

Dear Sponsor,

This is a release from liability form for all participants. Please make as many copies as necessary. **Every participant must fill out this form if they intend to participate in the Buckeye Donkey Ball Race. All participants must be at least sixteen years of age in order to participate.** Sixteen and seventeen year olds must have a parent or guardian signature present on this form. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT A SIGNED RELEASE. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND AN INSTRUCTIONAL MEETING APPROX. 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START OF THE RACE. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST TURN IN A SIGNED RELEASE FORM AT THE INSTRUCTIONAL MEETING. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

RIDING INSTRUCTIONS

When attempting to mount the donkey, hold on to the rein and please mount from either side, but never from the rear. Stay away from the rear end at all times. Once mounted, sit in the middle of the donkeys back or up front towards its shoulders, never sit back towards the rear or on the donkey's hips. You could fall backwards and land on your back or head. Hold on to the rein as much as possible and ALWAYS WHILE MOUNTING.

To steer the donkey, be sure the rein is looped properly over the head. Turn the head in the direction you wish to go by pulling on the rein on that side. These donkeys do not neck rein, but straight rein. Pull the rein back to stop and say "whoa". **DO NOT pull the donkey's hair or ears. Abuse of our donkeys will not be tolerated. Anyone who mistreats the donkeys will be immediately ejected from the event.**

Each donkey is selected for its ability to buck, duck, walk, run, or lay down. Each donkey is different. Be advised that YOU MAY FALL OFF, BE BUCKED OFF, OR DUCKED OFF YOUR DONKEY. This is a part of the show. Therefore, if you have any previous injury, we ask you not to participate for your own protection. Most of these donkeys don't bite, but do not take a chance. Please keep your hands out of its mouth. All donkeys can kick with their rear legs, so be cautious of the rear end. Approach from the front. Hold on to the rein as much as possible.

The object of the show is to have fun and action without injuries. **DO NOT PUSH OR PULL ANYONE OFF A DONKEY. ABUSING THE DONKEYS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN ANY WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM.** Remember to have fun. If you are going to fall off your donkey try to make it look good!

OFFICIAL BUCKEYE DONKEY BALL RACING RULES

1. Participants must lead their own donkey to the starting line.
2. Participants must stay dismounted until the race is officially started.
3. Participants must hold on to the rein while mounting.
4. Participants must ride or make a determined effort to ride their donkey around the race course.
5. Participants must not change donkeys with another participant during the race.
6. Participants who lose the rein of their donkey must regain control before attempting to mount their donkey.
7. Buckeye Donkey Ball is not responsible for accidents to participants or spectators. You enter this arena at your own risk.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: Hancock County Agriculture Society
SHOW DATE: August 28, 2019
PERSON IN CHARGE: Thomas Harmon
SHOW SITE: Findlay, Ohio

WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELEASE:

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ, OR HAVE BEEN READ, AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND RIDING INSTRUCTIONS OF BUCKEYE DONKEY BALL RACES. I HEREBY RELEASE AND DISCHARGE THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION, BUCKEYE DONKEY BALL LLC, AND ANY AND ALL ASSOCIATES OF ANY AND ALL DAMAGES, DEMANDS, OR ACTIONS WHATSOEVER, WHICH MAY ARISE OR GROW OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS RACE. I ATTEST AND VERIFY THAT I HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THIS EVENT, AND THAT I AM WILLING TO PARTICIPATE.

PRINT NAME: _____

AGE (REQUIRED): _____
(MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE)

SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

Ohio Equine Activity Liability Act stipulates that an equine professional is not liable for damages that an equine activity participant allegedly sustains during an equine activity, which resulted from the inherent risks of equine activities. "Inherent risk of an equine activity" means a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine.
- The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals.
- Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions.
- A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object.
- The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

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