

MWHA, Inc. Hold Harmless Agreement 2024

This **RELEASE of LIABILITY** pertains to the 2024 show season for **MWHA.** Specifically, the scheduled show dates which include: April 7 (Full Slate ECRRA Only) April 14, April 28, June 2, June 16, July 20 (Jumper Show), July 21, August 10 (Fair). October 6, (Rain date) and/or any other MWHA sponsored events.

Rider understands that horseback riding is classified as a **RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT**, and as such, there are inherent elements of risks always present in any such activity despite all safety precautions, and agrees that MWHA is not responsible for any such acts or occurrences of nature that can scare a horse or cause it to fall. Examples may include, but are not limited to thunder, rain, wind, water, loud noises, wild and domestic animals, and irregular footing on out of door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather conditions.

BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER, I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP (WAIVING OR RELEASING) ANY RIGHT I HAVE TO SUE OR MAKE ANY CLAIMS WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY ARISE OR OCCUR AGAINST MWHA, ITS OWNERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FOR ANY INJURIES THAT I MIGHT SUSTAIN WHILE HORSEBACK RIDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THE HORSE SHOW EVENT AND THAT I AM HOLDING HARMLESS MWHA, AND HOWARD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC., ITS OWNERS AND/OR EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND OTHER RIDERS FOR INJURING ANYONE ELSE OR ANY HORSE RIDDEN BY ANOTHER WHILE SO ENGAGED. IT IS MY INTENT TO GIVE UP THOSE RIGHTS AND HOLD HARMLESS, AND I DO SO KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the foregoing agreement and release waiver.

As long as Covid 19 is active, you will need to sign Participant Agreement and Social distance. Masks per Ho Co Guidelines

PLEASE PRINT FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLEARLY AND NEATLY.

Exhibitor's Name (please print):		
Owner/Exhibitor Signature:	Date:	
Signature of legal guardian if rider/exhibitor is under 18:		
Address:		
Email:		
Telephone Number(s):		

All MWHA classes are conducted under the Rules and Regulations of MWHA. Howard County Fair Inc., MWHA, Inc., and the show committee will not be held responsible for injuries, loss, or damage to riders/exhibitors, spectators, horses/ponies, tack, equipment, vehicles, etc. No alcoholic beverages permitted. VALID COGGINS MUST BE AVAILABLE AT EVERY SHOW. Approved riding helmets are mandatory for all youth under 18 years of age while mounted. Approved helmets are recommended for all riders. MWHA is a family club. The show steward or judge may order any individual removed from the show grounds for inappropriate language, heckling, or other abuse shown toward the judge, an exhibitor, or horse. Any questions or concerns for the judge must be addressed to the show steward. Violators may receive a warning, suspension, or revocation of MWHA membership and/or showing privileges with MWHA.