

# Today's Horse West Fest NVRHA Clinic & Competition Release & Waiver of Liability (Friday & Saturday Events - One Per Rider)

**Entries due by June 10, 2009 - Waiver must accompany entry forms.**

**Location:** Besler's Cadillac Ranch, St. Onge, SD

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**Send Entries To:** Today's Horse West Fest

c/o Today's Horse Magazine, PO Box 539, Rapid City, SD 57709 or fax to 605-716-7669

## Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk

The National Versatility Ranch Horse Association, Huether Publishing dba Today's Horse, and Besler's Cadillac Ranch sponsoring participant's riding in clinics and competition are neither the insurers nor the guarantors of safety of this event and do not assume responsibility for safety of participants, volunteers, or any other persons engaged in the implementation of an event, or of any third persons, including spectators.

### IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISK OF INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY.

As a condition of participation in the NVRHA Program and in consideration of being allowed to participate, the Participant, together with his or her parents or guardian if under the age of 18 years, agrees and acknowledges:

1. To obey all rules of the NVRHA Program and the directions of the clinicians, judges, and other representatives of the NVRHA organization which sponsors an event.
2. To assume risk of serious injury and/or property damage arising from known or unforeseeable causes, and releases and discharges the NVRHA and its subsidiaries and affiliated entities, and the ranch of organization, the event, their officers, directors, representatives, and employees, from any and all liability, whenever or however arising as to injury or property damage, occurring as a result of participation in an NVRHA event.
3. Warrants and represents that he or she is a qualified and experienced horseman, adequate to both, (a) safely handle Participant's horse in a manner to protect Participant and other Participants, and (b) participate with groups of riders and horses, such as to take adequate defensive action to avoid injury from third party riders and horses.
4. That it is his or her personal responsibility to ascertain the adequacy of training and experience of Participant and his or her horse for the event and to conduct himself or herself in a manner such as to make the event safe and enjoyable for the undersigned, and all participants.
5. As reciprocal assistance to NVRHA for privilege of membership, participation in approved events, the NVRHA may use any photograph or other form of likeness reproductions of a member, event participant, horse owner or their horses, and registered equine name to promote NVRHA objectives and activities including, but not limited to, use by third parties with authorization from NVRHA.

Under South Dakota 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 § 42-11-2.

PARTICIPANT HEREBY AFFIRMS THAT HE OR SHE HAS CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE FOREGOING RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND THAT NVRHA AND THE OTHER BENEFICIARIES OF THIS RELEASE ARE RELYING ON THIS RECITATION AS A CONDITION OF ALLOWING PARTICIPATION IN NVRHA'S PROGRAM, AND ON PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE AS AFFIRMING THIS UNDERSTANDING.

Please Print Clearly

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR PARENTS OF MINOR AGE PARTICIPANT

This is to certify that I as a parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release and assumption of risk as provided above and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless NVRHA and other organizations its sponsoring participant's, from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in the NVRHA event as provided above.

Please Print Clearly

Name of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The South Dakota State Veterinarian can request spot checks, anywhere, anytime. Health papers are required, even when transporting horses in-state. Coggins and brand papers are required on any horse coming from out-of-state.