

## Student Emergency Information

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

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Local # \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts, name and # ( 2 please) \_\_\_\_\_

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Driver's Licence # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Car year, make, model, color & plate (State & #) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company & Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, Disabilities or Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name) (Address)  
being \_\_\_\_\_ years of age (having been born on \_\_\_\_\_), acknowledge, declare and agree as follows:

## 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

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.

I declare that I completely understand and have fully informed myself of the terms and conditions of this "Release and Assumption of Risk" by having read it, or having it read to me, before signing and I intend to be fully bound thereby.

Assented and agreed to on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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

Parent or Guardian must sign below if participant under the age of 18 years:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent or legal guardian of, \_\_\_\_\_, agree, in consideration of my child being permitted to participate in the Activity, to be bound by the terms of this Release and Assumption of Risk and hereby indemnify, hold harmless and release the University, its Trustees, faculty, employees, volunteers and agents, in the same manner and with the same force and effect as set forth in section 3 above with regard to my child participating in the Activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature  
(if participant under the age 18 years)

## 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.

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# 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!

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

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