



BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Northwest Small Equine Club. The official abbreviation shall be NWSEC.

ARTICLE II – Organization Structure and location

The Northwest Small Equine Club shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit organization in accordance with the laws of the United States of America and the State of Washington providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all rights as granted to organizations of this kind. The principle place of NWSEC business shall be conducted or carried on within the established boundaries of the State of Washington at any place convenient to the majority of the membership as voted on at a general membership meeting. The mailing address shall be: Northwest Small Equine Club, PO Box 5003 Spanaway, WA 98387.

ARTICLE III – Mission

NWSEC is a social organization that recognizes the importance of family values. Our club knows the bond and relationships that can be formed through the love of equines. Our club enjoys equine-based activities with miniature horses, mules, donkeys and ponies (48” and under) that help foster responsible horsemanship and equine education between ourselves and other associations. We encourage new ideas, events and member participation in all activities. Our non-profit organization is full of opportunities for children, adults, seniors and families.

ARTICLE IV – Bylaws

These Bylaws are adopted for the purpose of conducting and regulating business for the club. Any Bylaws may be amended, revised or repealed by the membership or majority vote of those present and voting at any general or special membership meeting. Any bylaws existing at the time of adoption or articles under amendments shall remain in full force and in effect, until the same has been changed or amended by action of the membership and board of directors, under the guidelines set forth for such action below.

Section 1- Amendments

- A new or complete change added to one or more articles or sections of the Bylaws
- Any amended major change does not go into effect until January 1st of the new year. Unless Legality or safety issue deems necessary. An immediate amendment approval will be done by majority vote at a general membership or special membership meeting.
- Must be added into current Bylaws by January 1st of the new year.

Section 2- Revision

- A proposed change or added detail of existing bylaw article or section. (ie. Name, spelling, grammar, simple change)
- Considered in effect at time of approval at general membership or special membership meeting by majority vote.
- Will be added to existing bylaws within 30 days of approval.

Section 3- Repeal

- A retraction or omission of an article or section of the bylaws.
- Goes into effect at time of approval at general membership or special membership meeting by majority vote.
- Will be omitted from the existing bylaws within in 30 days of approval.

Section 4- Proposals

- All changes, amendments, revisions, or repeals to the bylaws must be accompanied by a properly filled out and submitted proposal form (see attachment 2)
- Proposals may be submitted and voted on throughout the year.
- Amendments are to be submitted to the Bylaw committee chair no later than the August general membership meeting in order to be considered for the following calendar year.
- Revision and Repeal proposals are to be submitted to the Bylaw committee chair or board liaison at the general membership meeting PRIOR to presentation to the general membership at the following meeting.

ARTICLE V – Membership

NWSEC will not deny membership due to race, color, national origin, sex, political or religious beliefs, mental or physical disabilities. Membership is open to all persons who are interested in miniature equines 48” and under, have a valid membership, and want to participate in the goals of this organization. To apply for membership, complete a written NWSEC Membership Application. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee(s) as set forth in these By-Laws and signed Code of Conduct. All members of a household who wish to participate must be included on the Membership Application. Annual renewal in this organization shall be made by submitting a completed Membership Application and appropriate paid fee(s) as set forth in these By-Laws. The Executive Board reserves the right to approve all applications for membership.

Section 1 – Membership Year

Memberships are valid from January 1st through December 31st.

Section 2 – Membership Fees

Membership in this organization is non-transferrable or assignable. Annual fee(s) shall be due and payable to the Club Treasurer and/or an Executive Board Member. Checks must be made out to NWSEC and can be mailed to: PO Box 5003 Spanaway, WA 98387. Failure to make the payment of annual fees on or before the February General Membership Meeting shall signify termination of membership. Annual fees are as follows:

Individual Adult Membership – An individual membership is for a member 18 years and over and is assigned one vote. The fee for an individual membership shall be \$15 per year.

Family Membership – A family membership shall include up to 2 adults (18+) and any dependents and/or minor children/grandchildren and is assigned 2 adult votes. Family membership shall be \$25 per year.

Volunteer hours consist of fundraisers, club show help, promotional events or events deemed applicable by board.

Section 3 – Membership Responsibilities and “Good Standing”

Members agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and By-Laws and conduct themselves in a respectful manner towards others at club meetings and functions. Members agree to be respectful to applicable officials when the club is visiting or involved in events or venues. Members always agree to display and promote good sportsmanship. Anyone wishing to participate in a parade must be a member in “good standing” per our insurance policy.

Members in “good standing” are those persons who have completed the club’s annual membership application, are current in the payment of their annual dues, have completed their volunteer hours or board approved equivalent requirement, and abide by the Code of Conduct and By-Laws.

Section 4 – Volunteering

Since our club is mainly powered by volunteers in order to help the club be as fun and active as we can each membership is required to accumulate set hours of volunteer time through varies club activities and functions. Individual memberships are required a minimum of five hours and a family membership requires ten hours. These can be gained through helping at a club event such as a show or fundraiser, helping within a committee or other any activity the board and membership preapprove.

Section 5 – Monetary Gain

No club member shall receive personal monetary gain from NWSEC, i.e. hiring as a judge, clinician or arena rental. Private club events with no monetary gain are an exception, i.e. volunteering time to teach a lesson, use arena or host a club get together.

Section 6 – Termination

Membership may be terminated if the member fails to follow the By-Laws, Code of Conduct or for any other conduct contrary to the best interest of the club as determined by the Executive Board. The interest of any member in the property or monies of NWSEC shall cease with the termination of his/her membership. All property or monies belonging to NWSEC must be returned within 30 days of the termination date for that member. The reasons for the termination will be provided to the member in writing with an opportunity for defense. A disciplinary termination must be decided by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1 – General Membership Meetings

Meetings of the organization shall be held the 1st Friday of every month at the Graham Fire Station: 23014 70th Ave. E, Graham WA 98338. All meetings will begin promptly at 6pm. Notification of meeting dates and times will be emailed posted to the Club's website and Clubs Facebook Page.

At any meeting of the general membership of the organization, a vote by the majority of the members present shall be required for the adoption of any measure. For the purpose of transacting business, a quorum will be reached if there are at least 2 members of the Executive Board and 5 members in good standing. If a quorum cannot be reached at a meeting, the topics can be discussed but no voting can take place until a future meeting can be held or a roll call vote can be done if appropriate. An affirmative vote of two thirds of the registered members shall be required to dissolve the organization. If the club votes to dissolve, members in "good standing" will be asked to vote on the disbursement of all club funds and possessions.

Section 2 – Attendance

Members are expected to make a minimum of 3 meetings a year or complete extra volunteer hours equivalent (1 meeting equals 2 hours) to those missed. Failure to do so may result in the loss of "good standing" status.

Section 3 – Roll Call Voting

If there is a need to conduct club business the Director may take a roll call vote by email, Facebook, or telephone. There must be clarification with written documentation as follow up. These will be done at the Board's discretion and only as needed. Email and telephone votes will be considered a silent or ballot vote, Facebook is considered an open or floor vote.

Section 4 – Annual Awards Banquet/Christmas Party

Year-end awards and recognitions will be presented at the Awards Banquet/Christmas Party to be held at the last meeting of the year. The location and time of the Awards Banquet/Christmas party will be determined by the club members at the November meeting.

Section 5 - Order of Business

The order of business for meetings will generally include: Previous Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Committee Reports, Old Business, New Business, Elections, and Adjournment or anything additional as the Executive Board sees necessary. This organization will govern its procedures by "Roberts Rules of Order Revised."

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 – Organization

The Executive Board consists of Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer. Members of the Executive Board will oversee the direction of club affairs and activities. The Executive

Board will be elected from the membership by a simple majority vote taken from the members present at the General Membership Meeting in October. The newly elected Board members will take office on January 1st of the following year.

The Director, and in his/her absence, the Assistant Director shall call the meeting of the members to order and shall act as chairperson of the meeting. A meeting may be held as long as two members of the board are present, with appointed board member acting as chairperson of the meeting. The Secretary shall act as Secretary of all General Membership and Executive Board meetings. But in the absence of the Secretary, the presiding Officer or Chairperson may appoint any member to act as Secretary.

Section 2 – Duties of Officers

DIRECTOR – The Director shall preside over all general and special meetings of NWSEC and shall perform all duties incident to this office. The Director shall have the power to appoint such committees as deemed necessary for the advancement of the Club. The Director shall read, be familiar with and abide by all By-Laws and assist others in following the By-Laws. The Director shall also appoint committee heads as needed and be available to assist with committees as needed.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – In the absence of the Director, the Assistant Director shall have the powers and perform the duties of the Director. In the event of vacancy of the Director, the Assistant Director automatically assumes the office of the Director.

SECRETARY – The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the membership and Executive Board. Meeting minutes will be posted to Facebook files within 7 days of the closing of the monthly General Membership Meeting. If you want to request a printed copy of the minutes, please contact a board member. Minutes may also be posted uploaded to the files section of our Facebook “Members Only” Group.

The Secretary shall report at the next scheduled General Membership Meeting the activities and proceedings of each previous meeting. The Secretary shall maintain club files of all minutes and reports of various committee activities and supply a copy to any member upon request for a fee of \$50 up front. The Secretary shall also assist the Treasurer on membership issues, refer them to the appropriate individual, receive and track memberships and make sure all contact information is current.

TREASURER – The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all money belonging to NWSEC and deposit all funds into the organization’s checking account within 7 days, provide the selected bank with a signature card authorizing checking account drafts with authorized signatures being Director, Assistant Director and/or Treasurer. Treasurer shall maintain an accounting record of receipts and disbursements and be prepared to present the current financial documents of the organization at each General Membership meeting. A quarterly audit of accounting records will be done at the end of March, June, September and December by 1 board member (excluding the Treasurer) and 1 general membership member. The Director can request an audit during anytime throughout the year.

Section 3 – Reimbursements

All receipts and documentation must be turned into the treasurer or a board member by the next general membership meeting in order to receive reimbursement. Any reimbursements of large monetary value should be cleared through the board or membership at a general meeting.

Section 4 – Club Functions

A board member should be present at any activity deemed a club function. If a board member is unavailable the director may appoint a club member to act as a representative for the club.

Section 5 – Contracts

Written permission pertaining to NWSEC business shall be executed on behalf of the organization by the Director, Assistant Director or such other person authorized by the board via written record.

ARTICLE VIII – VOTING

Section 1 – Elected Officers

Elected Officers shall be Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2 - Nominations and Elections

Nominations may be accepted from the floor at the October meeting. All nominees shall be members in good standing for 2 full years within the club prior to nominations. After ballots are collected 2 members in “good standing” and 1 member of the Executive Board shall count the ballots and announce the new Executive Board.

Section 3 – Length of Term

Each Member of the Executive Board will be elected for a term of 2 years on a rotational basis of every other year. Director and Secretary shall be 2 years and Assistant Director and Treasurer shall be 2 years. All Executive Board positions are subject to a term-limitation of 2 consecutive terms (4 years total).

Vacancies occurring before the term is expired may be filled by a majority vote of the General Membership for the unexpired term of office. Except in the case of the Director, in which case the Assistant Director will take the office and a replacement will be found for the Assistant Director.

Section 4 – Missing or Inactive Board

In the case of missing or inactive board member the Director has the ability to divide the position among the remaining board members.

Section 5 – Recall

Executive Board members may be recalled by a member in “good standing” followed by two thirds majority vote of the members at a General Membership Meeting.

Section 6 – Revisions and Amendments

Revision – A proposed replacement of current By-Laws or a section or sections of current Bylaws. To revise the By-Laws, a committee is formed. Members are invited to submit suggestions to the Head of the By-Laws committee for review and discussion paragraph by paragraph. The committee considers the proposed revision and presents a copy of revision plus a letter explaining changes to the General Membership. The committee can set up a special meeting for the General Membership to discuss and vote on revisions or it can be done after members review the revised By-Laws at a General Membership Meeting. The required vote is a 2/3 vote of members present, Not a 2/3 vote of the Active General Membership.

Amendment - A change to one or more sections of the By-Laws.

When one change or a few changes to the By-Laws are necessary, members need to present these as an individual amendment to the Head of the By-Laws committee for review and discussion. The committee then presents the proposed amendment at the General Membership Meeting for discussion and a vote will take place. The required vote is a 2/3 vote of members present, Not a 2/3 vote of the Active General Membership.

A By-Law Committee will be formed in January for the current year. Any By-Law Revision or Amendment proposals need to be emailed to the Head of the By-Law Committee by October 1st of the current year. It is the By-Law Committee’s responsibility to discuss all proposals submitted and present them to the General Membership within 45 days of the date submitted on the proposal.

ARTICLE IX – STANDING COMMITTEES

Each standing committee should have descriptions, independent guidelines and an outline of duties and responsibilities. These may be amended from time to time as needed by recommendations from the committee or the board. The board is responsible for creating, maintaining and implementing committee guidelines. Standing committees are listed below:

- Parade
- Show
- Education
- Bylaws

Section 1- General Procedure

Director shall solicitate to all members to volunteer for each of the committees. The secretary will list each of the committees to be filled and ask the interested members to respond back to confirm commitment. Director will appoint head of committee from among those who volunteer. Director shall appoint a board member to act as liaison to each committee from

within the board. All committee chairs are required to keep minutes at all meetings and submit them to the secretary. These committees will submit a tentative budget at the beginning of the year to the board. A committee chair may be removed from the position by a majority vote from the board. The committee chair with agreement from the board liaison may remove any committee member if they are not contributing positively to the committee.

Section 2- Committee Descriptions

- **Parade Committee**
 - Researches, organizes and presents to the club upcoming parades and new parades.
 - Gathers appropriate information regarding entry and parade proceeding.
 - Should consist of 2-4 people plus 1 board member
- **Show Committee**
 - Orchestrates, plans and assembles shows put on by club.
 - Should consist of 4 or more people plus 1 board member
 - Tabulates both show and year end high point awards using a set formula
- **Education Committee**
 - Researches, organizes and assembles topics for special meetings where members can learn about small equine and horses in general.
 - Researches other educational opportunities put on in the local community.
 - Should consist of 2-4 people plus 1 board member
- **Bylaw Committee**
 - Orchestrates the communication in which members can submit proposals to be changed in the Bylaws and/or rules abiding documents.
 - Committee head will assemble a meeting for committee members to meet and review, discuss and coordinate the verbiage change to prepare for acceptance.
 - The meeting is designed to protect the membership from any rule change that will hinder the positive outline of the group.
 - At least ½ +1 board members will attend the Bylaw committee meeting, as they will need to implement changes once accepted.
 - Maintain written Bylaws, adding and updating the document as needed.
 - Should consist of 3-4 people plus the board allotment.

ARTICLE X – HIGHPOINT

Section 1 - Show High Point and Year End Awards:

- **List of High Point/Year End Awards:**
 - Junior
 - Intermediate
 - Senior
 - Adult
 - Golden Age
 - Overall (Year End Award ONLY)

- High point is based off an accumulation of points throughout an event.
- Highest score is awarded the high point for the corresponding age group.

Section 2 – Tabulation Table

- High point should be on the ribbon point scale system below:

Ribbon	Point value
1	6
2	5
3	4
4	3
5	2
6	1

Section 3 – Eligibility

All exhibitors are eligible for individual show high points. Only club members are eligible for Year End Awards

ARTICLE XI – PROPERTY

Section 1 – Website, Email, Facebook

The official website for NWSEC shall be: www.nwsec.org

The official email address for NWSEC shall be: nwsmallequine@gmail.com

The official *public* Facebook page for NWSEC shall be:

The official *private* Facebook page for NWSEC shall be:

All information, documentation, schedules, calendars, etc. that are located on the club's website and Facebook Group/Page shall be the sole property of NWSEC.

Section 2 – Mailing Address

The official mailing address for NWSEC shall be: PO Box 5003 Spanaway, WA 98387

Section 3 – Property

All property and equipment of NWSEC shall be held by an appointed Equipment Manager. Should the Equipment Manager no longer be a member in "good standing", he/she agrees to return all property and equipment belonging to NWSEC within 30 Days of the end of their club relationship. Equipment Manager agrees they will provide reasonable days and times for a new Equipment Manager or Director to pick up the club's property.

ARTICLE XII – DISCIPLINARY ACTION & GRIEVANCE

Disciplinary Action will be taken in the event that a club member's behavior or activities are determined to be contrary to the positive mission of NWSEC per By-Laws and Code of Conduct.

Grievances must be submitted in writing to a board member for review.

ARTICLE XIII– SAFETY

Section 1 – Animal Welfare

Any equine exhibiting signs of illness or lameness during a club function will be asked to be withdrawn immediately, as decided by any member of the Executive Board, Show Judge, Parade Officials or other event officials.

Section 2 – Parade Policy

This policy has been adopted by the Northwest Small Equine Club to establish a safe and fun parade environment both for the members, participants and outside public. This has been established for liability reasons and safety. (Printable version see attachment 3)

- All participants are to be a member in “good standing” before a parade.
- All participants are expected to follow the NWSEC Code of Conduct.
- Small Equine's must be in good body condition and health.
- Any child or dependent present without their parent or guardian **MUST** have written consent from a parent or guardian before the parade, child/dependent must be a member of the club (per our insurance)
- Children under the age of 10 years old must have a side walker with an extra lead attached to the animal.
- Riding of small equine must wear helmet and have spotter walking next to rider, for safety of rider the small equine must be properly trained and experienced with riders.
- Side walkers and Spotters are to be at least 16 years old.
- Horse/rider should be evaluated by parade committee.
- Driving horses must have a header or side walker.
- Do not let the public (non-members) handle or pet horses per governing parade rules ie. Governing bodies and Cities rules.
- Handlers are always to remain in control of animal; if animals become a safety issue or handler does not feel comfortable at ANY TIME, they may ask for help, to be removed or the board may step in, if needed.
- Handlers are to maintain proper parade etiquette
 - Proper 1-2 horse spacing between horses and public
 - Maintain parade speed; do not hold up the parade or go off course
 - Maintain animal and public safety

Section 3 – Stallions/Jacks

Colts, Stallions and Jacks are permitted in all events and must be handled by experienced adults 18 years or older.

Section 4 – Geldings/Mares/Jennies/Johns

Geldings/Mares/Jennies are permitted at all events.

Section 5 – Weanlings/Suckling

Weanlings/Suckling are permitted in all events and must be handled by experienced adults 18 years or older.

Section 6 – Animal Behavior

If any animal becomes disruptive to the public, destroys any property, or becomes a threat to the public or club members, the handler will be notified to remove the animal immediately from the premises.

ARTICLE XIV – PARLIAMENTARY LAW

NWSEC will conduct itself inclusive to its “Members in Good Standing” under Roberts Rules of Parliamentary Law Revised.

These By-Laws pertain to all club events and preclude all other rules.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT 1 –

Membership Application Form - v

ATTACHMENT 2 –

Proposal Form -

ATTACHMENT 3 –

Parade Policy -

ATTACHMENT 4 –

Code of Conduct -

ATTACHMENT 5 –

Liability Release Form

ATTACHMENT 6 –

Photographic Release Form



Membership Application

This club is open for equines 48" and under.
(miniature horses, donkeys, mules and ponies)

Circle One: NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL

Circle One: INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$15 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$25

Membership Year: _____

Primary Member Name(s): _____

Youth Name: _____ Youth Age: _____

Youth Name: _____ Youth Age: _____

Youth Name: _____ Youth Age: _____

Youth Name: _____ Youth Age: _____

Youth Name: _____ Youth Age: _____

Farm Name: _____ Website: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

What are you interested in? SHOWS PARADES CLINICS TRAIL WALKS DRIVING

What information would you like shared on the Club Roster: NAME EMAIL ADDRESS PHONE

I/We have read the Code of Conduct & By-Laws for NWSEC and agree to abide by any decision made by the Executive Board pertaining to the acceptance or termination of this membership.

Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Please make checks payable to NWSEC.

Paid Check# _____ Cash Received _____ Roster Updated By: _____

PROPOSAL FORM

This proposal is to help the Bylaw Committee discuss, review and incorporate proposed revisions and amendments to the Bylaws, Code of Conduct and Show Rules.

Please use one form per change.

☐ **REVISION/REPEAL:** proposed replacement of current Bylaws or a section of current Bylaws; small changes and grammatical errors

☐ **AMENDMENTS:** a change to one or more sections of the Bylaws; adding sections to the current Bylaws

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Article:	Section:	Paragraph:	Page:
ORIGINAL TO DOCUMENT WORDING:			
NEW SUGGESTED WORDING:			

<p>WHY:</p> <p>(scenario prompting change or concern)</p>
<p>NOTES:</p>

☐

APPROVED

☐

REJECTED

DATE: _____

PARADE POLICY

This policy has been adopted by the Northwest Small Equine Club to establish a safe and fun parade environment both for the members, participants and outside public. This has been established for liability reasons and safety.

