

Horse Show - Permission to Participate

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 parent or guardian of, _____, I am aware that activities involving
Name of Participant

horses, ponies and other equines are associated with the following risks including but not limited to:

1. *the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them,*
2. *the predictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals, or other things,*
3. *certain hazards of surface or subsurface conditions,*
4. *collisions with other equines or objects,*
5. *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 barns housing the horses.

I understand that the local 4-H fairs and the State 4-H Office have taken the following steps to make the Horse Show safe for participants, the public and their property: rented and examined obstacles that are safe; encouraged parents to provide adequate supervision of exhibitors; printed recommendations and rules in the Handbook book and posted additional information at the fairgrounds; provided volunteer staff who are familiar and comfortable around equine; and provided special insurance for racing classes through the University of Illinois Office of Risk Management.

I understand and agree to follow these rules.

4-H Participant Signature

I understand the risks associated with this event and I give _____
Name of Participant
permission to participate during the _____ (year of show) Show, scheduled from _____ to _____ . (Give complete dates, including check-in and practice.)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date