



Competitive Trail Challenge
Sunday, October 30, 2016
8:30 a.m. (Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.)
Hill Top Farm / Wildwood Farm
Freeman Lane
Washington, VA 22747

Description

The Old Dominion Hounds Pony Club Judged Trail Ride is a competition that is a trail ride of approximately 8-10 miles over mixed terrain that includes pastures, streams, woods, a small section of gravel road and a long walk up and then down the mountainside. There will be 10 judged obstacles along the way. Horses and riders will be judged on their ability to safely and efficiently negotiate the various obstacles as instructed. While this is not a timed event, there will be a time limit on the obstacles to prevent delays for other riders.

This event is open to ALL types of horses and riders—English and western, non-gaited and gaited. The obstacles will be designed to showcase good training and horsemanship regardless of breed or discipline. Some obstacles may have different options to choose from that will allow riders to show their horses to their best advantage.

Obstacles on the course may include, but are not limited to:

- crossing streams or other water obstacles
- crossing bridges
- riding up/down hills
- backing around obstacles
- dragging a log
- retrieving/carrying items
- opening/closing gates
- jumping over obstacles of appropriate height (not to exceed 18")
- riding through vines or brush obstacles
- trotting over logs
- side-passing over natural objects

Registration and Cost

- Cost: Pre-entries postmarked by October 21 are \$45 for adults 18 & over, \$35 for juniors under 18. Entries submitted after that date are \$55 for adults and \$45 for juniors. Pre-registration is required. No entries on day of event.
- Juniors must be accompanied by an adult.
- Negative Coggins current through the date of the ride & signed Waiver of Liability required.
- Entry Fees are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled. If planning to ride in a group, please submit all applications in one envelope, if possible.

Substitutions and Cancellations

You may substitute the horse (with coggins papers and Breed papers (if applicable))or the rider on the day of the event due to extenuating circumstances. You may not substitute both. If you know in advance you are making a change, please call Jenna Chenoweth at 703-577-9440 pre-ride so as to prevent additional work on ride day.

General Information

- This event will only be cancelled if the weather or trail is considered hazardous. Final notice will be emailed to you by 6 am the morning of the ride. You may also call the organizer at 540-270-4880 for a recorded message with updates in case of questionable weather.
- Trailer Parking is ample. There is no water on site so please be sure to bring plenty for your mount.
- You must check in to receive your rider packet to begin the ride. Please leave your horse at the trailer when checking in at the registration table.
- Please leave your dogs at home.
- Horses known to kick must have a red tail ribbon, green horses should have green ribbons. Stallions MUST have prior permission and must be marked with yellow ribbons in front and back.
- Due to liability, ODHPC does not allow non-registered friends/riders to ride along, participate at any obstacle, or park their trailer at the site. ODHPC also does not allow horses to be ponied during this event.
- Lunch will be provided to registered/paid riders and volunteers.

Guidelines/Rules

- **Helmets must be worn by ALL riders.**
- Riders are encouraged to ride with friends and family; however, obstacles must be negotiated one at a time.
- Riders are not to “coach” or provide direction to other participants while engaged at the obstacle.

- Riders are free to skip any obstacles that they feel they and their horse are not prepared to complete safely—a zero score for that obstacle will be given, but they will not be disqualified entirely.
- Rider start times will be assigned beginning at 8:30 am.
- Please use “good manners” while riding. Do not pass without permission, Do not ride up abruptly onto other horses, do not attempt any obstacle that you feel is unsafe for you or others.
- Please respect the landowners and report any damage to the trails or property.

Judging

Riders will be awarded 0-10 points per obstacle. Rider/horse will receive 1 point for an attempt, only if the horse “engages” the obstacle. A flat out refusal may warrant a zero and is at the discretion of the Judge(s). Points will be deducted for exceeding said set limit(s) and for “coaching”, either receiving or giving. Judges will be instructed on how to deduct in the event of this situation. Riders may ask for their scores after completing each obstacle. The decision of the site judge(s) is FINAL and is not to be disputed.

