



Cochise Area Network of Therapeutic Equestrian Resources, PO Box 1316, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636

Release of Liability

Read this document carefully before signing: It is a waiver of your right to sue CANTER.

I ("employees"), being an adult CANTER rider, parent, legal guardian of a CANTER rider, or an adult volunteer or parent or legal guardian of a minor volunteer, acknowledge the following with respect to horse riding and related activities involving horses.

1. Although all CANTER riding and related program activities are conducted in accordance with guidelines established by PATH, a horse may, on occasion and without warning or any apparent cause, *buck, stumble, rear, bite, kick, run, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump over obstacles, step on a person's foot, push or shove a person*. These unforeseen events may cause individuals to fall or be jolted or otherwise be injured. Such injuries may be serious in nature, and on occasion, result in death.
2. **Horseback riding is a dangerous activity and involves risks that may cause serious injury and in some cases death because of the above mentioned unpredictable nature and behavior of horses, regardless of their training and past performance.**
3. With the foregoing in mind, I—*for myself and any minor child/ward of mine*—in belief that the benefits of participation in CANTER's therapeutic riding program outweigh the risks of such activity, voluntarily assume the risk inherent in such activities, as described in the above paragraphs, to also include any risks as may be caused by the negligence of CANTER.
4. I further, for myself and any minor child/ward of mine, release, discharge and promise not to sue CANTER or any of its officers, employees or agents (collectively the "Releasees"), for any loss, liability, damage, or cost whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to any injury (including death) to me or my child/ward, as a result of participation in the CANTER program.
5. I further release the Releasees from any claim of negligence in connection with decisions concerning my (or my child/ward's) riding experience or ability, training, and selection of horses, maintenance, care, fit, or adjustment of saddles or bridles, instruction on riding skills, or leading and supervising riders.
6. In the event I should bring a claim or legal action in contravention of this agreement, and such is resolved in favor of Releasees, I shall be liable for all reasonable costs of defending such claim or litigation as may be incurred by Releasees.
7. This release is based upon the common law of Arizona and section 12-553 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

I have read this document and understand that it is a promise not to sue and a release and indemnity for all claims described above. I have had sufficient opportunity to ask any questions about this agreement.

_____/_____
Printed Name / Signature of Releasor / Date

If you are signing as parent or guardian of a person, Date
print that person's name on this line.