



**FLORIDA AGRICULTURE & HORSE PARK AUTHORITY, INC.  
COMPLETE RELEASE FROM LIABILITY IN CASE OF INJURY OR LOSS, WAIVER  
INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

I/we understand that horseback riding and related activities, such as eventing and jumping, are very dangerous and involved the risk of serious injury and/or death, and/or property damage, including injury and/or death to horses, spectators, and others. Accordingly, I/we agree that any activity engaged in by me on the premises owned by the state of Florida, or related to horses, or horseback riding, if on the premises, is done at my own risk.

Accordingly, I/we release and agree to hold harmless the state of Florida, the Florida Agriculture & Horse Park Authority along with its board of directors and employees, and any and all persons or entities who are guarantors or indemnitors of the above, all agents, employees, promoters, sponsors, other horse riders, horse owners, advertisers, sales persons, photographers, volunteers, (hereinafter called Releasees) from all liability for negligence or otherwise.

I/we assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, illness, communicable disease, death of myself and/or my horse(s) and any property damage due to negligence of Releasees or otherwise while the premises owned by the state of Florida, the Florida Agriculture & Horse Park Authority along with its board of directors and employees or heavily engaged in horseback riding-related activities, and/or while training, riding, competing, officiating, observing, volunteering, teaching, boarding, working for, or for any purpose relating to horseback riding, eventing or participating as rider or spectator in such activities.

I/we agree not to sue any Releasees, and I/we release and agree to indemnify for the Releasees form and for all liability for the undersigned, his/her person, representatives, assignees, heirs, and demands therefore on account of injury to her person or property, or communicable disease, or death of undersigned whether caused by negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.

I/we have read and voluntarily signed the release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement and further agree that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreements have been made no shall be made except by written and signed addendum

**WARNING**

*Under Florida 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 from the inherent risks of equine activities.*

**I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE RELEASE AND AGREE TO ITS CONTENTS.**

Print Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be over 21 years of age)

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**STRIDE DRESSAGE OF OCALA WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

For and in consideration of STRIDE Dressage of Ocala (STRIDE) allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a STRIDE sanctioned or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities; I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors,, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

A. **RULES AND REGULATIONS:** I hereby agree to be bound and abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of STRIDE Dressage of Ocala as published in the Omnibus and on the website at [www.stridedressage.net](http://www.stridedressage.net), as amended from time to time.

B. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK:** I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any STRIDE Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the STRIDE organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

**EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING: CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.** Under the laws of most States, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

C. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the STRIDE Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any STRIDE Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any STRIDE Event.

D. **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY:** In conjunction with my participation in any STRIDE Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: STRIDE Dressage of Ocala, STRIDE members, officers, volunteers, event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any STRIDE Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the STRIDE Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a STRIDE Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the STRIDE Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. **COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:** This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

Photo Release: I agree to grant STRIDE and its authorized representatives permission to photograph and/or video images of my participation. I further agree that any or all of the material photographed may be used, in any form, as part of any future publications, brochure, or other printed materials used to promote STRIDE, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit or other compensation.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.**

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any STRIDE Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

**PARTICIPANT:**

**RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR/OFFICIAL/STAFF/VOLUNTEER**  
(mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAINER** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent//Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER/AGENT** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**COACH** (if applicable)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_