Any unsportsmanlike conduct, whether verbal or physical disrespect to Judges, event volunteers or other riders will result in a loss of points on the particular obstacle and/or shall be grounds for immediate disqualification. Additionally, any abuse to your horse, at the staging area or at any time during the event will be grounds for immediate disqualification. If disqualification occurs, the rider shall forfeit all entry fees and prizes and will be asked to immediately leave the premises. No exceptions. Judges and Ride Managers have the final say.

Awards/Prizes

The following Awards will be given. All awards will be mailed to recipient.

- Grand Champion (high point)
- Reserve Champion (high point)
- Up to 6 ribbons will be awarded in each breed, Age and Novice Division.

Breed categories are established when there are 6 or more horses of any particular registered breed. If your horse does not meet the 6 minimum criteria, said horse will be placed in Other Registered or Other Registered Gated. For riders who send in their application without breed papers, their horse will be placed in the Grade category.

Age categories will be determined based on the number of riders.

The Novice Division is open only to non-professional/amateur riders. Neither the horse nor the rider has competed in 3 or more judged pleasure rides, extreme cowboy race, competitive trail challenge, or similar events by 4/26/16. Horse/pony can be any age; rider can be any age.

Objectives of the Day

- Safety is the most important consideration, and care will be taken to ensure that the obstacles for the junior divisions are age-appropriate.
- The main goal of the day is to have fun!! This is a pleasure ride. Enjoy the day. Please thank your volunteers who allow you to enjoy this wonderful event.

The Crystal Crown Series

For information on the Crystal Crown Series and requirements to qualify for year-end awards, please contact Kari Boberek (kari.boberek@bt.com), CC Committee chairperson. Please also visit the Crystal Crown Series Facebook page.

For Questions about the ride, please contact the 2016 Secretary:

Jenna Chenoweth

703-577-9440

jennachenoweth@yahoo.com

Directions

Directions to Hill Top Farm

From Leesburg/ Haymarket/ 66 and points East: Take Rte. 15S to 29S; take 1st Warrenton exit onto Rt. 211/29 Business. Follow to Rte. 211West (Frost Ave. turns into Lee Hwy) toward Sperryville and Washington, Va. Travel 23 miles, bypassing "Little Washington". After passing Rappahannock Co. Highschool, and the Blue Rock Inn, turn right onto Rte. 622N, Gid Brown Hollow Rd. Go 1.8 miles to Freeman Lane on your left.

From Points North: I-81s to I-66E to Front Royal. Exit onto Rte. 522 S. After crossing Shenandoah River bridges, make two left hand turns to stay on 522 through Front Royal. Continuing 15+ miles, through village of Flint Hill, then 3 miles to stop sign where 522 S joins 211 W. Turn right and follow 522S/211W bypassing Little Washington, passing Union First Bank and the Rappahannock Co. High School on your left. After passing Blue Rock Inn, take a right onto the next state road, Gid Brown Hollow Rd. 622N. Go 1.8 miles to Freeman Lane on left.

From points South: Take 522N from Culpepper to Sperryville . Make 2 rights in town to stay on 522N/ 211E. Take 2nd LEFT (Cooter's is at 1st left) onto 622N, Gid Brown Hollow Rd. Go 1.8 mi. To Freeman Lane on your left.

From points West: I-81 to New Market exit; follow 211E toward Luray; continue through Shenandoah National Park over mountain to Sperryville. Stay on 522N/ 211W. Take 2nd road Left (Cooter's is at first left) onto 622N, Gid Brown Hollow Rd. Go 1.8 mi. To Freeman Lane on your left.

The Old Dominion Hounds Pony Club Crystal Crown Judged Trail Ride

Sunday October 30, 2016

Hill Top and Wildwood Farm, Washington, VA 22747

Event will be held rain or shine unless notified by email. NO REFUNDS.

