

**GOODHUE COUNTY SADDLE CLUB ASSOCIATION
LIABILITY RELEASE FORM AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK FOR ALL ACTIVITIES
FOR GOODHUE COUNTY SADDLE CLUB(S) AND CURRENT COGGINS VERIFICATION 2009**

RIDER INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT):

Rider Name: _____ Date of birth: _____ Rider's age: _____

Address:

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone:

Home _____

Cell _____

Saddle Club: _____ Date: _____

Email address: _____

HORSE INFORMATION:

Permanent GCSCA number: _____ Horse's name: _____

Coggins Accession Number: _____

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Liability Release – Please read and sign. Signature verifies that all items are accepted and understood.

Participant acknowledges that there are inherent risks in being on or around horses. Those risks include serious bodily injury, property damage and death. Participant understands that these risks arise from the fact that any horse may act unpredictably and that all horses are capable of sudden, unexpected and potentially dangerous movements. Participant appreciates that all horses are easily frightened by sound, movement, unfamiliar objects, odors, persons, other animals, natural hazards and artificial conditions among other things and may run, bolt, bite, buck or kick with no warning as a result. Participant understands that serious bodily injury, property damage or death may result while petting, feeding, watering, brushing, tacking, saddling, mounting, dismounting, shoeing, vetting, riding or otherwise being on or around any horse **(as stated under Minnesota Statute 504-12 and Wisconsin Statute 895.481).**

I acknowledge that I have fully read and considered all of the terms and statements contained in this release, fully understand the potential dangers of horseback riding and am fully aware of the legal consequences of signing this instrument. I understand and agree that the terms of this document are contractual and legally binding and will preclude me, my heirs, successors, executors or assigns from recovering monetary damages from the above listed entities and/or individuals whether specifically named or not, for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death caused by negligence or product liability. This document shall remain in full legal force and effect until revoked by me in writing. I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release and express assumption of risk.

Participant acknowledges that he/she has carefully read this release, understands that he/she is knowingly and voluntarily assuming all risks associated with being on or around horses, including serious bodily injury, death, and property damage and releases Saddlelite Riders, Hay Creek Valley Saddle Club, Island Riders Saddle Club, Cannon Falls Saddle Club, St Croix Riders, and the Goodhue County Saddle Club Association from all liability for bodily injury, death or property damage resulting from negligence and shall indemnify and hold the above stated saddle clubs from the same.

Signature of Rider: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian for minors under 18 years of age: _____

PAID BY: CHECK: _____	CASH: _____	INITIALS: _____
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MINNESOTA STATUTES 1994

**CHAPTER 604A TORT LIABILITY; GOOD SAMARITANS; CHARITABLE AND PUBLIC BENEFIT
ACTIVITIES
VOLUNTEER AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

604A.12 Livestock activities; immunity from liability

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them.

(b) "Inherent risks of livestock activities" means dangers or conditions that are an integral part of livestock activities, including:

(1) the propensity of livestock to behave in ways that may result in death or injury to persons on or around them, such as kicking, biting, or bucking;

(2) the unpredictability of livestock's reaction to things like sound, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;

(3) natural hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions; or

(4) collisions with other livestock or objects.

(c) "Livestock" means cattle, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, hinnies, goats, buffalo, llamas, or poultry.

(d) "Livestock activity" means an activity involving the maintenance or use of livestock, regardless of whether the activity is open to the general public, provided the activity is not performed for profit. Livestock activity includes:

(1) livestock production;

(2) loading, unloading, or transporting livestock;

(3) livestock shows, fairs, competitions, performances, races, rodeos, or parades;

(4) livestock training or teaching activities;

(5) boarding, shoeing, or grooming livestock; or

(6) riding or inspecting livestock or livestock equipment.

(e) "Livestock activity sponsor" means a person who sponsors, organizes, or provides the facilities for a livestock activity that is open to the general public.

(f) "Participant" means a person who directly and intentionally engages in a livestock activity. Participant does not include a spectator who is in an authorized area.

