



**AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
FOR 2024 SEASON**

I request permission to participate in cross-country riding and fox hunting with North Country Hounds for the 2024 season. I fully understand that cross-country horseback riding and fox hunting (which includes riding over fences, other obstacles, and steep and rough terrain) are very dangerous activities with many inherent risks, including (i) the propensity of a horse to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the rider, trainer, groom or handler; (ii) the inability to predict a horse's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals; and (iii) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions and riding over unknown terrain where hazards may be hidden by vegetation or development. I accept and assume all the risks of injury (including death) to me or my property.

I agree that I have been fully warned and advised by North Country Hounds that I should wear protective headgear which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI CERTIFIED ASTM STANDARD F 1163 Equestrian Helmet, while riding and working near horses. I understand that the wearing of such headgear while mounting, riding, dismounting and otherwise being near horses, may reduce severity of some of the wearer's head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer's death from happening as the result of a fall from a horse or other occurrences.

In exchange for being permitted to participate in these activities, for myself, my heirs, guardians, and legal representatives, I release and agree not to make or bring any claim of any kind against North Country Hounds, its masters, officers, directors, members, employees, or guests or any landowners, landholders or other persons making property available for North Country Hounds for any injury (including death), to me or any damage to my property whether from anyone's negligence or not, or any other cause, arising out of my participation in these dangerous horseback riding, fox hunting or related activities; and I also agree if anyone makes any claims because of any injury to me (including death), or for any damage to my property, I will keep all those released by this agreement free from any damages or costs because of these claims.

The use of cell phones in the field is limited to emergencies. No video cameras are allowed without permission of the Masters. No pictures or videos concerning NCH may be posted on any social media site without the Master's permission.

Upon receipt of this agreement, and the payment of capping fees, the below named rider may participate in cross-country riding and fox hunting with The North Country Hounds subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Signature: _____ Printed Name and date: _____

If rider is a minor, Signature of parent: _____

Printed name and date: _____

If parent is not riding in the field with the minor a responsible, riding adult must be assigned to the minor.

the minor. Signature of responsible riding adult: _____

Printed name and date: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Contact Telephone: _____