Pre-registration Deadline is 10/21/2016

Please Print Clearly

Name of Rider: _____ Age: _____

Address of Rider: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Novice Horse: (3 JPRs or less as of 4/26/16) _____ Yes _____ No

Novice Rider: (3 JPRs or less as of 4/26/16) _____ Yes _____ No

Name of Horse (use registered Name if applicable): _____

Breed: _____ Gaited: _____ Yes _____ No

I wish to ride with the following people: _____

Preferred Start Time: _____ start times will be granted on a "first come- first serve" basis but no guarantees will be made.

Items required for registration:

- Completed Application
- Signed Release/Waiver Form
- Copy of Current Negative Coggins
- Copy of Breed Papers
- Check for Entry Fee

Make Checks payable to: Old Dominion Hounds Pony Club (or ODHPC)

Mail to: Jenna Chenoweth
6923 Meaghan Lane
Warrenton VA 20187

Printed Guardian Name if rider is under 18: _____

Signature of guardian if rider is under 18: _____

AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I hereby request permission for myself and my minor child(ren) to participate in horseback riding, cross-country riding and/or fox hunting with the Old Dominion Hounds Pony Club and Hill Top Farm.

I fully understand that horseback riding, cross-country horseback riding and fox hunting (which includes riding over fences, other obstacles, and steep and rough terrain) are very dangerous activities. Pursuant to the Virginia Equine Activity Liability Act, Va. Code Ann. § 3.2-6200 (2008), I execute this waiver of my rights to sue and agree to assume all risks inherent in equine activities and have notice of all risks inherent in equine activities including (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant, (ii) the inability to predict an equine’s reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals, and (iii) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions and riding over unknown terrain where hazards may be hidden by vegetation or development. I wish to participate in these activities knowing they are dangerous.

I agree that I have been fully warned and advised by The Old Dominion Hounds Pony Club that I should wear protective headgear which meets the standards of the SEI CERTIFIED/ASTM STANDARD Equestrian Helmet while riding and working near horses. I understand that wearing such headgear while mounting, riding, dismounting and otherwise being near horses may reduce severity of some of the wearer’s head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer’s death from happening as the result of a fall from a horse or other occurrences.

In exchange for being permitted to participate in these activities, on behalf of myself, my child(ren) my heirs, assigns, guardians and legal representatives, (as well as those of my child(ren)), I hereby release, hold harmless and agree not to make or bring any claim of any kind against the Old Dominion Hounds Pony Club, the Virginia Region Pony Club, the United States Pony Club, Hill Top Farm, their masters, officers, directors, members, employees, or guests or any landowners, landholders or other persons making property available for The Old Dominion Hounds Pony Club, the Virginia Region Pony Club, the United States Pony Club, and Hill Top Farm for any injury, including death, to me or my child(ren), any damage to my property or the property of my child(ren) whether from anyone's negligence or not, or any other cause, arising out of my participation in these dangerous horseback riding, fox hunting or related activities. I further agree should anyone make any claim(s) against any of the aforementioned because of any injury, including death, or for any damage to property, in contravention of this agreement and waiver, those bringing the claim shall be liable, without limitation, for payment of attorneys' fees and costs associated with the defense of the claim(s).

DATE

SIGNATURE

CHILD NAME

PRINTED NAME

CHILD NAME

ADDRESS

CHILD NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE

Emergency Contact Information:

Name

Phone

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, INC.
RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
FOR USPC NON-MEMBERS

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I **AGREE** for myself, and/or my child, my/our administrators and assigns, in consideration for my, and/or my child's, participation in this United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC) activity to the following:

I **AGREE** that I choose to participate voluntarily in an USPC activity, as a rider, driver, handler, lessee, owner, agent, spectator, volunteer, and/or trainer. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and USPC activities involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including, but not limited to, broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering or death ("Harm"). I fully understand that this release covers, but is not limited to, inherent risks of an equine activity which mean a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including but not limited to, any of the following:

- The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
- The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;
- A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;
- The potential of an equine activity instructor to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

I **AGREE** to release the USPC, its successors or assigns, officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and affiliated organizations from all claims including, but not limited to, claims for money or property, disability, covenants, actions, suits, causes or action, obligations, debts, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, judgments, orders and liabilities of whatsoever kind or nature in law, equity or otherwise, whether now known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and whether concealed or hidden, including but not limited to any state or federal statutory or common law claim or remedy of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the USPC or the USPC activity.

