

# Parliament Equestrian Services

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## RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Under North Carolina and South Carolina Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury 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) (Article 7, Chapter 9 of title 47, Code of laws of South Carolina 1976).

As a horseback riding student or horse owner I hereby knowingly execute this waiver of the right to litigate and do hereby agree to assume all risks associated with participation in any equine activity whether it be riding my own horse or someone else's or allowing Elisabeth Steele to ride, train, handle, care, or perform daily maintenance activities for my horse whether at my home or at a horse boarding establishment.

I agree that my participation in horseback riding involves certain inherent risks, which include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) being in an enclosed space or in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas can have many natural and manmade hazards which Elisabeth Steele cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate, these hazardous surface/subsurface conditions can include such things as rocks, trees, bodies of water, streams, fences, jumps and/or hard objects and/or holes, divots, ledges which could cause an equine to trip and/or fall and/or could strike a participant who falls from or is thrown from an equine; (2) that horses can behave in unpredictable ways which can result in accidents to anyone at any time, resulting in injury, severe injury, or death; (3) that an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, vehicles, persons, animals, scents or insects cannot be predicted in any environment regardless of how safe or enclosed the area appears to be.

I agree to take full responsibility for myself/my child, and the animal I/my child is riding. I will hold harmless Elisabeth Steele or her family for any accident, injury or loss to me or my horse that might occur due to my participation in a riding lesson (which could include jumping), training sessions or trail rides with Elisabeth Steele or while my horse(s) are under the care of Elisabeth Steele and free from all liability for such injury or loss, including that due to negligence not caused by wanton or willful misconduct of Elisabeth Steele. This release extends to all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, and I expressly waive any benefits that I may otherwise have under provisions of the law of North Carolina or South Carolina relating to the release of known claims. I understand that this release constitutes a limitation on my legal rights. Any action instituted against Elisabeth Steele must be filed in the State of South Carolina.

This Waiver of Rights and Assumption of Risk supersedes all prior agreements and understandings and may not be changed or terminated orally, and no change or attempted waiver of any of the provisions hereof shall be binding unless in writing. The undersigned verifies acceptance of risks and responsibilities for rider's and horses' conditions and certifies that all information on this form is correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

**THIS AGREEMENT IS BINDING UPON MYSELF, MY SPOUSE, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, EXECUTORS AND ASSIGNS.**

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE, UNDERSTAND IT, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS RELEASE.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(in case of a minor, parent or guardian MUST sign release)

Participant's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian of minor (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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