

9/28/2020

Greeting Competitors,

By now you have received your finalized ride times and stabling assignments from Sue McKeown, our Show Secretary. They are also posted on the following two webpages:

GMHA Webpage: https://www.gmhainc.org/event_detail/fall-dressage-show-2020/

Horse Show Office: <http://horseshowoffice.com/events.asp>

GROUNDS OPEN ON FRIDAY, OCT 2ND AT NOON – SCHOOLING AVAILABLE UNTIL 6PM on Friday

ENTER THROUGH MAIN ENTRANCE (ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ONLY)

Please have your paperwork ready and signed to hand in as you enter the grounds. For competitors, you need to hand in the VT CoC. For non-riders, you need to hand in the 3- page binder (that includes the VT CoC) attached to this email. Pull all the way up to the booth so as not to back up traffic on rte. 106 (South Rd). You'll receive a wrist band for the weekend to allow you back onto the grounds after each departure. Don't lose it or we'll ask you to sign everything again.

LUNGING arena – located past D barn on the way to Walker Arena

NO SPECTATORS

Please note that spectators are not permitted as per VT State Regulations for gathering size to sporting events and USEF/USDF rules. Do not invite friends or family to attend as they will be turned away at the gate. We are very sorry for this inconvenience. However, we are looking for volunteers if they'd like to help and see you ride at the same time. See details below.

CAMPING IN YOUR TRAILER, TENT OR STALL is NOT permitted at GMHA as mandated by the town of S. Woodstock for this event. Please secure lodging offsite each night.

NO SMOKING/VAPING on grounds or in the barns at any time. You may smoke inside your vehicle.

DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES. Loose dogs will be impounded at the show office and a \$30 get-out-of-puppy-jail fee applies. Please don't leave your dog alone at your stall as they've been known to bark and cause disturbance to those stabled around you.

HAY & SHAVINGS ORDERS

Hay and shavings orders for the entire weekend need to be placed by tonight (Monday, Sept. 28th) through Sue McKeown at suemckeown@charter.net. Deliveries of hay and shavings by GMHA grounds staff is not available once you arrive. So, please get those orders in to Sue this evening. No refunds on unused hay or shavings. Plan to take them home with you. \$10 each for high quality bagged shavings or baled orchard grass hay.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for volunteers. As you know, volunteers are the backbone of the horse shows you attend. Since we are unable to allow spectators due to Covid compliance and USEF rules, please

consider volunteering when you have some down time between rides. Or, if you have friends or loved ones who'd like to see you ride, they can certainly volunteer a shift or two and gain access to the grounds. A shift meal, Dark Horse Chocolates and hours are tracked for year-end GMHA Volunteer Appreciation. Email me at jill@gmhainc.org if interested, or use this link to sign up...

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e45a8aa2aa2fb6-gmha6>

STALL STRIPPING SERVICES

Stall stripping is available on Sunday after your departure. The fee is \$25.00 per stall payable to "Karver Butler" via cash or check. He is a youth volunteer here at GMHA. He and his friends are raising funds to help support their mountain bike team expenses based out of Pine Hill Park in Rutland, VT. Sign up is outside the show office on the porch. There you will find a signup sheet, envelopes to insert your funds and a purple drop box to put them in.

- Stalls not stripped, and not on the signup sheet, will incur a \$50 cleaning fee invoiced by GMHA after the show.

EPIC FOOD TRUCK

Epic Food Truck & Catering Services will be here for walk-up food service all weekend starting at 7am through end of the show each day. Visit Mike to see what he has in store for you this weekend...his food is great!

MASKS ARE REQUIRED "AT ALL TIMES"

Facial coverings/masks are required by everyone "at all times" unless you are riding "a horse." Masks must be worn while riding your bicycle or golf cart. Please help us stay open and continue to offer events in the future by following this rule.

It's going to be chilly, but the foliage is beautiful!! NEW GMHA sweatshirts available for purchase...limited sizes in small through XXL through the GMHA office. See myself or Wendy, our office manager and parking attendant, to make a purchase 😊. Cash, checks payable to GMHA or credit card accepted.

See you at X!

