



Rules regarding Points and Divisions:

To discourage riders from "Sandbagging", where the rider purposely slows downs to stay within their division, three additional rules have been added.

1. Riders will have 2 shows to determine the best division for themselves. All riders must declare which division they wish to remain in for the entire season prior to starting their third show. At the end of the rider's third show, all points will be recalculated as if the rider was in the final chosen division since the beginning of the season. This recalculation will likely cause other rider's points to change as well.
2. If a rider "bumps" (rides faster than the top time for the event in their declared division) in 4 o the 6 events during any one show, the rider will be automatically moved up one division, taking their points earned in previous shows with them. Points earned during the show where the rider was moved will be recalculated as if the rider was in the new division at the start of the show. When a rider is forced to move up under the provisions of this rule, all other riders in the affected divisions will not have their points from previous shows recalculated. In this situation, everybody's points remain the same.
3. All divisions are "FROZEN" (no changes allowed) for the final 2 shows.

I have read and understand the rules regarding points and divisions. \_\_\_\_\_

Initial

WAIVER & RELEASE  
FOR LEONA VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

This is a waiver of your legal rights and an agreement not to Sue.  
Serious Injury or Death may Result from Riding or Being Near Horses or Other Equines

1. **Participant's Name** (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Liability Release:**

In consideration for Leona Valley Community Association ("LVIA") allowing me or my child to voluntarily participate in its activities, I agree as follows:

- a. This agreement waiver and release applies to LVIA and to LVIA affiliated Units, committees, employees, predecessors, successors, attorneys, insurers, members, and volunteers who are working in the course and scope of their duties on behalf of LVIA, including its affiliated Units, at the time of occurrence of any act or omission which is later alleged to be a cause or contribution to a claim for injury, damages or death ("Released Parties");
- b. I forever release, hold harmless and indemnify Release Parties from liability for any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, injuries or death to me, my minor children, my animal and my property, and legal liability of every nature, including the negligent acts or omissions of any Released Parties, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, direct or indirect, arising out of participation in the past, present or future LVIA activities (including equestrian activities, such as the riding, use of, or being near, horses or other equines, whether at an arena, stable or on a trail ride in association with LVIA) and I assume all risks of injury or death as set forth in this release;
- c. I shall not bring any lawsuit, action or proceeding against any Released Parties, even if they engage in negligent conduct; and
- d. I make this agreement, waiver and release for and on behalf of myself, my spouse, my child and/or ward, heirs, administrators, successors, representatives, and assigns.

3. **Activity Risk**

I understand that some LVIA activities take place in isolated or wilderness areas over rough terrain, and/or trails of unknown condition and others take place on land or in facilities owned and managed by others from whom such land or facilities are borrowed or rented. I understand that the organizers, workers and members involved in LVIA activities are not professionals in the equine industry, or in the planning or conducting of trips or camping events, or in other areas of expertise involved in LVIA activities. I also understand that the organizers, workers and members involved in LVIA activities are not professionals in the equine industry, or in the planning or conducting of trips or camping events, or in other areas of expertise involved in LVIA activities. I also understand that horseback riding is a rugged adventure, recreational sport activity. I am aware that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks of serious injury or death, or property damage to me or my horse which are always present in LVIA activities, on or near horses and other equines. I understand that pregnant women are specifically advised not to ride horses. I understand that LVIA is a non-profit organization of private individuals who have come together to support and enjoy recreation-oriented activities.

**4. Nature of Horses and Other Equines.**

I understand that no horse, or other equine is completely safe, and the Released Parties make no representations or guarantees regarding the safety, training or suitability of any horse or equine. Horses and other equines are five to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and three to four times faster than a human. If I fall from a horse, or other equine, to the ground, it will generally be at four to six feet, and the impact will injure me. A horse, or other equine, may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts and may abruptly change direction or speed, trip, slip, fall, stop short, shift its weight, buck, rear, kick, bite, spook, or run from what it perceives to be danger if it is frightened or provoked, or for no reason whatsoever.

**5. Conditions of Nature and Locations.**

I agree that the Released Parties are not responsible for acts, occurrences or elements of nature or a particular location that can injure a person or scare a horse, or other equine, causing it to trip, fall or react in some other manner. These elements include thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, other people and horses, and reptiles which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person, irregular footing on groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change according to weather, temperature, natural and man-made objects. The Released Parties have not inspected, and make no representations or warranties concerning the safety or condition of, any trail, camping site, arena and/or other location of LVIA events.

**6. Helmet Warning.**

I am aware that protective head gear which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI certified and ASTM standard F1163 equestrian helmet, should be purchased and worn by me and/or my child while riding and being near horses, and other equines, and the wearing of such helmet may reduce the severity of some head injuries and may prevent my serious injury or death as a result of a fall or other occurrence.

**I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO THEI TWO-PAGE WAIVER AND RELEASE. I FURTHER AGREE THAT NO ORAL STATEMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME TO OBTAIN MY CONSENT.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name)

**IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18, SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IS ALSO REQUIRED, AND SUCH PERSON FURTHER AGREES, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 2, ABOVE, TO RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY INJURY OR DEATH TO, OR ANY CLAIM BY OR ON BEHALF OF, SUCH MINOR.**

Minor's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Relationship to Minor: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Signor)