

Release & Indemnity Agreement

Every entry at the Martha's Vineyard Horse Council, Inc. competition or clinic shall constitute an agreement and affirmation that all participants (which include without limitation the owner, lessee, trainer, coach, rider, handler and the horse) for themselves, their principles, representatives, employees and agents: (1) shall be subject to the rules of the MVHC, Inc. and USEF, (2) agree that they participate voluntarily in the competition, involve inherent dangerous risk of injury or death, harmless from and against all claims including for any injury or loss suffered during or in these competitions, whether or not such claim injury or loss resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligent acts or omission of said officials, directors, members of MVHC, (3) entrants further contend that their horse has been immunized against all necessary communicable diseases and enclose proof of the horse's most recent coggins certificate. As an owner, student, contestant, spectator, employee, independent contractor, or parent, I/We, the undersigned, recognize that all equestrian related activities are extremely dangerous, that accidents involving horses are frequent, that the condition of the land is often hazardous, and that the ring/ground footing is rarely perfect. In light of this knowledge, I/We undertake full responsibility for all harm that may come to me/ourselves, my/our stock, or property, and all of my/our associates, dependents, representatives, and guests. I/We further understand that wearing an approved hard hat is required at all times while mounted. With full knowledge, I/We release the herein named Martha's Vineyard Horse Council from any and all responsibility for any and all accidents and injuries that may occur while either as a participant in or as a spectator of any equestrian related activity.

Signing this release implies that I/We have adequate medical and liability insurance/protection and that Martha's Vineyard Horse Council will assume no responsibility for horse and rider. Losses occasioned by the injury or death of rider, spectator, or horse is agreed to be covered by the insurance of the undersigned and it is further agreed that the undersigned's heirs, representatives, dependents, or guests shall have no right or action against Martha's Vineyard Horse Council, independent contractors, landowners, or any of their insurance carriers.

If the person is under 18 years of age, signature of the parent or guardian indicates acceptance of responsibility of said parent or guardian and release of liability of the Stable/Owner and affiliated persons, as discussed above. If damage is caused by or to the undersigned's horse or horses (including, but not limited to, escape from enclosures), the undersigned takes full responsibility for damages to persons, property, or other horses and agrees to indemnify Martha's Vineyard Horse Council and affiliated persons against liability for such damages.

It is understood that Martha's Vineyard Horse Council assumes no responsibility for any personal property of the undersigned and any said property.

We, hereby grant Martha's Vineyard Horse Council or their agents, the right to seek any and all emergency treatment determined necessary to protect the health and well being of the above-named individual.

Signature Rider _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18 _____

Under Massachusetts's 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 Chapter 128, Section 2D of the General Laws