

**FVSA/IDCTA RELEASE, WAIVER, HOLD HARMLESS,
AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”)**

I, as a rider, auditor, spectator, groom, volunteer, sponsor, trainer, or other attendee of this event, (“Participant” or “I”), on my own behalf, (or if as the Parent/Legal Guardian of a minor Participant, on my own behalf and on behalf of the minor Participant), understand, accept, and assume the risks of engaging in equine activities, including (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to the Participant, (ii) the inability to predict an equine’s reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or animals, and (iii) the hazards of surface or subsurface conditions. I agree at all times to be responsible for my personal safety, remain financially responsible for my medical expenses, and waive my right to any claim against Fox Valley Saddle Association (“FVSA”) or IDCTA, its sponsor(s), instructor(s), and/or auditors, and FVSA/IDCTA agents, affiliates, volunteers, independent contractors, employees, directors, officers, Board of Directors, and committee or other members and competition management and their officials, employees, and volunteers as well as the owners, occupiers, landlords, tenants, licensees, licensors, beneficiaries, and any others with an interest in the facility where any part of the event takes place (collectively “FVSA” or “IDCTA”), arising from my participation in, or observation of, this equine activity. I agree to release, hold harmless, and indemnify FVSA/IDCTA for any illness, injury, death, damage, cost or other loss incurred whether by a dangerous latent condition, negligence or otherwise. By signing below, I certify that I have read this entire Agreement, acknowledge that the proper Warning sign has been posted, and understand, agree and intend to be bound by all of the terms and conditions contained in this FVSA/IDCTA Release, Waiver, Hold Harmless, and Indemnification Agreement. I further represent that I and the horse entered are eligible as entered. I also agree to be bound by the rules of the competition.

“WARNING: Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities.” (745 ILCS 47/1, et seq.)

This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. All disputes relating to the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the state court in Kane County, Illinois. The parties hereto hereby submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Court for such purpose. Participant agrees that any and all claims and/or causes of action, for injury, death, property damage, or other claims or losses by Participant, on his/her own behalf and/or on behalf of a minor Participant, against FVSA/IDCTA, must be brought within one (1) year of the date they accrue.

Rider’s/Handler’s Signature & Printed Name (Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age)

DATE

Horse Owner’s Signature & Printed Name

DATE