

# Parent Consent and Release Form

## Equine Events

### Bond-Clinton-Jefferson-Marion-Washington 4-H Program

The Illinois Equine Liability Act requires sponsors to provide the following warning to participants:

**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.**

As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I am aware that activities involving horses, ponies and other equines are associated with the following risks including but not limited to:

- i. the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to the participant or to persons on or around them
- ii. the predictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals, or other things
- iii. certain hazards of surface or subsurface conditions
- iv. collisions with other equine or objects
- v. the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to self or others

In addition, this event has the risks of classes involving jumping over obstacles and fences: racing against time obstacles; multiple horses in classes and in/around the grounds where the show is taking place.

**I understand that the Bond-Clinton-Jefferson-Marion-Washington Counties 4-H Extension staff have taken the following steps to make the 4-H Horse Show safe for participants, the public, and their property; examined obstacles for safety, encouraged parents to provide adequate supervision of exhibitors; printed recommendations in the county 4-H Show Books and posted additional information at the show site; provided volunteer staff who are familiar and comfortable around equine; hired a judge with equine experience and knowledge, dismissal of unruly or out-of-control horses, offering classes deemed appropriate for exhibitors, and provided special insurance for hunting and racing classes through the University of Illinois Office of Risk Management.**

**I understand and agree to follow the posted equine rules.**

4-H Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the risks associated with this event, and I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the 2025 horse show.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_