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

TO VERMONT BE SMART, STAY SAFE EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-20

1. I certify that:
 - a. I am a critical worker as defined by the State of Vermont; OR
 - b. I have not left the state of Vermont for any reason except essential travel in the past 14 days; OR
 - c. I have been in a county in CT; MA; MD; ME; NH; NJ; NY; OH; PA; RI; VA; Washington, D.C.; or WV with fewer than 400 active COVID-19 cases per million, as set forth on the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development's website*, and I did not travel to Vermont by air or bus; OR
 - d. I have traveled to Vermont from another state, and I traveled directly from my home in my personal vehicle, and I have completed a 14-day self-quarantine (or a 7-day self-quarantine followed by a negative test result) *in that state*; OR
 - e. I have traveled to Vermont from another state, and I *will complete* a 14-day self-quarantine (or a 7-day self-quarantine followed by a negative test result) *in Vermont* at a lodging establishment or residence, and I acknowledge that I must stay in my quarantine location for the duration of the quarantine.
2. I also certify that, to my knowledge, I have not had close contact within the past 14 days with a person confirmed to have COVID-19.
3. I also certify that I do not currently, and have not had in the past 24 hours, any of the following symptoms:
 - Cough;
 - Difficulty breathing;
 - Fever (feeling feverish or have a measured temperature at or above 100.4°F/38°C);
 - Used a fever reducer (in the past 24 hours, have you used any medicine that reduces fevers?);
 - Chills;
 - Repeated shaking with chills;
 - Muscle pain;
 - Headache;
 - Sore throat;
 - New loss of taste or smell.
4. I also certify that all persons in my care who are under the age of 18 or who are dependent on my care meet the criteria described in items 1–3 above. Please provide a list of the names of all such persons in your care.

5. *By way of this form, I have been informed that out-of-state guests are encouraged to register with the Vermont Department of Health's Sara Alert system* and to provide updates to that system daily.*
6. *I have read and understand this entire Certificate of Compliance and make the above certifications under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

*** For information related to completing this form, visit: accd.vermont.gov/coc**

Dated: _____ in _____, Vermont.

PERSON 1

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

PERSON 2 (FROM SAME HOUSEHOLD; OPTIONAL)

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

HOUSEHOLD CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Instructions to business: Keep this form on file for 30 days.

USEF WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and **Green Mountain Horse Association "GMHA" Events ("USEF Event" or "USEF Events")**; I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors,, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree to be bound and abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of USEF as published in the USEF Rule Book and on the website at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any USEF Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the USEF Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING:

Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A. § 1039.

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the USEF Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any USEF Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any USEF Event.

D. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: In conjunction with my participation in any USEF Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: USEF, USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USEF clubs, members, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any USEF Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the USEF Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a USEF Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (**Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("**Liability**") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the USEF Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any USEF Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim. The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

ROLE AT EVENT (Circle One): Volunteer Parent Support Crew/Groom Trainer/Coach Official/Staff Vendor

Signature _____ **Print Name** _____

Parent/Guardian to sign if Youth under 18 listed above:

Signature _____ **Print Name** _____



Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement

WARNING

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GMHA Event/Activity: _____ **Date(s):** _____

For and in consideration of Green Mountain Horse Association ("GMHA") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a GMHA sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities ("GMHA Event(s)"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any GMHA Event involves risks and dangers including, with-out limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the control of the GMHA Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the GMHA Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any GMHA Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any GMHA Event.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: In conjunction with my participation in any GMHA Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: the Green Mountain Horse Association, Inc. (dba "GMHA") or any of the Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees and Volunteers. I further agree to hold the Green Mountain Horse Association, Inc., the Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, Volunteers and Landowners, the sanctioning/licensing organization (the "Released Parties of Event Organizers") free and harmless from any liability, claims, suits or damages of whatsoever kind or nature that may be occasioned by the horse(s) used by me or the negligence of the person(s) in charge of such horse(s) and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless this organization and individuals against all liability claims, suits, and expenses including attorney fees incurred arising out of any injury to any person or damage to any property caused by me, my horse(s) or attendants. I agree that if any harm occurs to me or my horse or to any equipment that I may use or intend to use, with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the GMHA Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties. I agree that as a condition of acceptance of entry, GMHA may use photographs, videos, and or other likenesses of the participant and horse taken while at GMHA for any reasonable purpose, including accident/incident/injury analysis, promotion, coverage, or the benefit of the event and/or of GMHA. I agree that if I am injured while participating in this event, the Woodstock Emergency Services personnel treating my injuries may provide a description of the accident, a description of the suspected injury, a description of the treatment administered and information about transport to a hospital to GMHA personnel for the purpose of completing the official GMHA Accident/Injury report. This authorization will expire once the information is given to GMHA personnel or at the end of the event, whichever is later.

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SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT STATEMENT: I agree to: 1) Know the rules of my sport and abide by them; 2) Respect and abide by GMHA management's and show officials' decisions; 3) Maintain control of my emotions; 4) Be courteous to all at all times.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS. By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any GMHA Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim. I also, **agree** to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of the entry blank and all terms and provisions of the Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand.

PLEASE CIRCLE:

RIDER / DRIVER / COACH / TRAINER / PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN / SUPPORT PERSON / GROOM / OFFICIAL / STAFF / VENDOR / VOLUNTEER

Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature (for minors under 18): _____
Print Name: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Is participant a U.S. Citizen: Yes No