Subd. 2. Immunity from liability. Except as provided in subdivision 3, a nonprofit corporation, association, or organization, or a person or other entity donating services, livestock, facilities, or equipment for the use of a

nonprofit corporation, association, or organization, is not liable for the death of or an injury to a participant resulting from the inherent risks of livestock activities.

Subd. 3. Exceptions. Subdivision 2 does not apply if any of the following exist:

- (1) the person provided livestock for the participant and failed to make reasonable efforts to determine the ability of the participant to safely engage in the livestock activity or to determine the ability of the participant to safely manage the particular livestock based on the participant's representations of the participant's ability;
- (2) the person provided equipment or tack for the livestock and knew or should have known that it was faulty to the extent that it caused the injury or death;
- (3) the person owns or leases the land upon which a participant was injured or died because of a human-made dangerous latent condition and failed to use reasonable care to protect the participant;
- (4) the person is a livestock activity sponsor and fails to comply with the notice requirement of subdivision 4; or
- (5) the act or omission of the person was willful or negligent.

Subd. 4. Posting notice. A livestock activity sponsor shall post plainly visible signs at one or more prominent locations in the premises where the livestock activity takes place that include a warning of the inherent risks of livestock activity and the limitation of liability under this section.

Wisconsin Equine Activity Statute

WISCONSIN STATUTES PROVISIONS COMMON TO ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS IN ALL COURTS CHAPTER 895. MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL PROVISIONS

895.481. Civil liability exemption; equine activities (1) In this section: (a) "Equine" means a donkey, hinny, horse, mule or pony. (b) "Equine activity" means any of the following: 1. Shows, fairs, competitions, performances or parades that involve any breeds of equines and any equine disciplines, including combined training, competitive trail riding, cutting, dressage, driving, endurance trail riding, English or western performance riding, grand prix jumping, horse racing, hunter and jumper shows, hunting, polo, pulling, rodeos, 3-day events and western games. 2. Equine training or teaching. 3. Boarding of equines. 4. Riding, inspecting or evaluating an equine belonging to another, regardless of whether the owner of the equine receives monetary or other consideration for the use of the equine or permits the riding, inspection or evaluation of the equine. 5. Riding, training or driving an equine or being a passenger on an equine. 6. Riding, training or driving a vehicle pulled by an equine or being a passenger on a vehicle pulled by an equine. 7. Assisting in the medical treatment of an equine. 8. Shoeing of an equine. 9. Assisting a person participating in an activity listed in subds. 1. to 8. (c) "Equine activity sponsor" means a person, whether operating for profit or nonprofit, who organizes or provides the facilities for an equine activity, including owners or operators of arenas, clubs, fairs, schools, stables and therapeutic riding programs. (d) "Equine professional" means a person engaged for compensation in the rental of equines or equine equipment or tack or in the instruction of a person in the riding or driving of an equine or in being a passenger upon an equine. (e) "Inherent risk of equine activities" means a danger or condition that is an integral part of equine activities, including all of the following: 1. The propensity of an equine to behave in a way that may result in injury or death to a person on or near it. ` 2. The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to a sound, movement or unfamiliar object, person or animal. 3. A collision with an object or another animal. 4. The potential for a person participating in an equine activity to act in a negligent manner, to fail to control the equine or to not act within his or her ability. 5. Natural hazards, including surface and subsurface conditions. (f) "Property" means real property and buildings, structures and improvements on the real property. (g) "Spectator" means a person who attends or watches an equine activity but does not participate in the equine activity or perform any act or omission related to the equine activity that contributes to the injury or death of a participant in the equine activity. (2) Except as provided in subs. (3) and (6), a person, including an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional, is immune from civil liability for acts or omissions related to his or her participation in equine activities if a person participating in the equine activity is injured or killed as the result of an inherent risk of equine activities. (3) The immunity under sub. (2) does not apply if the person seeking immunity does any of the following: (a) Provides equipment or tack that he or she knew or should have known was faulty and the faulty equipment or tack causes the injury or death. (b) Provides an equine to a person and fails to make a reasonable effort to determine the ability of the person to engage safely in an equine activity or to safely manage the particular equine provided based on the person's representations of his or her ability. (c) Fails to conspicuously post warning signs of a dangerous inconspicuous condition known to him or her on the property that he or she owns, leases, rents or is otherwise in lawful control of or possession. (d) Acts in a wilful or wanton disregard for the safety of the person. (e) Intentionally causes the injury or death. (3m) A person whose only involvement in an equine activity is as a spectator shall not be considered to be participating in the equine activity. (4) Every equine professional shall post and maintain signs in a clearly visible location on or near stables, corrals or arenas owned, operated or controlled by the equine professional. The signs shall be white with black lettering, each letter a minimum of one inch in height, and shall contain the following notice: "Notice: A person who is engaged for compensation in the rental of equines or equine equipment or tack or in the instruction of a person in the riding or driving of an equine or in being a passenger upon an equine is not liable for the injury or death of a person involved in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, as defined in section 895.481(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes." (5) If an equine professional uses a written contract for the rental of equines or equine equipment or tack or for the instruction of a person in the riding, driving or being a passenger upon an equine, the contract shall contain the notice set forth in sub. (4) in clearly readable bold print of not less than the same size as the print used in the

