

**Cherokee County Saddle Club, Inc.**

**Release** (must be signed by/for all participants, signature indicates having read and understood release): I understand my participation is made at my own risk. I understand that organizers, volunteers and the owners of the facilities, equipment and supplies are not responsible for any accidents, damage, injury or illness to animals, riders, owners, employees, attendants, volunteers, vehicles or equipment in connection with this event. I further agree to repay the owners of the facility on demand for any damages sustained by reason of any claim or demand. This release applies to all 2023 events, functions, clinics or activities. I agree the organizers may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the event for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the event.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Rider Signature** (or name if a minor): \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Signature** (or name if a minor): \_\_\_\_\_

**Hold Harmless Clause** The undersigned participant and all signors below hereby (1) agrees to release the management of this event, their agents, and the owners or managers of the grounds where this event is held, from any loss, damage, liability, or injury arising out of or resulting from this event or participation therein; (2) agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the organizer, facility owner, and the management of this event from and against any and all claims for loss, damage, liability, or injury, however caused, resulting directly or indirectly from competitors entry or participation in this show or from acts or omissions of competitor or competitor's agents; and (3) acknowledges that activities with and around horses and horse activities involve inherent risks that are understood by the persons signing and are expressly assumed. In the event of injury to participant or to participant's animals permission is hereby granted to management for emergency medical treatment. Every event participation shall constitute an agreement and affirmation that all participants (which include, without limitation, the owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver, handler, the horse, and volunteers), for themselves, their principals, representatives, employees, and agents: (1) shall be subject to the local rules of the event; (2) agree to be bound by the rules of the event, and agree to hold the organizers harmless for any action taken; and (3) agree that they participate voluntarily in the event fully aware that horse sports and the competition involve inherent dangerous risk of serious injury or death, and by participating they expressly assume any and all risks of injury or loss, and they agree to indemnify and hold harmless the organizers and their employees and agents from and against all claims including for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the competition, whether or not such claim, injury, or loss resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligent acts or omissions of said organizers, employees, or agents of the event. Participant and all signors below agree to reimburse the released parties for any and all attorneys' fees incurred in enforcing the terms of this agreement.

**WARNING**

**Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities, Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Rider) (mandatory)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Parent/guardian) (mandatory if rider is under age 18)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Horse Owner/Agent) (mandatory)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Volunteer)(mandatory)**