

Length of Ride: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEPPING STONE RANCH at ESCOHEAG LLC**

**201 Escoheag Hill Road**

**West Greenwich, RI 02817-1966**

**(40) 397-3725**

**STATUTORY WARNING AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

**INHERENT RISK/ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I acknowledge that Horseback riding is classified as a RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY and that risk, conditions, and dangers are inherent in (meaning an integral part of) horse/equine/animal activities regardless of all feasible safety measures which can be taken, and I agree to assume them. The inherent risks include, but are not limited to, any of the following: The propensity of an animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, death, or loss to persons on or around the animal; the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sound, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; hazards, including but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions, a collision encounter and/or confrontation with another equine, another animal, a person or an object; the potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, harm, death, or loss to the participant or to other persons including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine and/or failing to act within the ability of the participant. Horses are 5-15 times larger, 20-40 times more powerful and 3-4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 3 ½ to 5 ½ feet, and the impact may result in harm to the rider. Horseback riding is an activity in which one much smaller, weaker predator (human) tries to impose its will on, and become one unit of movement with, another much larger, stronger prey animal that has a mind of its own (the horse) and each has a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to; Stopping short, Spinning around, Changing directions and/or speed at will, Shifting its weight, Bucking, Rearing, Kicking, Biting and/or Running from danger. I also acknowledge that these are just some of the risks and I agree to assume those not specifically stated above. I am not relying on STEPPING STONE RANCH at ESCOHEAG LLC (the Ranch) to list all possible risks for me.

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** For allowing me to participate in equine activities sponsored by STEPPING STONE RANCH at ESCOHEAG LLC, I agree, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to WAIVE ALL CLAIMS that I have or may have against the STEPPING STONE RANCH at ESCOHEAG LLC, its owners, employees, agents and independent contractors for any injury or expense arising out of my participation in equine activities sponsored by STEPPING STONE RANCH at ESCOHEAG LLC.

**RELEASE:** I further agree that for allowing me to participate in equine activities sponsored by STEPPING STONE RANCH at ESCOHEAG LLC, I will RELEASE the Ranch, its owners, employees, agents and independent contractors from all liability for any loss, damage, injury, or expense that I (or my next of kin) may suffer, arising out of my participation in equine activities, from any cause whatsoever, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR BREACH OF CONTRACT on the part of STEPPING STONE RANCH at ESCOHEAG LLC, its owners, employees, agents and independent contractors, with respect to the design and maintenance of the Ranch.

**ALL RIDERS/STUDENTS MUST WEAR A HELMET**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initials required) I/We refuse to wear any type of protective headgear/helmet and/or will provide My/Our own. I/We assume full responsibility for My/Our safety in this decision.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_