ Printed (clearly) or typed

**Notary Public:**

**ADULT PARTICIPANTS:** All adult participants must have their signatures notarized.

**MINOR PARTICIPANTS:** Both parents or legal guardian and member must sign this form in the appropriate places above. *If only one parent is signing and meets above circumstances*, please note reason on signature line. For example, DECEASED, SOLE/FULL LEGAL CUSTODY, ETC. All signatures must be witnessed by a notary and listed as personally appearing in the appropriate place on the form. Be sure that notary signs, dates and places his/her seal on the form.

**NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

For an acknowledgment in an individual capacity: State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of person or persons) is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that (he/she) signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be (his/her) free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

My Appointment Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

(Stamp or Seal)