



2026 Rodeo Local Participant/Volunteer Waiver

Participation/Volunteer Liability Policy

In consideration of being allowed to participate, in any way, in the horse event or activities indicated above and / or being permitted to enter, for any purpose, any restricted area (herein defined as any area wherein admittance to the general public is prohibited), the parent(s) and or legal guardian(s) of the minor participant named below agree: The parent(s) and or legal guardian(s) will instruct the minor participant that prior to participating in the above horse activity or event he or she should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if he or she believes anything is unsafe, the participant should immediately advise the officials of such condition and refuse to participate. I/we fully understand and acknowledge that:

- There are risks and dangers associated with participation in horse events and activities which could result in bodily injury, partial and or total disability, and paralysis and death. The social and economic losses and /or damages, which could result from those risks and dangers described above, could be severe. These risks and dangers may be caused by the actions, inaction or negligence of the participant or the action, inaction or negligence of others including, but not limited to, the “Releases” name below. There may be other risks not known to the Sponsors or the County, or are not reasonably foreseeable. Participants assume all risks.
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Equine Liability Policy

I understand that participation in the *Ouray County Rodeo Association ~Rodeo Events* may involve contact with trained and untrained horses and may result in physical injuries. I have had prior experience with horses and I am aware that:

- Horses have a propensity to behave in ways which may result in injury, death, or loss to rider or other persons in the immediate vicinity. Horses may react in an unpredictable way to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals. Riding a horse may give rise to risk of injury from hazards arising from the surface or subsurface of the ground in which the riding activity occurs. While riding a horse, I may be involved in a collision with another horse, another animal, a person, or an object. Other participants in the program may fail to maintain control over a horse or fail to act within their abilities, thus causing harm to other participants or myself/my horse. Other participants in the program may act in a negligent manner which otherwise may result in harm to myself/ my horse. I agree to observe all safety procedures set forth by the *Ouray County Rodeo Association ~ Rodeo Events* and I will wear safety headgear and appropriate footwear while participating in *Equine Activities*.
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Waiver of Liabilities

I/We accept and assume such risk and responsibility for the losses and/or damages following such injury, disability, paralysis or death, however caused and whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the “Releases” named below. I/We hereby, release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the promoter, participants, Ouray County, Ouray County Fairgrounds, Town of Ridgway, sanctioning organization, sponsor, advertisers, owners, lessees of premises used to conduct the event and each of them, their officers, agent, and employees, all for the purpose herein referred to as “Releasees”, from all liability to the undersigned, my/our personal representatives, assigns, executors, heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of any injury, including but not limited to the death of

the participant or damaged to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the “Releasees” or otherwise. On behalf of the participant and individually, the undersigned parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) for the minor participant executes this Waiver and Release. If, despite the release, the participant makes a claim against any of the “Releasees”, the parent(s)/ and or legal guardians(s) will reimburse the “Releasees” and their insuring company for any money which they have paid to the participant, or on his behalf, and hold them harmless.

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Participants Code of Conduct

Events held on the Ouray County Fairgrounds each year are for the benefit of our community and the Ouray County Rodeo Association. The Fairgrounds and Ouray County Rodeo Association, provides participants with opportunities to learn and improve their horsemanship skills, to represent Ouray County in events, act as role models for other area youth, and raise community awareness of equine events. Because the adult members of the community are directly responsible for setting an example for our youth, it is also necessary for adults involved with the Ouray County Rodeo Association, whether as parents or in some other capacity, to conduct themselves in a way that will set a good example. In order to insure that our youth are given a positive example at any event, all adults attending the Ouray County Fairgrounds for any reason will:

- Conduct themselves in a mature, courteous and respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit honesty, good sportsmanship and act as a positive role model.
- Provide a safe competitive environment, free of physical, verbal or mental abuse.
- Abstain from the use of alcohol during any non-commercial events and illegal drugs at any time.
- Respect the rights and authority of the event sponsor, and their supervisors, members, and volunteers.
- Accept responsibility for behavior and respect all property on the Fairgrounds.

Conduct not in keeping with these standards will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action.

I/WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVERS, UNDERSTAND THAT I/WE GIVE UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS AND SIGN THIS VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT INDUCEMENT.

Participant's Printed Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Participant's Signature (if over 18): _____

Parent's Signature (if under 18): _____