



ETOWAH RIDING CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Etowah Riding Club (ERC) is non-profit organization, founded in 1966. The ERC hosts 2 large open horse shows per year, along with several other specialized horse shows & events in cooperation with families, individuals, and local businesses in our community. The Etowah Riding Club is for all who have an interest in equine activities and education. All equine riding disciplines are welcome.

All ERC members are expected to abide by the **Rules and By-Laws**, including **Arena Use Rules**, on record for this organization. You can find the Rules and By-Laws on our website at: www.etowahridingclub.com

Membership fees are due January 1st of each year and are good through December 31st, of the same year. The ERC has two membership categories used for Individuals & Households:

Active Membership: \$30 per year for individuals or households who meet the required minimum of 10 hours of volunteer time and attend 4 meetings a year (ideally one per quarter). Volunteer time is earned by working at our shows and events, ground maintenance work days, setting up for shows and/or events.

Recreational Membership: \$150 for individuals or households per year and allows the use of the arena without doing the volunteer hours, however, attending a minimum of 3 meetings per year is required.

The meetings are generally held on the third weekend of each month with some exceptions due to holidays or club events and are announced on the ERC Facebook Page and under Membership on the ERC website. These meetings are used for educational presentations, horse show and event planning, and for fun/social gatherings.

The ERC Arena shall not be used for personal gain, i.e. giving or participating in lessons/training for money. Use of the arena lights and water access are reserved for club activities and events. Riders under the age of 17 years old must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult. Members are required to sign a Waiver of Liability form when paying their yearly membership fee.

Our annual show calendar will be announced in the fall of the previous year in order for members to save a few dates to help with our fundraiser events. As a non-profit, and low membership fee organization, we rely on volunteers and sponsors for our

shows in order to pay for the grounds lease, facility upkeep, and overhead for hosting budget friendly educational equine events.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Ph.#: _____ Email: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Active Membership for Individual _____

Active Membership for Household _____ # of Family Members _____

Volunteer Interest:

Fall/Spring Open Shows _____ Specialized clinics/shows _____

Sponsoring/Finding Sponsors _____ Grounds Maintenance _____

Show Set ups _____ Other, _____

List: _____

Recreational Membership Individual _____ Household _____ # of Family Members _____

Date Paid: _____ Payment Type _____

I, _____ attest to having read and agreed to the rules as stated by the ERC Rules and By-Laws and Arena Use on record for this organization.

Make checks payable to: Etowah Riding Club @ Post Office Box 93 Etowah, NC 28729.
PayPal at the following link : paypal.me/theetowahridingclub

If you pay via Paypal, still mail or email your membership and waiver of liability form! EtowahRidingClub@gmail.com

ETOWAH RIDING CLUB—WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of the risk of injury while participating in Etowah Riding Club Horse Shows (the "Activity"), and as consideration for the right to participate in the Activity, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, or personal representatives, knowingly and voluntarily enter into this waiver and release of liability and hereby waive any and all rights, claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever arising out of my participation in the Activity, and do hereby release and forever discharge Etowah Riding Club, located at Brickyard Rd, Etowah, North Carolina 28792, their affiliates, managers, members, agents, attorneys, staff, volunteers, heirs, representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns, for any physical or psychological injury, including but not limited to illness, paralysis, death, damages, economical or emotional loss, that I may suffer as a direct result of my participation in the aforementioned Activity, including traveling to and from an event related to this Activity.

I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTIVITY AND I AM PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY ENTIRELY AT MY OWN RISK. I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAVELING TO AND FROM AS WELL AS PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY, PAIN, SUFFERING, ILLNESS, DISFIGUREMENT, TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT DISABILITY (INCLUDING PARALYSIS), ECONOMIC OR EMOTIONAL LOSS, AND

DEATH. I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE INJURIES OR OUTCOMES MAY ARISE FROM MY OWNOR OTHERS' NEGLIGENCE, CONDITIONS RELATED TO TRAVEL, OR THE CONDITION OF THE ACTIVITY LOCATION(S). NONETHELESS, I ASSUME ALL RELATED RISKS, BOTH KNOWN OR UNKNOWN TO ME, OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY, INCLUDING TRAVEL TO,

FROM AND DURING THIS ACTIVITY. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Etowah Riding Club against any and all claims, suits or actions of any kind whatsoever for liability, damages, compensation or otherwise brought by me or anyone on my behalf, including attorney's fees and any related costs, if litigation arises pursuant to any claims made by me or by anyone else acting on my behalf. If Etowah Riding Club incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse Etowah Riding Club. I acknowledge that Etowah Riding Club and their directors, officers, volunteers, representatives and agents are not responsible for errors, omissions, acts or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific event or activity on behalf of Etowah Riding Club. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS ACTIVITY MAY INVOLVE A TEST OF A PERSON'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL LIMITS AND MAY CARRY WITH IT THE POTENTIAL FOR DEATH, SERIOUS INJURY, AND PROPERTY LOSS. The risks may include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain,

facilities, temperature, weather, lack of hydration, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic and actions of others, including but not limited to, participants, volunteers, spectators, coaches, event officials and event monitors, and/or producers of the event. I ACKNOWLEDGE

THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS "WAIVER AND RELEASE" AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I EXPRESSLY AGREE TO RELEASE AND DISCHARGE Etowah Riding Club AND ALL OF ITS AFFILIATES, MANAGERS, MEMBERS, AGENTS, ATTORNEYS, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, HEIRS, REPRESENTATIVES, PREDECESSORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION AND I AGREE TO VOLUNTARILY GIVE UP OR WAIVE ANY RIGHT THAT I

OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING A LEGAL ACTION AGAINST Etowah Riding Club FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

To the extent that statute or case law does not prohibit releases for negligence, this release is also for negligence on the part of Etowah Riding Club, its agents, and employees. In the event that I should require medical care or treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance. In the event that any damage to equipment or facilities occurs as a result of my or my family's willful actions, neglect or recklessness, I acknowledge and agree to be held liable for any and all costs associated with any actions of neglect or recklessness. This Agreement was entered into at arm's-length, without duress or coercion, and is to be interpreted as an agreement between two parties of equal bargaining strength. Both the participant, _____, and Etowah Riding Club agree that this Agreement is clear and unambiguous as to its terms, and that no other evidence will be used or admitted altering or explain the terms of this Agreement, but that it will be interpreted based on the language in accordance with the purposes for which it is entered into. In the event that any provision contained within this Release of Liability shall be deemed to be severable or invalid, or if any term, condition, phrase or portion of this agreement shall be determined to be unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect, so long as the clause severed does not affect the intent of the parties. If a court should find that any provision of this agreement to be invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting said provision it would become valid and enforceable, then said provision shall be deemed to be written, construed and enforced as so limited. In the event of an emergency, please contact the following person(s) in the order presented:

Emergency

Contact _____

Contact Relationship _____

Contact Telephone _____

I, the undersigned participant, affirm that I am of the age of 18 years or older, and that I am freely signing this agreement. I certify that I have read this agreement, that I fully understand its content and that this release cannot be modified orally. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract and that I am signing it of my own free will.

Participant's
Name _____

Participant's
Address _____

Signature:

Date:

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PARENT / GUARDIAN WAIVER FOR MINORS

In the event that the participant is under the age of consent (18 years of age), then this release must be signed by a parent or guardian, as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of _____, named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this individual.

Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Relationship
to Minor: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____