

**PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE UNITED STATES TROTTING ASSOCIATION
STANDARD BRED DRIVING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

I, _____, have chosen to participate in the USTA Standardbred Driving School and its related horse activities. I understand that this participation will involve contact with horses and may give rise to a risk of physical injury.

I am aware that:

- A. Horses have a tendency to behave in ways, which may result in injury, death, or loss to drivers, or other persons in the immediate vicinity;
- B. Horses may react in an unpredictable way to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- C. Drivers of a horse may give rise to a risk of injury from hazards arising from the surface or subsurface of the ground/racetrack in which these driving activities occur;
- D. While in the vicinity of a horse or while driving a horse, I may be involved in a collision with another horse, another animal, a person, or an object;
- E. Other participants in the school may fail to maintain control over a horse or act within their abilities, thus causing harm to me or other participants; and
- F. Other participants in the school may act in a negligent manner, which could result in harm to me.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the USTA Standardbred Driving School activities and the use of services and facilities made available through these Driving School activities, I do release and forever discharge for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, the United States Trotting Association (USTA) USTA Standardbred Driving School faculty and staff, professionals and volunteers, from all claims, demands, and causes of action for personal injury or any other damage which may arise out of or be in any way related to my participation in this activity or program.

I understand that if I am a minor child, eighteen (18) years or younger, my parent or legal guardian is required to read and sign this form.

As a parent or guardian I have discussed with my child the need to behave in a safe manner. I will make sure that my child wears appropriate clothing and footwear during horse activities.

As a parent or guardian, I grant permission for my child to participate in any horse activity despite the possible risks. I recognize that by participating in these activities, as with any physical activity, my child may risk personal injury. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in these activities, and that I assume responsibility for any expense that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expense.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(student)

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(parent or guardian, if under 18 years of age)

Under Ohio law, Section 2305.40 of the Revised Code, an equine activity sponsor, professional, volunteer, participant or other person is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in the equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.