



## RELEASE WAIVER OF LIABILITY

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN THIS FORM. IF THE PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS, IT IS TO BE SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN, NOT BY THE UNDERAGE PARTICIPANT. ALL PARTICIPANT, PARENT AND GUARDIAN SIGNATURES MUST BE WITNESSED. THE COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETAINED BY MARY VALLEY TRAILBLAZERS INC.

Date of Event:  to

### RISK WARNING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Your participation in horse and recreational events supplied by MARY VALLEY TRAILBLAZERS INC may involve risk. The risks involved may result in personal injury including death. By signing below, you agree to undertake any such risk voluntarily and at your own risk.

### WAIVER

By signing this form, you agree that in relation to all horse and recreational events, MARY VALLEY TRAILBLAZERS INC, including all management committee members, members and volunteers, will not be responsible for the following:

1. Death of persons or animals
2. Physical or mental injury (including the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of such an injury)
3. The contraction of diseases in relation to animals or people

### HORSE HEALTH DECLARATION

I also state that the horse or horses that I will be riding or I have transported to this event are free from any signs of illness or injury today and up to and including 3 days prior to this event.

### DECLARATION OF SIGNATURE

By signing this agreement, I understand that the Recreational Services about to be sold to me, may cause myself and/or my dependents personal injury or death. By signing this agreement, I understand that I and my dependents waive our rights to sue the organisation for losses relating to me or my dependents' personal injury or death that result from any negligence caused by the organisation.

Participant Name (please print):	
Participant Signature:	Date:
Witness Name (please print):	
Witness Signature:	Date:
Witness Address:	

## **RIDERS RESPONSIBILITIES**

Riders are notified of and are expected to abide by the following requirements:

- Their horses must be fit and healthy and suitable for the ride. Any horse deemed to be not fit to ride will not be allowed to participate in the event.
- It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that their equipment is in a safe and satisfactory condition. In the case of persons under the age of 18 years, it is the responsibility of the parent or person acting in that capacity for that ride.
- Do not leave the ride without first notifying the Trail Boss or one of their assistants.
- Be aware of and show consideration towards members who may not be confident and/or have inexperienced horses.
- Pass vehicles, pedestrians or mounted persons at a safe pace.
- Where possible, ride and lunge in enclosed area away from parked vehicles.
- Ensure horses are tied up safely and securely. Never tie a horse up to a float that is not attached to a vehicle.
- Be appropriately attired, including approved safety helmets and riding boots at all times whilst mounted. Boots to be smooth soled and heeled.
- All riders under 18 years must wear approved safety helmets.
- Helmets are recommended for all riders.
- Members to respect and keep a safe distance from other horses.
- No dogs or stallions are permitted on any of the rides conducted by the committee.
- If a horse is unsettled or erratic to the extent that it is affecting the safety of other riders in a group, the member is expected to remove the horse from the situation.
- The rider is to keep their horse out of kicking distance of other horses.
- Abide by the rules and regulations of the committee. Abide by all reasonable directions of ride officials.
- Racing and jumping of logs by riders is strictly prohibited.
- No riders are to use any yards or watering troughs on any property or site unless permission is given by the Trail Boss.
- It is recommended (not compulsory) that horses be vaccinated for the Hendra Virus.
- In case of injury to horse/s, related costs (organised by TRAILBLAZERS) are the responsibility of the rider or owner.

**THESE RULES WILL BE DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY AT THE "SIGN-ON"  
AND WILL BE REFERRED TO IN THE TRAIL BOSSES BRIEFING**