

## PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of the services of Outlaw Ranch, LLC DBA Vail Stables, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "VS"), I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge VS, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that my participation in guided saddle animal trail rides and tours, horseback riding, pony rides, pack trip, drop camp hunting, goat yoga, and other activities with horses or mules entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

**The risks may include, but is not limited to:** slips and falls; falling objects; water hazards and accidental drowning; exhaustion; the forces of nature, including lightning, and weather changes; the risks of falling off the rock or mountain; exposure to temperature and weather extremes which could cause cold water shock, hypothermia, hyperthermia (heat related illnesses), heat exhaustion, sunburn, dehydration; allergies, and associated diseases; equipment failure; the use and carrying of firearms; exposure to and travel in rugged terrain, exposure to potentially dangerous wild animals, insect bites, and hazardous plant life; accidents or illness can occur in remote places without medical facilities and emergency treatment or other services rendered; consumption of food or drink; improper lifting or carrying; my own physical condition, and the physical exertion associated with this activity. A horse or mule, regardless of its training and usual past behavior, may act unpredictably at times based upon instinct or fright which may cause you to be thrown from your horse or injured by the horse. Horses may do such things as bite, kick, buck, lie down, or stumble. Riding a horse requires the participant to balance on the saddle. Saddle girths are saddle fasteners around horse's belly might loosen during a ride. If a rider notices this, he/she must alert the nearest guide or wrangler as quickly as possible, so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and a potential fall from the horse. Your horse may collide with obstacles or encounter variations in terrain such as creeks, water, bridges, traveled roads, wild animals, birds, stump, forest growth, debris, rocks and cliffs and other obstacles whether obvious or not and whether man made or natural. Each of those obstacles or variations in terrain could cause you to lose control of you horse and you could fall. Riding a horse requires the participant to balance on the saddle. Participants may lose their balance that can result in falling from the horse.

Furthermore, VS personnel have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather or other environmental conditions. They may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.

3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless VS from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of VS's equipment or facilities, **including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of VS.**

4. Should VS or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.

5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I may have.

6. In the event that I file a lawsuit against VS, I agree to do so solely in the state of Colorado, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against VS on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein. I also agree that this document is valid for subsequent visits and participation at VS. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION (Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by VS to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless VS from any and all Claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PROTECTIVE EQUESTRIAN HEADGEAR REFUSAL AGREEMENT ADDENDUM**

I, for myself and/or on behalf of my child or legal ward, have been fully warned and advised by Outlaw Ranch, LLC DBA Vail Stables (hereinafter collectively referred to as "VS") that we should wear a properly fitted and secured ASTM/SEI (Equestrian standard) certified helmet while participating in horse riding activities in order to protect against and reduce the severity of potential head trauma that could result in serious injury, including death, as the result of a fall, collision, kick from a horse, or other occurrence associated with horse activities. Against the advice of VS, the guide/instructor, common sense, and VS's insurance company, I (and any Minor for whom I am signing) am refusing to wear a helmet and assuming all risk of injury. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless VS from any and all claims that are brought by, or on behalf of myself, and any listed Minor, as the result of head trauma resulting from participation in any horse activities.

**I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.**

Rider or Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If the rider or participant is a minor:**

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_