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**Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc  
(d.b.a. Mercer Island Saddle Club [MISC])**

Release and hold harmless agreement for (name of rider) \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of rider or parent of a minor rider), as a condition of being on the premises of the Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc agree that:

1. **Equestrian activities can be dangerous and that the potential for serious injury or death exists. I will guard myself against those dangers and, at a minimum, I will obey all rules of the Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc.** These rules are posted in the barn and at the entrance to each riding area. If I am at Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc. with a minor or if I am responsible for a minor on these premises, I will ensure that the minor is familiar with the rules and I will take responsibility for the minor's full compliance with them.
2. I recognize the dangers inherent with horseback riding. **I am assuming the risk of this hazard upon myself** since I wish to handle and ride horses. I realize that I and any minor child or other invitee I have brought to the Club are subject to injury from this activity and no form of preplanning can remove all dangers. **The Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc. requires that an approved riding helmet be properly worn when mounted and/or riding at the Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc.** The use of an approved riding helmet could prevent permanent brain damage in the case of an accident. I understand that if I or a minor child or other invitee refuses or forgets to wear a riding helmet, we will assume all risks involved in handling and riding horses.
3. I hereby release and agree to hold the Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc. and its officers, directors, members and independent trainers acting on behalf of the Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc., harmless in connection with any and all liability for any accident, injury, death, or other damages or harm that might occur either at the Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc. or while having contact with a horse belonging to any member of the Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc., whether said contact is on the Club premises or trails.
4. I hereby release \_\_\_\_\_, the owner or person responsible for the following horse \_\_\_\_\_, from any and all liability and agree to hold them harmless from any claim made by me, one of my family members or by anyone acting on my behalf, in connection with that horse.
5. I recognize that my minor child or other invitee I have brought to the Club may not be able to waive claims on his or her own or may not have done so. In consideration for any minor or other invitee being allowed to be on the premises or trails, I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc., its officers, directors, members, independent trainers, and agents acting on behalf of the Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc., from any and all damages, claims, and suits asserted by my minor child or other invitee, and accept all financial responsibility for any injury they may suffer.

I have read, understand and will abide by this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of rider or parent of rider under 18 years of age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc. By \_\_\_\_\_

This agreement must be signed before any horse-related activity begins at the Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc.. Signed agreements may be sent to Mercer Island Equestrian Club, Inc., PO Box 354, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Please call the Barn Manager with any questions.