

# Rincon Riders Inc. and/or Sonoma County Driving and Riding Club Inc.

## Membership Application

**Check one or both:**

\_\_\_\_\_ The Sonoma County Driving and Riding Club Inc. (SCDRC) is a 501(c)(7) social club which owns, operates, and maintains the SCDRC clubhouse located at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds and has an agreement from the Board of Supervisors for the use of the land. The SCDRC has a variety of trail rides and social events.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Rincon Riders Inc. (RR) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization that owns and operates the Rincon Riders Arena located on Saddle Club Lane in Rincon Valley. RR hosts events and its members enjoy use of the arena. RR, according to its Articles of Incorporation Section II (2)(a), has a specific and primary purpose to conduct a schooling program, designed to improve abilities in the area of handling, riding, care for, feeding, and their general knowledge concerning breeds of horses and the adaptability of such breeds to specific tasks and, in this connection, to conduct competitive examination, all for the purpose of developing skills in horsemanship and desire to become more proficient therein. Additionally, according to Section II (2)(b), the general purposes and powers include: encouraging, giving aid and support to horse activities including shows and competitions, memorial funds, and horse-related facility acquisition and maintenance.

**Primary Member**

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: (both must sign and initial liability release, see reverse side)

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Minor Children**

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

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

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

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

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

Applicants will be invited to attend a meeting to tell us about yourself and attend an event to demonstrate horsemanship before approval by the board of directors.

# SONOMA COUNTY DRIVING AND RIDING CLUB AND/OR THE RINCON RIDERS INC.

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I, the undersigned, am either a member of the Sonoma County Driving and Riding Club (hereinafter referred to as "SCDRC"), the Rincon Riders Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "RR"), or both, and/or wish to be a participant, volunteer, or observer in functions, activities, or events sponsored by, or in which SCDRC and/or RR participates. I acknowledge I have voluntarily requested for myself, or on behalf of my minor children, to participate, volunteer, or observe in functions, activities, or events sponsored by, or in which SCDRC and/or RR participates. I acknowledge the functions, activities, and events take place in many different locations, including but not limited to a variety of arenas and upon open trails, parking facilities, roads, and/or natural locations including but not limited to beaches, pastures, or other unimproved natural open space areas. I am aware horses are animals that can be excitable, unpredictable, and difficult to control, and my participation in, volunteering at, or observing any function or event involving horses in which SCDRC and/or RR participates is a hazardous activity. I am aware I, my family, or my minor child, could be seriously injured or killed in participating, volunteering, or observing activities or events sponsored by, or in which, SCDRC and/or RR participates. My property could be damaged. Such injury or damage could occur due to my negligence or the negligence of others, or could result from the inherently hazardous nature of the activity I or my children are choosing to undertake. I nevertheless hereby accept and assume any and all risks of damage, injury, or death to me, my family, or to my child, or property and acknowledge my assumption of such risk with my initials: \_\_\_\_\_ As consideration for my or my minor children being permitted by SCDRC and/or RR to participate, volunteer, or observe in functions, activities, or events sponsored by, or in which, SCDRC and/or RR participates, on behalf of myself, my minor children, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, I hereby release and discharge the SCDRC and/or RR, its officers, employees, agents, and all individual members of SCDRC and/or RR, their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and property owners whose land we may traverse or facilities we may use (including their respective agents and employees), from any and all claims and/or liability for damages, including but not limited to injury or death that might be sustained by me, my horse(s), my family, including my minor children, and/or damage to my personal property. I further agree that I, my minor children, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns will not make a claim against, sue, or attach any party released under this agreement. I further agree to defend, indemnify, SCDRC and/or RR, its officers, employees, and all individual members of the SCDRC and/or RR, their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns against all claims, demands, causes of action, or other proceedings brought by me, or prosecuted for my benefit or the benefit of my family or minor children, including court costs and actual attorney fees. This Release shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement, including without limitation for death or injury to me, my minor children, or property, shall be heard and resolved in Sonoma County, California, which shall be the sole venue for such dispute. I further agree that any such dispute shall be resolved by binding arbitration pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1280 et seq., including discovery rights of section 1283.1 and 1283.05. The prevailing party in any dispute shall be entitled to recover all attorney's fees and costs from the non-prevailing party. I have carefully read this release and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between me and SCDRC and/or RR and I sign it on behalf of myself and my minor children, of my own free will.

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Print Name or Parent / Guardian of Minor Child(ren)

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Name(s) of Minor Child(ren)

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