I **AGREE** to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the USPC or the USPC activity, and **specifically agree to the applicable state statute/law regarding equine/farm animal activity liability and signed posting (if any), in any state in which I or my child participates in a USPC activity. A list of state statutes and select portions of those statutes believed to be in effect at the time of the execution of this agreement is attached hereto.** I **AGREE** to review and understand the full applicable state statutes.

I **AGREE** to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the USPC and the USPC activity and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse in the USPC activity.

I **AGREE** that neither I, nor any one claiming through me, will hereafter bring, commence, prosecute or maintain, or cause or permit to be brought, commenced, prosecuted or maintained, any suit or action, either at law or in equity, in any court in the United States or in any state thereof, or elsewhere, against the USPC, its successors or assigns, for, on account of, arising out of, or in any way connected with any Harm to me or my horse, and that neither I, nor any one claiming through me, will enforce, prosecute, or recover upon, or attempt to enforce, prosecute, or recover upon, any claim or right of action whatsoever, which I, or any one claiming through me, may now have or hereafter assert, in any way connected with claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harms caused by me or my horse at the USPC activity.

I **AGREE** this Agreement is the entire agreement of the parties, and supersedes all prior oral and written understandings and agreements. This Agreement may be modified only by a written amendment signed by both parties.

I **AGREE** that if any provision of the Agreement is found to be invalid or illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall be construed as if the affected provision had not been included in order to effectuate the intent of the parties.

In the event this form is signed by the parent/guardian of a child, then all representations and acknowledgements herein are expressly made by, for, and on behalf of the parent/guardian and child.

By signing below, I **AGREE** to be bound by all applicable USPC rules and all terms and provisions of the USPC activity. I acknowledge that I enter into this release after having read the same, and place my signature hereto of my own free voluntary act and deed. By signing below, I represent to the USPC that I fully understand its contents, that I do not need any further explanation, and I waive any further explanation.

I have read and AGREE to abide by the above. REQUIRED — all signatures must be originals, not photocopies.

Original Signature of Participant _____ Date _____ **OR** _____
Required if applicant is of the age of majority in their state of residence. Original Signature of Applicant's Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) _____ Date _____
Required if applicant is under the age of majority in their state of residence.

STATE EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTES

PLEASE RETAIN FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS.

ALABAMA

AL ST §6-5-337 WARNING: Under Alabama law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to the Equine Activities Liability Protection Act.

ALASKA

AK ST § 09.65.145; AK ST § 09.65.290

ARIZONA

AZ ST § 12-553

ARKANSAS

AR ST § 16-120-201, 202 WARNING: Under Arkansas law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities.

CALIFORNIA

NO KNOWN EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTE

COLORADO

CO ST § 13-21-119 WARNING: Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.

CONNECTICUT

CT ST § 52-557p

DELAWARE

DE ST TI 10 § 8140 WARNING: Under Delaware Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to 10 Delaware Code § 8140.

FLORIDA

FL ST § 773.01 - 773.06 WARNING: Under Florida law, an equine sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

GEORGIA

GA ST §§ 4-12-1 - 5 WARNING: Under Georgia law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to **Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.**

HAWAII

HI ST § 663B-1, B-2

IDAHO

ID ST § 6-1801 - 1802

ILLINOIS

IL ST CH 745 § 47/1 - 47/999 WARNING: Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities.

INDIANA

IN ST 34-31-5-1 - 5 WARNING: Under Indiana law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

IOWA

IA ST § 673.1 - 673.5 WARNING: UNDER IOWA LAW, A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED BY, AN INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 673. YOU ARE ASSUMING INHERENT RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ACTIVITY.

