

**EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I understand that it is a necessary pre-condition to being allowed to participate in any way in HUNT EVENTS and/or FOXHUNTING or any activities sponsored by or offered by THE OTTAWA VALLEY HUNT CLUB, including related events and social activities that I, the undersigned, sign this Waiver, and state that I am of sound mind, without any defect in the ability to understand or give my consent to this Waiver, and that I understand and appreciate the risks inherent in this activity.

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I agree that a condition of my participation is my agreement to obey such instructions as may be given to me by the event organizers, by volunteers posted at various points, and to ensure that I and my horse are controlled, able to participate in the event without risk of harm to myself or others so as to ensure a safe environment for all to enjoy this equine activity. If I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will bring such to the attention of the nearest official or volunteer immediately. If, in the opinion of the volunteers or the event organizers or sponsors I or my horse are creating a hazard for others, I agree to, if directed, remove myself from participation immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS** The OTTAWA VALLEY HUNT CLUB, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), **WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.**

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

X _____
Participant's signature

X _____
Participant's name in capital letters

X _____
Witness

Date signed

**FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE
(UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above.

X _____
Parent/guardian's signature

Emergency phone number

X _____
Witness

Date signed

Bring the completed form to the OVH public event.