

Acknowledgement of Risk and Assumption of Liability

I/we request permission to participate in cross-country horseback riding, use of facilities, fox hunting, and other Horseback, foxhunting, or related activities with Big Sky Hounds. I will be using a horse or vehicle that I own or am leasing for this purpose. I understand this also applies to any participation I have with Big Sky Hounds at any location for these and related activities, including observation on foot or in a vehicle or ATV.

I/we fully understand that cross country horseback riding, backcountry trail riding, fox hunting, and other related activities **ARE VERY DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES** that include riding unsupervised at all gaits, over fences, other obstacles, and on difficult, steep, uneven and rough, rocky, slick, and icy terrain, in various weather conditions that are often inclement, and in remote locations without emergency services or telephone/communication. **Initial** _____

I understand that I am riding or participating at my own risk and acknowledge that my participation in this activity could result in INJURY OR DEATH. I/We acknowledge and understand the inherent risks of injury or death to me/us or my/our property while participating in activities associated with horses, hounds, and foxhunting. **Initial** _____

I understand that I will be riding with or in close proximity to other people, with other horses, around others property, around ATVS, and around animals like hounds, dogs, livestock, and wild animals. I understand that people, horses, and other animals might act unpredictably and in a manner that could cause INJURY OR DEATH to me/us, my horse(s), and my property. **Initial** _____

I acknowledge that no person, including Big Sky Hounds, employees, representatives, other participants, and landowners make any guarantee or inference about my safety while participating in this **VERY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY**. **Initial** _____

I agree to assume liability for any damage caused by my participation to any property that I/we ride, walk, or drive upon. This might include damage caused to fences, obstacles, buildings, or fields. **Initial** _____

I agree to provide proof of insurance for myself and any minors for which I am responsible, as well as emergency contacts. I agree to assume responsibility for all related charges, should I become injured. **Initial** _____

I understand that it is my responsibility to outfit myself and my horse with proper equipment and conditioning for the weather, terrain, obstacles, and environment which might include but is not limited to: warm clothing, sharp/ice shoes, safety helmet, safety vest, communications devices. **Initial** _____

As an equine participant, I shall act in a safe and responsible manner at all times to avoid injury to the participant and others and to be aware of risks inherent in equine activities. **Initial** _____

WARNING: UNDER MONTANA LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT ENGAGED IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY RESULTING FROM RISKS INHERENT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES. PURSUANT TO M.C.A. 27-1-727.

Name of Participant: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Insurance provider: _____

Emergency Contact/Phone: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

If Participant is a minor, a parent or legal guardian must acknowledge and sign:
