

****WAIVER OF LIABILITY INSTRUCTIONS****
VERY IMPORTANT-PLEASE READ

- THE ATTACHED FORM IS A COMBINED RELEASE FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER AND/OR PERMISSION SLIP FORM.
- ALL RIDERS MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY PRE-RACE MEETING WITH OUR UNIT MANAGER 1 HOUR BEFORE SHOWTIME.
- PLEASE MAKE AS MANY COPIES AS NEEDED AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL RIDERS **3-4 DAYS BEFORE THE SHOW DATE AS RIDERS UNDER 18 REQUIRE A PARENT'S SIGNATURE.**
- NO ONE, ADULT OR STUDENT, MAY PARTICIPATE WITHOUT SIGNING THIS FORM.
- IT IS **YOUR** RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE ALL RIDERS HAVE THE WAIVER OF LIABILITY AN ADEQUATE TIMEFRAME-DAYS BEFORE THE SHOW IN ORDER TO GAIN PROPER SIGNATURES- SUCH AS THOSE UNDER 18 WHO NEED THEIR PARENT'S SIGNATURE.
- **DO NOT CUT SIGNATURE PORTION OFF OF WAIVER.** LEAVE ENTIRE PAGE INTACT.

DAIRYLAND DONKEY BALL, LLC RESERVES THE RIGHT NOT TO PERFORM IF THE FORMS ARE NOT RECEIVED BY UNIT MANAGER THE DAY OF THE SHOW.

Important Rider Rules:

Minimum age for participants is 16 years, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Those under 18 require a parent's signature on waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS.

All riders must weigh less than 225lbs. NO EXCEPTIONS.

We cannot and will not perform if your riders are too heavy. It is YOUR responsibility to select riders that are UNDER the 225lb weight limit.

There must be an array of weights on each team. To make it easier for us to put heavier riders on donkeys that are large enough to carry them, we ask that you have no more than 2 riders per team whose weight fall between 200 – 225 pounds.

Riders should be in good health and physically fit.

Rider attire: Tennis shoes/boots. No spurs. No sandals. Long pants are best.
Helmets will be provided as well as jockey numbers.

THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH US TO KEEP OUR DONKEYS AND YOUR RIDERS SAFE BY FOLLOWING THESE IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS!

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FORM for all participants of legal age and/or a PERMISSION SLIP for any participant under legal age. It must be signed by each participant or their legal guardian if they intend to participate in the Dairyland Donkey Ball, LLC Show. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT A SIGNED RELEASE. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND AN INSTRUCTIONAL MEETING 1 HOUR PRIOR TO THE SHOW. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST TURN-IN THE 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 of the donkey. Stay away from the rear at all times. Sit in the middle of the donkey's back or up front towards its shoulders, never sit back towards the rear or on the donkey's hips. You could fall backward and land on your back or head. Hold onto the rein as much as possible and **ALWAYS WHILE MOUNTING.**

To steer the donkey, be sure the rein is looped over the head and turn the head in the direction you wish to go by pulling the rein on that side. If the donkey does not turn in the desired direction, pull a little harder. The donkeys DO NOT neck rein, but straight rein. Pull the rein back to stop and say "whoa" and if you are lucky your donkey will stop! DO NOT pull the donkey's hair. IT NOT ONLY CAUSES PREMATURE BALDNESS BUT CAN CAUSE THE DONKEY TO RUN FASTER AND/OR BUCK HARDER.

Each donkey is selected for its ability to buck, duck, walk, or run. Each is different. Be advised that **YOU MAY FALL OFF, BE BUCKED OFF OR DUCKED OFF YOUR DONKEY AT ANY TIME** and this is part of the race. Therefore, if you have a previous injury, we ask you not to ride for your own protection. Most of the donkeys do not bite but do not take a chance, keep your hands away from their mouths. All donkeys can kick with their rear legs so be cautious of the rear end. Approach from the front. Hold onto the rein as much as possible. All participants are required to wear a protective baseball helmet provided to you by Dairyland Donkey Ball, LLC. Chin straps are required to be fastened.

The object of this show is to have fun without injuries. DO NOT PUSH OR PULL ANYONE OFF A DONKEY. Abusing the donkeys or other players will not be tolerated. The referee may cheat to keep the show exciting and the race close but it is all done only to entertain the spectators.

OFFICIAL DAIRYLAND DONKEY BALL, LLC "CELEBRITY" DONKEY RACES RULES:

- Individual rider may not weigh more than 225 pounds. This rule is strictly enforced for donkey safety, we will not allow you to ride if you are over 225 lbs, please notify sponsor you cannot ride immediately.**
- Players must not turn their donkeys loose at any time.
- At the sound of the whistle, players must mount their donkeys and RIDE to the end of the racing field.
- Players MUST NOT pull hair, ears or tails of donkeys or each other. Use caution when catching a donkey and please stay off his rear end at all times.
- Please do not push or pull anyone from their donkey.
- Players are advised to wear baseball helmets provided by Dairyland Donkey Ball, LLC and any other available padding that isn't already built in.
- Unless a sanitation crew is arranged for, each player is responsible for his own donkey and a broom and shovel will be handy at all times.
- The Dairyland Donkey Ball, LLC or the sponsor are not responsible for accidents to players or spectators. You enter this (facility / arena / track) at your own risk.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: **Butler County Fair**

DATE of RACES: **Thursday, September 28, 2023** MANDATORY PRE- RACE MEETING: **5:30 PM**

PERSON IN CHARGE: **Christina Waite** SHOW SITE: **Poplar Bluff Motorsports Park, Speedway Dr., Poplar Bluff, MO**

WARNING: UNDER MISSOURI LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL, A LIVESTOCK ACTIVITY SPONSOR, A LIVESTOCK OWNER, A LIVESTOCK FACILITY, A LIVESTOCK AUCTION MARKET, OR ANY EMPLOYEE THEREOF IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE OR LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE OR LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO THE REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELEASE:

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HAVING READ AND UNDERSTANDING THE RULES AND RIDING INSTRUCTIONS OF DONKEY RACES AS SET OUT ABOVE, I HEREBY RELEASE AND DISCHARGE THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION, THE CITY OF Poplar Bluff, THE COUNTY OF Butler, Poplar Bluff Motorsports Park, DAIRYLAND DONKEY BALL, LLC AND ALL THEIR ASSOCIATES OF ANY AND ALL DAMAGES, DEMANDS OR ACTIONS WHATSOEVER, WHICH MAY ARISE OR GROW OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS DAIRYLAND DONKEY BALL, LLC SHOW. I ATTEST AND VERIFY THAT I HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THIS EVENT AND THAT I AM WILLING TO PARTICIPATE.

RIDER SIGNATURE: _____

AGE IF UNDER 18: _____ (MINIMUM AGE 16)

PRINTED NAME OF RIDER: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____ Date: _____

(MUST SIGN IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)

*****This form must be turned in at the MANDATORY instructional meeting 1 hour before the show.*****