



HOUSTON DRESSAGE SOCIETY – 2020 -2021

WAIVER & RELEASE – RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, and COVID-19 is believed to spread from person to person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces, objects and through droplets or particles in the air. Some people can be infected and show no symptoms (asymptomatic) and therefore spread the disease. The exact methods of spread and contraction are unknown, and there is no known vaccine, treatment, or cure for COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: HDS cannot prevent you or your child(ren) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating, attending, working at volunteering and/or competing (“participating”) in an HDS event including this horse show. You and your child(ren) understand that you are voluntarily participating in this HDS event and that you are in no way required to participate. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of this disease. You and your child(ren), by choosing to participate in this event expressly understand that you may be exposing yourself to or increasing the risk of contracting COVI-19. I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself and or my children in order to participate in this event. My children and I have been made aware of and instructed to read additional information on show participation provided on the USEF/USDF webpages.

As required, HDS has made available certain hand sanitizers, disinfecting wipes and other anti-viral products. HDS cannot prevent you from or guarantee that you will not have a reaction to the above mentioned products as every person has different sensitivities. By signing you acknowledge that you have been made aware and accept the risk that you could have a reaction to the products.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY: ON MY BEHALF, AND ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD(REN), I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS HDS AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, MANAGERS, OFFICIALS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES (“HDS”) IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO HDS SERVICES AND HORSE SHOWS. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER MEANS I GIVE UP MY RIGHT TO BRING CLAIMS OR LAWSUITS AGAINST HDS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE, PROPERTY OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS, LIABILITIES, ACTIONS, DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, COSTS OR EXPENSES OF ANY KIND ARISING OUT OF ANY ACT AND/OR OMISSION OF HDS, CLAIM OF NEGLIGENCE, OTHER TORT AND/OR CONTRACT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS RELEASE INCLUDES ANY CLAIMS WHETHER A COVID-19 INFECTION OCCURS IN PREPARATION FOR, DURING OR AFTER PARTICIPATION IN THE HDS EVENT AND THAT HDS ASSUMES NO LIABILITY FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION:

Initial: _____

I have carefully read and fully understand all provisions of this release and waiver and freely and knowingly assume the risk and release and waive my rights concerning liability as described above.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Name of Participant if signed by Parent/Guardian: _____

This Release and Waiver shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.