

**THE GRANITE STATE CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION** (a New Hampshire Nonprofit Corporation)

*NOTE: GSCA requires ALL minors (under 18) to wear helmets.*

PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO COMPLETE— **PLEASE PRINT: Minor Date of Birth**\_\_\_\_\_

Participating MINOR Name(s):\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s):\_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s):\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

GSCA Member?: **NEW**[] **Current**[] **RENEWING NOW**[] **Guest/passenger only**[]

Event Location:\_\_\_\_\_ Host(s):\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact:\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

I [] have [] do NOT have health/accident insurance that will cover my child in the event of an injury.

Health Insurance Co.:\_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ ALL:**

I have made no misrepresentation to The Granite State Carriage Association (“GSCA”) and the Host(s) of this event regarding my name, address, age, riding/driving ability, health insurance or any other information that was requested. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless GSCA and its members, officers, directors, volunteers, agents, and the landowners over whose property this drive/ride might take place, and the Host(s) of this event for any loss or damage, including any that result from claims for personal injury or property damage related to the use of my horse (and carriage). I understand that this Release shall remain in effect during the entire drive/ride and that this Release shall apply to any and all activities that I may do connected with said drive/ride, whether on or behind a horse or not. I also understand that this drive/ride may be in areas not easily accessible in the event of an emergency and that a considerable delay may occur before anyone becomes aware that I need assistance and before assistance can arrive.

I understand and am aware that carriage driving and horseback riding is **INHERENTLY A HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY AND DESPITE THE BEST INTENTIONS OF THE GSCA, THE LANDOWNERS, AND THE HOST(S) OF THIS EVENT, ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN.** I

understand that the above activities and the use of horses involves a risk of injury to any and all parts of my body, dismemberment, or death. I realize that wearing a helmet can reduce the chances of serious head injury. I further understand that this Release applies to any accident or injury that may occur at this event, whether connected to horses or not.

Having read the above paragraphs and understanding them, I hereby release the GSCA and its members, officers, directors, volunteers, agents, and the landowners over whose property this drive/ride might take place, and the Host(s) of this event FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES AND PERSONAL INJURY TO MYSELF OR ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE GSCA, THE LANDOWNERS, AND THE HOST(S) OF THE EVENT, TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, NEGLIGENCE IN TRAIL CONDITION, ROAD AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, AND THE ACTIONS OF OTHER HORSES OR INDIVIDUALS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE GSCA, THE LANDOWNERS, AND THE HOST(S) OF THIS EVENT, accepting to myself full responsibility for any and all damages or injury of any kind which may result from the inherent dangers involved in being in the presence of horses or at this event.

I agree that there have been no warranties, expressed or implied, which have been made to me which extend beyond a general description of the route. I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have carefully read this Release of Liability and I understand its contents.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY SIGNATURE BELOW EXPRESSLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHTS I HAVE TO SUE THE GSCA, OR ANY MEMBER, OFFICER, DIRECTOR, VOLUNTEER, OR AGENT THEREOF, THE LANDOWNER OVER WHOSE PROPERTY THIS DRIVE/RIDE MIGHT TAKE PLACE, OR THE HOST(S) OF THIS EVENT FOR ANY AND ALL INJURIES, DAMAGES OR OTHER DETRIMENTAL RESULTS THAT MAY OCCUR WHILE I AM AT THIS EVENT EVEN IF SAID INJURY, DAMAGE OR OTHER DETRIMENTAL RESULT IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE GSCA, THE LANDOWNERS, OR THE HOST(S) OF THE EVENT.

***FOR MINOR:***

I CERTIFY THAT I AM THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ AND THAT I HAVE READ THE ABOVE RELEASE FROM LIABILITY WITH MY CHILD. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY SIGNATURE BELOW EXPRESSLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHTS I HAVE TO SUE THE GSCA, OR ANY MEMBER, OFFICER, DIRECTOR, VOLUNTEER, OR AGENT THEREOF, OR LANDOWNERS OVER WHOSE PROPERTY THIS DRIVE/RIDE MIGHT TAKE PLACE, OR THE HOST(S) OF THIS EVENT FOR ANY AND ALL INJURIES, DAMAGES, OR OTHER DETRIMENTAL RESULTS THAT MAY OCCUR TO MY CHILD WHILE AT THIS EVENT. I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY FOR ANY AND ALL COSTS, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES, THAT THE GSCA, ANY MEMBER, OFFICER, DIRECTOR, VOLUNTEER, OR AGENT THEREOF, OR LANDOWNERS OR HOST(S) MAY INCUR SHOULD MY CHILD EVER MAKE ANY CLAIMS AGAINST THE GSCA, THE LANDOWNERS OR THE HOST(S).

**BY PARTICIPATING IN THE ABOVE DRIVE/RIDE, I REPRESENT TO THE SPONSOR OF THIS DRIVE/RIDE THAT I AM QUALIFIED TO DRIVE/RIDE IN THIS EVENT AND THAT I HAVE THE APPROPRIATE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE GSCA COVID - 19 ACTION PLAN**

**FOUND AT:** <https://www.granitestatecarriage.org/images/Uploads/Covid19ActionPlan.pdf>

Parent/Guardian Initials \_\_\_\_\_ *MORE.....*

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[WITNESS] I have advised \_\_\_\_\_ that this document is a Release of Liability and have checked to make sure that he/she had read the document and understands the nature of the document and that he/she is signing this document of his/her own volition.

WITNESS SIGN FOR Granite State Carriage Association:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ADDENDUM**

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**ATTENTION - STATE LIABILITY LAWS!**

**Under NEW HAMPSHIRE Law, a Participant in Equine Activities Assumes the Risk of Any Injury, Harm, Damage, or Death and Any Legal Responsibility That May Occur to Participant Resulting From the Inherent Risks Associated With Equine Activities.** Pursuant to R.S.A. 508:19, equine professionals are not liable for damages resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

**Under MAINE Law, an Equine Professional Has Limited Liability for an Injury or Death Resulting From the Inherent Risks of Equine Activities.** [1999, c. 498 §5(new).]

**Under MASSACHUSETTS Law, an Equine Professional is Not Liable for an Injury to, or the Death of, a Participant in Equine Activities Resulting From the Inherent Risks of Equine Activities.** Pursuant to Section 2D of Chapter 128 of the General Laws.

**Under VERMONT Law, an Equine Activity Sponsor is Not Liable for an 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.

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