remainder of the contract. (6) This section does not limit the liability of a person under any applicable products liability laws. (7) This section does not limit the immunity created under s. 895.52.

895.525. Participation in recreational activities (1) Legislative purpose. The legislature intends by this section to establish the responsibilities of participants in recreational activities in order to decrease uncertainty regarding the legal responsibility for deaths or injuries that result from participation in recreational activities and thereby to help assure the continued availability in this state of enterprises that offer recreational activities to the public.

(2) Definition. In this section, "recreational activity" means any activity undertaken for the purpose of exercise, relaxation or pleasure, including practice or instruction in any such activity. "Recreational activity" includes hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, bowling, billiards, picnicking, exploring caves, nature study, dancing, bicycling, horseback riding, horseshoe-pitching, bird-watching, motorcycling, operating an all-terrain vehicle, ballooning, curling, throwing darts, hang gliding, hiking, tobogganing, sledding, sleigh riding, snowmobiling, skiing, skating, participation in water sports, weight and fitness training, sight-seeing, rock-climbing, cutting or removing wood, climbing observation towers, animal training, harvesting the products of nature, sport shooting and any other sport, game or educational activity.

(3) Appreciation of risk. A participant in a recreational activity engaged in on premises owned or leased by a person who offers facilities to the general public for participation in recreational activities accepts the risks inherent in the recreational activity of which the ordinary prudent person is or should be aware. In a negligence action for recovery of damages for death, personal injury or property damage, conduct by a participant who accepts the risks under this subsection is contributory negligence, to which the comparative negligence provisions of § 895.045 shall apply.

(4) Responsibilities of participants. (a) A participant in a recreational activity engaged in on premises owned or leased by a person who offers facilities to the general public for participation in recreational activities is responsible to do all of the following: 1. Act within the limits of his or her ability. 2. Heed all warnings regarding participation in the recreational activity. 3. Maintain control of his or her person and the equipment, devices or animals the person is using while participating in the recreational activity. 4. Refrain from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to the death or injury to himself or herself or to other persons while participating in the recreational activity. (b) A violation of this subsection constitutes negligence. The comparative negligence provisions of s. 895.045 apply to negligence under this subsection.

(4m) Liability of contact sports participants. (a) A participant in a recreational activity that includes physical contact between persons in a sport involving amateur teams, including teams in recreational, municipal, high school and college leagues, may be liable for an injury inflicted on another participant during and as part of that sport in a tort action only if the participant who caused the injury acted recklessly or with intent to cause injury. (b) Unless the professional league establishes a clear policy with a different standard, a participant in an athletic activity that includes physical contact between persons in a sport involving professional teams in a professional league may be liable for an injury inflicted on another participant during and as part of that sport in a tort action only if the participant who caused the injury acted recklessly or with intent to cause injury.

(5) Effect on related provision. Nothing in this section affects the limitation of property owners' liability under §. 895.52. Enacted in 1987, amended in 1995 and 1997.