



## The Waterloo Hunt, Inc.

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### **DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN RISKS INVOLVED IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES**

(TO BE SIGNED BY MINORS)

Participant Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that anyone riding, handling, working with, or near Horses (the term Horses shall be considered to include Horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, hinnys) can suffer bodily or other injuries. Among other things, Horses are unpredictable by nature. For example, when frightened, angry, or under stress, the natural instincts of Horses is to jump forward or sideways, back up quickly, or run away from danger. Horses are also known to kick, buck, rear up, spin around, strike, or bite. I know that Horses can do any of these things at any time without warning.

I also understand that all Horses, even if they have no history of inflicting injury, are powerful and have the potential to be dangerous to those who are on, near, or around them.

I also understand that the sport of foxhunting brings additional unique risks that can include, but are not limited to: dog bites, dogs spooking Horses; wild animals (such as deer, rodents and or reptiles) that can spook, startle, trip, attack, or collide with Horses, people, or animals; rugged, unimproved, and/or uncultivated lands or areas (fields, forests, hills, streams, wetlands) where the hunt might take place; trees and low tree branches that can be encountered while traveling at high speeds; irregular and/or unstable footing; land that is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural or man made changes in the landscape.

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Further, I understand that riding, handling, working with, or even being near a Horse can expose me to numerous hazards, which could include, *for example*: The propensity of a Horse to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; the unpredictability of a horse's reaction to sounds, sudden movements, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; certain hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions on, near, or off of the Hunt Property; and/or collisions with other Horses, animals, or objects.

**I understand the risks and dangers described in this document are inherent in Horse and foxhunting activities. I also understand that these are just some of the risks, and I am NOT relying on anyone affiliated with the Waterloo Hunt to list all possible Horse or foxhunting-related risks, in this document, or at any other time, now, or in the future. I understand that I am to ride with my parent, stepparent, or grandparent at all times and will cooperate with any instruction that I may be given in or near the hunt Field.**

**I understand that the owners of the Horses, owners of the land, masters of the hunt, or other participants cannot guarantee my safety.**

**WARNING: Under the Michigan Equine Liability Act (1994 P. A. 351 as amended), an equine professional or sponsor is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of that equine activity...Unless an equine activity sponsor, or equine professional, commits an act or omission that constitutes a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the participant, and that is a proximate cause of the injury, death, or damage.**

**I HAVE READ THIS STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING**

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of a Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Hunt Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_