



MILLARVILLE RACING AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (MRAS) RELEASE, WAIVER OF CLAIM & ASSUMPTION OF RISK

EVERY PARTICIPANT AT MILLARVILLE RACING AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ("MRAS") MUST CAREFULLY READ THIS NOTICE BEFORE SIGNING.

NO PARTICIPANT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES ON MRAS GROUNDS PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS FORM.

To protect yourself from unforeseen actions of your horse for public or personal damage, MRAS strongly recommends that riders review the insurance options offered when you become a member of the Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF).

I, (print name) _____ (the "Participant") acknowledge that equine activities involve inherent risks, dangers and hazards, involving all manner of injury or loss, including potentially serious or life-threatening injury and death, including but not limited to:

- a) The use of equipment, materials or facilities;
- b) The actions or negligence of myself or other participants;
- c) The actions or negligence of MRAS or its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, invitees, or representatives of any kind (collectively referred to as the "Organization"); and
- d) Any additional risk arising out of any equine event or activity on the MRAS grounds (collectively referred to as "Activity") and any related events or activities.

I, the undersigned **Participant**, hereby agree as follows:

- a) **To Waive Any and All Claims** of any nature and kind at law or equity or under any statute that I have or may have in the future against the **Organization, including but not limited to injury to myself or my horse.**
- b) **To Release The Organization** from any and all liability for injury, death, property damage, property loss or any other loss or expense that I may suffer or that my next of kin or legal representatives may suffer as a result of participation in any **Activity**, due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence on the part of the **Organization.**
- c) **To Hold Harmless and Indemnify the Organization** from any and all liability for injury, death, property damage, property loss or any other loss or expense to any party, including myself, as a result of participation in any **Activity**, or other financial or expense including, without restriction, legal expenses and costs on a solicitor-and-his-own-client full indemnity basis in defending against such claims or enforcing the terms contained within this document; and
- d) **That This Waiver Will Be Effective and Binding** upon myself, and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns.

Rider's Name – please PRINT

Rider's Signature (or Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Age (if under 18)

Rider's Phone Number

Rider's Email

Date

Witness Signature

This COMPLETE RELEASE, WAIVER OF CLAIM AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK shall remain in effect for the duration of membership and/or _____ (activity name), and for the duration every time Participant is on the MRAS grounds. By signing this document, I agree to abide by all Rules as set out by the Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society



MILLARVILLE RACING AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (MRAS)

EQUINE FACILITIES RULES and POLICIES

Please read carefully as any breach of MRAS rules or policies may result in revocation of ALL MRAS access and/or privileges, without refund

Equine Facilities collectively refer to all the MRAS grounds including but not limited to: indoor arena, sand ring, rodeo ring and racetrack

ACCESS AND FACILITY USE

- a) Riding Member and/or pass holder must be in good standing with MRAS.
(Note: Riding Members must purchase an MRAS annual general membership prior to purchase of their Riding Membership)
- b) Equine Facilities hours of operation: 8:00 am to 10:00 pm (or as otherwise posted)
- c) Fees and executed documents must be submitted prior to receipt of FOB (indoor arena access) and code (combination) for outdoor facility access.
 - o FOBs are **Non-transferrable** and combination to be kept **Confidential**
- d) Only Riding Members, pass holders, user groups or pre-booked rental users are allowed to ride on MRAS grounds or Equine Facilities.
- e) Riding access available in one hour time slots (maximum of 2 consecutive times) and must be booked in advance of entering the facilities – NO exceptions
 - o Indoor arena – 6 riders max.
- f) Riding Members are responsible to check the MRAS calendar and/or booking system before coming to use the facility.
- g) Turn off lights when done unless otherwise instructed.
- h) NO LESSONS are to be conducted at any of the MRAS facilities without being booked as a private function.