KANSAS

KS ST § 60-4001 - 4004 WARNING: Under Kansas law, there is no liability for an injury to or the death of a participant in domestic animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of domestic animal activities, pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4001 through 60-4004. You are assuming the risk of participating in this domestic animal activity.

KENTUCKY

KY ST § 247.401 - 4029 WARNING: Under Kentucky law, a farm animal activity sponsor, farm animal professional, or other person does not have the duty to eliminate all risks of injury of participation in farm animal activities. There are inherent risks of injury that you voluntarily accept if you participate in farm animal activities.

LOUISIANA

LA R.S. 9:2795.1 - 9:2795.3 WARNING: Under Louisiana law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to R.S. 9:2795.3.

MAINE

ME ST T. 7 § 4101 - 4103-A WARNING: Under Maine law, an equine professional has limited liability for an injury or death resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

MARYLAND

NO KNOWN EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTE

MASSACHUSETTS

MA ST 128 § 2D WARNING: Under Massachusetts law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 2D of chapter 128 of the General Laws.

MICHIGAN

MCLA 691.1661 - 1667 WARNING: Under the Michigan equine activity liability act, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of the equine activity.

MINNESOTA

MN ST § 604A.12

MISSOURI

MO ST 537.325 WARNING: Under Missouri law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

MISSISSIPPI

MS ST § 95-11-1 - 7 WARNING: Under Mississippi law, an equine or livestock activity sponsor or an equine or livestock professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities or livestock shows resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities or livestock shows, pursuant to this chapter.

MONTANA

MT ST 27-1-725 - 728

NEBRASKA

NE ST § 25-21,249 - 253 WARNING: Under Nebraska law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to sections 25-21,249 to 25-21,253.

NEVADA

NO KNOWN EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH ST § 508:19

NEW MEXICO

NM ST § 42-13-1 - 5

STATE EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTES

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NEW JERSEY

NJ ST 5:15-1 - 12 WARNING: UNDER NEW JERSEY LAW, AN EQUESTRIAN AREA OPERATOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ANIMAL ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO P.L.1997, c.287 (C.5:15-1 et seq).

NEW YORK

NO KNOWN EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTE

NORTH CAROLINA

NC ST § 99E-1 - 99E-3 WARNING: Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.

NORTH DAKOTA

ND ST 53-10-01; ND ST 53-10-02

OHIO

OH ST § 2305.321

OKLAHOMA

OK ST T. 76 § 50.1 - 50.4 Except as provided in subsection B, a livestock activity sponsor, a participant or a livestock professional acting in good faith and pursuant to the standards of the livestock industry shall not be liable for injuries to any person engaged in livestock activities when such injuries result from the inherent risks of livestock activities.

OREGON

OR ST § 30.687 - 697

PENNSYLVANIA

PA ST 4 P.S. § 601 - 606

RHODE ISLAND

RI ST § 4-21-1 - 4 WARNING: Under Rhode Island Law, an equine professional, unless he or she can be shown to have failed to be in the exercise of due care, is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to this chapter.

SOUTH CAROLINA

SC ST § 47-9-710 - 730 WARNING: Under South Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of equine activity, pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 9 of Title 47, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

SOUTH DAKOTA

SD ST § 42-11-1 - 5 WARNING: Under South Dakota law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to § 42-11-2.

TENNESSEE

TN ST § 44-20-101 - 105 WARNING: Under Tennessee Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, title 44 chapter 20.

TEXAS

TX CIV PRAC & REM § 87.001 - 005 WARNING: UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

UTAH

UT ST § 78B-4-201 - 203

VERMONT

VT ST T. 12 § 1039 WARNING: Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A § 1039.

VIRGINIA

VA ST § 3.2-6200 - 6302 "Intrinsic dangers of equine activities" means those dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including; (i) the propensity of equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (v) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability.

WASHINGTON

WA ST 4.24.530 - 540

WEST VIRGINIA

WV ST § 20-4-1 - 7

WISCONSIN

WI ST 895.481 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.

WYOMING

WY ST § 1-1-122 - 123