

Maryland Western Horse Association, Inc. (Hold Harmless Agreement 2008)

This **RELEASE of LIABILITY** pertains to the 2008 show season for the **Maryland Western Horse Association, Incorporated**. Specifically, the scheduled show dates which include: April 20, May 11, May 18, June 8, June 15, July 13, July 20, August 17, September 7, September 21, and any rain date shows.

I, _____, in accepting my entries for all horse show events, do hereby release, forever quit, claim, and discharge the Howard County Fair, Inc. and Maryland Western Horse Association, Inc., a Maryland non stock corporation, its past, present, and future officers, directors, members, agents, employees, affiliates, and its successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, or liabilities of any kind of nature whatsoever, including damages done to my horse/pony, me, or my children whether in law or equity, for on account of, or in any way related to these activities. I also agree to waive any claims of liability of neglect or fault against the MWHHA and Howard County Fair, Inc. and affiliates. I assume and accept full responsibility and liability for any damages done by my horse, children, or me at these events. The Howard County Fair, Inc., Maryland Western Horse Association, Inc., show committee, and board of directors will not be held responsible for injuries, loss, or damages to riders/exhibitors, spectators, horses/ponies, tack, equipment, vehicles, etc. I understand that there are inherent risks involved with equine activities. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Maryland Western Horse Association, Inc. including the provision of a valid 12 month negative coggins as required at all shows. No alcoholic beverages permitted.

Rider understands that horseback riding is classified as a **RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT**, and as such, there are inherent elements of risks always present in any such activity despite all safety precautions, and agrees that the Maryland Western Horse Association Inc. is not responsible for any such acts or occurrences of nature that can scare a horse or cause it to fall. Examples may include, but are not limited to thunder, rain, wind, water, loud noises, wild and domestic animals, and irregular footing on out of door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather conditions.

BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER, I/WWE UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP (WAIVING OR RELEASING) ANY RIGHT I HAVE TO SUE OR MAKE ANY CLAIMS WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY ARISE OR OCCUR AGAINST THE MARYLAND WESTERN HORSE ASSOCIATION, ITS OWNERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FOR ANY INJURIES THAT I MIGHT SUSTAIN WHILE HORSEBACK RIDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THE HORSE SHOW EVENT AND THAT I AM HOLDING HARMLESS THE MARYLAND WESTERN HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC., AND HOWARD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC., ITS OWNERS AND/OR EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND OTHER RIDERS FOR INJURING ANYONE ELSE OR ANY HORSE RIDDEN BY ANOTHER WHILE SO ENGAGED. IT IS MY INTENT TO GIVE UP THOSE RIGHTS AND HOLD HARMLESS, AND I DO SO KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the foregoing agreement and release waiver.

Exhibitor's Name (please print): _____

Owner/Exhibitor Signature: _____

Signature of legal guardian if rider is under 18: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Howard County Fair Inc., MWHHA, and the show committee will not be held responsible for injuries, loss, or damage to riders/exhibitors, spectators, horses/ponies, tack, equipment, vehicles, etc. No alcoholic beverages permitted. VALID COGGINS MUST BE AVAILABLE AT EVERY SHOW. Approved riding helmets are mandatory for all youth under 18 years of age while mounted. Approved helmets are recommended for all riders. MWHHA is a family club. The show steward or judge may order any individual removed from the show grounds for inappropriate language, heckling, or other abuse shown toward the judge, an exhibitor, or horse. Any questions or concerns for the judge must be addressed to the show steward. Violators may receive a warning, suspension, or revocation of MWHHA membership and/or showing privileges with MWHHA.