Student Emergency Information

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RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I,	, of	
-	(Name)	(Address)
being_	years of age (having been born on), acknowledge, declare and agree as follows:
to parti	cipate in the Activity, do voluntarily execute the	(the, 20, and in consideration of being permitted nis "Release and Assumption of Risk" on behalf of my
self, m	y heirs and next-of-kin, my personal representa	trives and my estate.
2. that the could c	That I have been fully informed of the nature, a Activity may include activities which could be cause property damage, bodily injury and/or decease.	scope and demands of the Activity, and I understand e dangerous to me and other participants and which ath.
	**See below for specific risks and da	ngers of the Activity
because and had death, v persona particip indemnation and my per of other and not	ersity") has informed me that there may be dange of the activities and travel involved, and that zards exist. I accept and assume full responsible which may occur to me or which I may suffer our parting in the Activity and during all travel and projecting in the Activity and during all travel and parting, hold harmless and release the University, and against any and all claims, demands, actions as sonal property, my personal injury or death, or reaused by me, which may occur or result direct as a direct result of any negligent act of the Usy sponsors or agents.	University of Maine (hereinafter referred to as the gers and hazards inherent to participants in the Activity I personally recognize and appreciate that such dangers lity for all harm and injury, of every nature, including or cause to others, and for all damages or loss to any neluding horses owned by be or by others), while I am transportation, and, in furtherance thereof, I agree to its Trustees, faculty, employees, volunteers and agents, so or causes of action, on account of damage or loss to the bodily injury, death or damage to personal property actly or indirectly from my participation in the Activity niversity, its Trustees, faculty, employees, volunteers,
particip Trustee	rules and regulations, but only that reasonable spants. I acknowledge that the University does	Activity or the responsibility of the University to teach safety standards be agreed to and adhered to by all not serve as the guardian of participants' safety and its vill not be responsible for administering any first aid,
5. with or contact	without a reasonable accommodation. If an a	d and cope with the indicated rigors of the Activity ecommodation is needed, I will
6. State of	This "Release and Assumption of Risk" shall f Maine, and if any portion thereof is held inva	be construed and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the lid, void, unenforceable or illegal, the remainder shall

continue in full force and effect.

WARNING

Under Maine law, an equine professional has limited liability for an injury or death resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

§ 4103-A. Liability for equine activities

Parent or Guardian Signature

(if participant under the age 18 years)

Liability. Except as provided in subsection 2, an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional or any other person engaged in an equine activity is not liable for any property damage or damages arising from the personal injury or death of a participant or spectator resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. Except as provided in subsection 2, a person may not make any claim or recover from any person for any property damage or damages for personal injury or death resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. Each participant and spectator in an equine activity expressly assumes the risk and legal responsibility for any property damage or damages arising from personal injury or death that results from the inherent risk of equine activities. Each participant has the sole responsibility for knowing the range of that person's ability to manage, care for and control a particular equine or perform a particular equine activity, It is the duty of each participant to act within the limits of the participant's own ability, to maintain reasonable control of the particular equine at all times while participating in an equine activity, to heed all warnings and to refrain from acting in a manner that may cause or contribute to the injury of any person or damage to property.

**Such dangers, hazards and risks of this activity may include, but are not limited to, injuries inflicted by the following:

Horses are unpredictable by nature, and no horse can be deemed to be 100% safe. A horse may, at any time, do the following (but is not limited to): rearing, biting, kicking, throwing a rider, bucking, shying, running, stumbling, falling and stepping on people or other animals and/or bolting back to the barn. There are numerous obvious and non-obvious risks associated with horse back riding, which include (but are not limited to): rough, wet or slippery terrain, public and private roadways, other riders, walkers or bikers, areas of heavy traffic, motorized and non-motorized vehicles, trees and bushes, domestic and wild animals and sudden weather changes.

Helmet Use Policy

(approved by Dean Ashworth on 7/23/07, and by the WOC on August 15, 2007)

The following rules apply to all faculty, staff and students ("equine participants") who work with horses at the Witter Center.

All equine participants at Witter must have their own ASTM/ SEI approved helmet available at the facility whenever they are engaged in an equine activity. Fit, certification and condition of all helmets must be approved at least annually by Witter staff.

All equine participants who are not covered by Workman's compensation insurance during equine activities must annually show proof of major medical coverage.

All equine participants (and their legal guardians if they are minors) must read the entire Maine Equine Limit to Liability Act and sign a form stating that they understand the legal limitations on liability related to equine activity at the University of Maine. In addition, the University must prominently post State-approved signage at the Witter Center that describes the University's limit to liability during equine activities.

An ASTM / SEI approved riding helmet is required during all riding and driving activities.

AN ASTM / SEI approved helmet (not necessarily a riding helmet) is required:

- during teasing, breeding or collection of a stallion. The helmet should be appropriate and protective for ground use.
- during any type of interaction with a foal up to one year of age. Helmet use may be required for foals between one and two years old at the equine instructor's discretion.
- when a participant is leading a horse into or out of multiple horse enclosures such as paddocks, arenas and round pens (these enclosures should be positively identified as "helmet only areas").
- During training activities that use a long lead (i.e., longuing).
- When assisting in or performing potentially painful or uncomfortable procedures on a horse that is not restrained in a protective chute (examples include hoof trimming, administration of injections and minor surgical procedures).

Helmet use is not required:

- when a lead is being placed on a single horse in a box stall
- when a single horse is being led
- while a horse is restrained in a set of stocks, cross ties or in a palpation chute.





Witter Center Riding Protocol

To keep riding as safe and free from distractions as possible we abide by the following protocols. This applies to riders, ground people and spectators.

- 1. Always ride with someone present either on the ground or mounted who can call 581-4040 in the event of an emergency. This person must be someone who is also currently part of the horse barn cooperative who is trained in handling the horses
- 2. If your horse has not been worked in the previous two days she must be longed before you get on her.
- 3. No more than four horses in the outdoor arena at one time unless Cassie is supervising.
- 4. Only ride outside of training sessions if Cassie has approved it, and only work on activities she has approved for you and your horse. There may be periods of time when we (Cassie or Dr Causey) need to suspend all riding outside of training sessions for safety reasons.
- 5. You should only ride your currently assigned horse, not someone else's, nor a horse to which you were previously assigned.
- 6. Chin straps need to be tight so helmet is secure, and foot wear must be appropriate (i.e. boot or shoe with heel).
- 7. No riding outside the ring unless Cassie is supervising.
- 8. No leaning on, standing on, or draping arms over the outdoor arena fence if you are watching. No visitors or spectators, including friends and/or family, except during shows or events.
- 9. No vehicles at the ring during practices or performances. If vehicles must be present then horse activities must be unmounted.
- 10. If your horse is lame, or you are having a problem and feel unsafe you should dismount and either work on the ground or put your horse away.
- 11. To ride outside of training sessions one must be regularly attend training sessions, i.e. no absences.
- 12. If you are not feeling well (e.g. tired, dizzy, nauseous, or have a headache etc.) you should not ride

Many thanks. Enjoy the semester!



