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Membership Terms & Conditions

Release and Waiver of Liability

To complete my application, I confirm that I will:

1. **Review the applicable policies and codes available on the Equestrian Australia website, including:**
    - General Regulations
    - Membership Bylaws
    - Code of Conduct
    - Social Media Policy
    - Member Protection Policy
    - Competition, Manipulation and Sport Gambling Policy
    - Safeguarding Children & Young People
    - World Anti-Doping Code

    a. Members are required to comply with all current policies and codes at the time of each membership renewal, together with any updates or amendments made during their membership. Each member is responsible for remaining informed about changes introduced throughout the membership period.
    b. Where a member is under 18 years of age, their parent(s) or carer(s) is also bound by, and must support the member to comply with, these policies, codes, updates and amendments.

2. **I acknowledge and agree that:**
    a. Taking part in horse sports and activities, and equestrian sports and activities, in all of their various disciplines (all of those equestrian and horse sports and activities together the Equestrian Sports) is a dangerous activity and serious INJURY or DEATH may result from participating in Equestrian Sports.
    b. Horses may act in a sudden and unpredictable manner, and Equestrian Australia makes no representations or warranties as to how a horse may act.
    c. I must not, under any circumstances, participate in any EA affiliated Activities whilst under the influence of alcohol or any drug or other substance that may impair my judgment, coordination, reaction time, or physical or cognitive ability to participate safely.
    d. I agree to wear an approved helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times whilst mounted on a horse during Equestrian Australia activities, competitions and/or events or as otherwise required by sport rules. I agree to be bound by the relevant Equestrian Australian Statutes

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and Regulations and FEI Statutes and Regulations relating to protective headgear and approved safety standards.

e. I participate in Equestrian Sports and any event held or managed by Equestrian Australia, or coaching services provided by Equestrian Australia or a member coach (Activities), entirely at my OWN RISK.

3. **I have read, understood and agree to:**
   a. Abide by this Waiver and Release of Liability as well as all FEI Statutes and Regulations; all Equestrian Australia Statutes and Regulations; and all rules, regulations, terms and conditions and policies in force from time to time of any organiser or manager of Activities. Furthermore, I acknowledge and agree that:
   b. The publication of Equestrian Australia's Statutes and Regulations on the EA website is deemed to be sufficient notice to me of the current Equestrian Australia Statutes and Regulations.
   c. The publications of FEI's Statutes and Regulations on the FEI website is deemed to be sufficient notice to me of the current FEI Statutes and Regulations.
   d. Any misconduct (as determined by an Activities organiser in its sole discretion), or refusal by me to follow any direction of an Activities organiser, may result in my immediate disqualification from the Activities and the forfeiting of all fees paid in relation to those Activities.

4. **To the maximum extent permitted by law:**
   a. I waive all legal and equitable rights of action against Equestrian Australia and its officials, volunteers, medical personnel, members, employees, sponsors, promoters, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises on which Activities are held, underwriters, consultants and coaches (Associates), in regard to any claim arising from Activities, whatsoever or howsoever arising.
   b. I fully release and hold harmless Equestrian Australia and its directors, officers, employees and agents (Associates) from all loss, damage, injury, claims or death whatsoever or howsoever arising out of or in relation to the Activities and my participation in Equestrian Sport.

5. **I represent and warrant that:**
   a. in the event that I feel unsafe or unwell in any way, I will immediately advise the relevant Activities organiser or Associates and will immediately cease to participate in the Activities.
   b. I assume full responsibility and liability for any risk of bodily injury, death or property damage arising from participating in the Activities, whatsoever or howsoever arising.

c. If I have any questions or queries about this Waiver and Release of Liability, I have discussed those queries with Equestrian Australia, or otherwise sought my own legal advice and satisfied myself as to those queries, prior to applying for or renewing my membership.
d. I understand that clicking I accept to this document constitutes a complete and unconditional release of Equestrian Australia and its Associates from all liability to the maximum extent allowed by law in the event of me and/or the minor(s) or children under my care suffering injury or death, or any of my property (including horses) suffering damage, injury or death.
e. I have explained the contents of this Waiver and Release of Liability to the minor(s) or children under my care, who in turn confirmed to me their understanding of the terms and effect of this Waiver and Release Liability.

Declaration: I acknowledge that I have read and understood the applicable policies and codes, and I agree to be bound by and comply with them, including any updates or amendments made during my membership. I further acknowledge that I have read and understood the Release and Waiver of Liability and expressly agree to be bound by its terms.

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