- All participants are to be a member in “good standing” before a parade.
- All participants are expected to follow the NWSEC Code of Conduct.
- Small Equine’s must be in good body condition and health.
- Any child or dependent present without their parent or guardian **MUST** have written consent from a parent or guardian before the parade, child/dependent must be a member of the club (per our insurance)
- Children under the age of 10 years old must have a side walker with an extra lead attached to the animal.
- Riding of small equine must wear helmet and have spotter walking next to rider, for safety of rider the small equine must be properly trained and experienced with riders.
- Side walkers and Spotters are to be at least 16 years old.
- Horse/rider should be evaluated by parade committee.
- Driving horses must have a header or side walker.
- Do not let the public (non-members) handle or pet horses per governing parade rules ie. Governing bodies and Cities rules.
- Handlers are always to remain in control of animal; if animals become a safety issue or handler does not feel comfortable at ANY TIME, they may ask for help, to be removed or the board may step in, if needed.
- Handlers are to maintain proper parade etiquette
 - Proper 1-2 horse spacing between horses and public
 - Maintain parade speed; do not hold up the parade or go off course
 - Maintain animal and public safety

Sign _____ date _____



NORTHWEST SMALL EQUINE CLUB "CODE OF CONDUCT"

This Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Northwest Small Equine Club to establish a safe and healthy environment between club members/handlers, non-participants, and the general public, for all club activities.

NWSEC is committed to providing a safe, accident-free, equine environment with the intention of the club's "Code of Conduct" to be used as a guideline for preventative measures.

As a member, I agree to:

- Ask for help at any time, if needed
- Wear appropriate attire at all equine events, including closed toe shoes or boots
- Maintain a safe environment at all club activities
- Educate myself on the following areas of basic equine handling listed below:
 - Haltering, leading, turning and backing up
 - Approaching an equine
 - Tying an equine
 - Tagging an equine for biting and/or kicking (see the following):
 - Red- Biting
 - Yellow- Stallion or flighty horse
 - White- For Sale
 - Green- Green Horse
- Allow enough time to prepare and maintain control of my equine at all equine events, maintain awareness and safety of non-equine spectators
- Clean up after my equine at all times
- Be aware of my equine's physical and/or mental limitations and respect the club's decision to excuse equines or participants at all events
- Provide and carry an extra lead with me at any event if I am accompanying a child/handler under 10 years of age
- Abide by By-Laws set forth and conduct myself in a respectful manner toward others at club meetings and functions. I will be respectful to applicable officials when the club is visiting or involved in events or venues. I will display and promote good sportsmanship at all times.
- Defamation of character in ANY form (directed at any member, parent or youth) will not be tolerated.
- Bullying and harassment of members will not be tolerated.
- Anyone wishing to participate in a parade must be a member in "good standing" per our insurance policy.

NWSEC agrees to facilitate educational opportunities such as:

- Blind Spots
- Equine Health
- Body language of an equine
- Fear response: Fight or flight and how to identify it etc.

I understand that if I do not follow the "Code of Conduct" and "By-Laws", I will accept the consequences of being excused from an event, and will do so without creating a scene. Continued violations will result in revocation of club membership.

Members Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

*Must be signed by a parent or legal guardian if child is under 18 years of age. Failure to sign and/or comply with these expectations will result in member's expulsion from NWSEC.

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Club/Event Release of Liability Form

THIS RELEASE IS FOR THE ENTIRE EVENT AND MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ENTRY. EACH PERSON ENTERING A CLASS OR HANDLING HORSES MUST SIGN A RELEASE FORM.

Due to the inherent risks of equine activities, the NW Small Equine Club is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in any equine activity. A participant is defined as exhibitors, judges, spectators, coaches, trainers, show staff, horses, pets, and anyone or thing on the grounds at the NW Small Equine Club show. The NW Small Equine Club disclaims any responsibility whatsoever, due to negligence or otherwise, for any losses, injuries or other claims.

I hereby enter the NW Small Equine Club show at my own risk. I further agree that if any damage or injury to myself, my horse, or my equipment occurs, I will make no claim against the NW Small Equine Club, the organize(s) or clinician(s) or(venue)._____.

WARNING: Under Washington law, an equine activity sponsor or 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. Revised Code of Washington 4.24.540

Signature of Participant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

(For participants under 18 years of age)



Photographic Release Form

I consent to the use of any slides, photographs, or videotaping of myself and/or my child for advertising, promotions, publicity, or any other purposes, now or in the future, whether that use is known or unknown. I hereby agree and consent that the NW Small Equine Club may publish, broadcast, and/or copyright, for all purposes, my statements and/or pictures taken of me and/or my property for advertising and public relations purposes. I waive any right to inspect or approve the photographs or electronic matter and waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from, or related to, the use of the photographs.

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Signature: _____

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Parent/guardian signature: _____

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