RIDING MEMBER CONDUCT

- a) Riding Members and pass holders will conduct themselves in a cooperative manner to allow for the multi-discipline activities at all MRAS Equine Facilities while being respectful of other riders and everyone's safety.
- b) Clean up after yourself and your horse. Pick up manure from all riding surfaces as well as parking lots and place in proper receptacles.
 - o Summer: deposit manure in outside receptacle
 - o Winter: wheelbarrows used for manure collection to be left in arena corners
- c) **DO NOT** clean out trailers anywhere on MRAS grounds.
- d) Parking available north of the Indoor Arena or Infield area **ONLY**. **DO NOT** park horse trailers, load and unload, on the main access road into the facility.
- e) NO riding in the campgrounds or market areas – if you have questions in this regard, please ask.
- f) NO SMOKING in or near any MRAS building.
- g) NO DOGS or PETS allowed in riding areas.
- h) NO ALCOHOL is permitted on the grounds unless proper approval or permits are obtained.
- i) Illegal drugs and activities are not permitted.
- j) Equine businesses are not permitted on MRAS grounds unless they are part of a commercial booking/rental or in the event of emergency or if approved by the office.
- k) No feeding horse in Equine Facilities
- l) If there is no one else in the indoor arena, turn out the lights (unless instructed otherwise) and ensure the doors are closed and secure as you leave.

SAFETY

- a) Due to the inherent risk involved, MRAS recommends children under the age of five (5) do not participate in any equine activities.
- b) AEF insurance is highly recommended at all equine events and facilities, INCLUDING MRAS.
- c) All equipment used at MRAS facilities is done so **AT YOUR OWN RISK!**

- d) Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.
- e) MRAS requires anyone under the age of 18 to wear a properly fitted, certified riding helmet when riding on MRAS property.
- f) Everyone using jumps on MRAS property is required to wear a properly fitted, certified riding helmet.
- g) Report any damage or safety risks to MRAS.equine@gmail.com
- h) Always be aware of other riders to avoid unexpected interactions.
- i) Unique activities, such as, but not limited to, Mounted Shooting, Archery on Horseback, use of Frisbees/beach balls are all PROHIBITED during public riding times. Contact the office for private rentals.
- j) Riders must maintain control of their horse at all times.
- k) Lunging is permitted under the following circumstances:
 - If Equine Facility is not already in use, and
 - You ask permission from riders already in the Equine Facility
 - When others enter, please limit time to 10 minutes.
 - NO free lunging or turning out allowed at any time.
- l) If you set up equipment, please ensure that all equipment is returned to its original location.
- m) DO NOT tie horses to panels.
- n) Indoor Arena – discourage pawing, tie horses where mats are available.
- o) Indoor Arena – NO SLIDING stops.
- p) Riding members can only bring two (2) horses maximum per visit. If possible, the non-ridden horse should be tied to your trailer. Any horse that cannot remain calm while tied should never be left unattended in the arena.

EQUINE PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

MRAS is committed to responsible animal care and treatment. Our animal care program is based on guidelines for animal care at public events developed by the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFÉ). This Code of Conduct outlines what is expected of riding members with respect to the handling and use of horses involved in activities at MRAS facilities.

- a) Horses must be transported to and from MRAS facilities in accordance with all humane transport regulations and standards. More information can be found at: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/humane-transport/livestock-and-poultry-transport-in-canada/eng/1363748532198/1363748620219>
- b) Loading and unloading must be undertaken using proper equipment and procedures.
- c) All horses must be treated and handled in a responsible manner. The well-being of the horses shall take precedence over the demands of owners, organizers, sponsors, and officials.
- d) The care of all horses must be as consistent as possible with their normal schedules and standards. High standards of nutrition, health, sanitation, environment, and safety must be met all times. All handling, housing and veterinary treatment must ensure adequate animal care.
- e) Horses should be prepared with proper training, fitting, and grooming prior to the activity. Excessive discipline of horses at the activity is unacceptable.
- f) Riding members are expected to provide adequate training for anyone handling their horses. Untrained individuals, including MRAS personnel and visitors, should not be permitted to handle horses or equipment.
- g) Riding members should take every opportunity to enhance public awareness, education and appreciation of proper horse management and handling practices.

There will be no tolerance of any mistreatment of horses. Any unacceptable conduct will be subject to action, including possible elimination from the activity at the discretion of the Animal Care Committee.

I have read and agree to the Rules and Policies above and posted Arena Rules and/or Remainders.

Rider’s Name – please PRINT

Rider’s Signature (or Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Date

Witness Signature