



PASSAIC COUNTY

WARNING, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS.

1. Definitions. The person who is attending or participating in the Passaic County program or event shall be referred to hereinafter as "Participant". The "Undersigned" means only the Participant when the Participant is age 18 or older OR it means both the Participant and the Participant's parent or legal guardian when the Participant is under the age of 18. "Released Parties" mean Passaic County or any of its respective successors in interest, insurance carriers, insurance pools, attorneys, elected officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives, vendors, contractors, material suppliers, visitors, guests, invitees, assignees and transferees, each of them. The "Activity" means attending, taking part in, participating in and/or spectating at the County program or event.

2. Risks of Activity. The Undersigned agree and understand that the Activity can be **HAZARDOUS AND INVOLVES THE RISK OF PHYSICAL INJURY AND/OR DEATH.** The Undersigned acknowledges that the Activity is inherently dangerous and fully realize the dangers of the Activity. The risks and dangers of the Activity include, but are not limited to: Travel to and from the Activity; negligent instruction, direction, coaching, officiating, monitoring and/or advice; changing surface conditions; surface variations, ground conditions, snow, water, and ice conditions; brake failure; rollover; mechanical, vehicle and equipment failure; loss of traction; spin; medical problems affecting Participant or staff, coach, official, volunteer or monitor; vehicle maintenance; fire; flood; changing weather conditions; debris on venue; negligence on the part of: personnel and/or management, rescue vehicles/equipment, and providers of emergency medical attention; limited access to and/or delay of rescue and medical attention; falling; suffocation; participant's improper use of vehicles and equipment; Participant's failure to maintain his/her own personal equipment; slick or uneven surfaces; slipping; tripping; loss of balance; bumps; holes; debris; marked and unmarked obstacles; varying visibility;

unmaintained terrain; unmarked roads and/or trails; Participant or another acting in a negligent manner that may cause and/or contribute to injury to Participant or others; Participant's failure to comply with signage or directions; collisions with natural, manmade objects including, other motorized vehicles; collisions with other individuals; falling objects; becoming lost or separated; lack of shelter; storms, lightning, hail, snow, and other adverse weather; limited access to and/or delay of rescue and medical attention; mental distress from exposure to any of the above; and negligence of others. **THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE RISKS LISTED ABOVE IS NOT COMPLETE AND THAT PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY MAY BE DANGEROUS AND MAY INCLUDE OTHER RISKS.**

3. Duties of Participant. The Participant assumes the responsibility of maintaining control at all times while engaging in the Activity. The participant is responsible for understanding and complying with all signs and instructions.

4. Release, Indemnification, and Assumption of Risk. In consideration of the Participant being permitted to participate in the Activity, the Undersigned agree as follows:

(a) Release. **THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASE, FOREVER DISCHARGE, AND AGREE NOT TO SUE OR BRING ANY OTHER LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES** with respect to any and all claims and causes of action of any nature whether currently known or unknown, which the Undersigned, or any of them, have or which could be asserted on behalf of the Undersigned in connection with the Participant's participation or attendance in the Activity, including, but not limited to claims of negligence, breach of warranty, and/or breach of contract.

(b) Indemnification. The Undersigned hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all liability, cost, expense or damage of any kind or nature whatsoever and from any suits, claims or demands, including legal fees and expenses whether or not in litigation, arising out of, or related to, Participant's participation or attendance in the Activity. Such obligation on the part of the Undersigned shall survive the period of the Participant's participation or attendance in the Activity.

(c) Assumption of Risk. The Undersigned agree and understand that there are dangers and risks associated with the participation in the Activity and that **INJURIES AND/OR DEATH** may result from participating or attending in the Activity, including, but not limited to the acts, omissions, representations, carelessness, and negligence of the Released Parties. By signing this document, the Undersigned recognize that property loss, injury, and death are all possible while participating or attending in the Activity. **RECOGNIZING THE RISKS AND DANGERS, THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITY AND VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE FOR PARTICIPANT TO PARTICIPATE**

IN AND EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISKS AND DANGERS OF THE PARTICPATION IN THE ACTIVITY, WHETHER OR NOT DESCRIBED ABOVE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, INHERENT, OR OTHERWISE.

5. Minor Acknowledgment. In the case of a minor Participant, the Undersigned parent or legal guardian acknowledges that he/she is not only signing this Agreement on his/her behalf, but that he/she is also signing on behalf of the minor and that the minor shall be bound by all the terms of this Agreement. Additionally, by signing this Agreement as the parent or legal guardian of a minor, the parent or legal guardian understands that he/she is also waiving rights on behalf of the minor that the minor otherwise may have. The Undersigned parent or legal guardian agrees that, but for the foregoing, the minor would not be permitted to participate or attend in the Activity. By signing this Agreement without a parent or legal guardian's signature, Participant, under penalty of fraud, represents that he/she is at least 18 years of age. If signing as the parent or guardian of a minor Participant, signing adults represent that they are a legal parent or guardian of the minor Participant.

6. Medical Care. Undersigned authorize the Released Parties and/or their authorized personnel to call for medical care for Participant or to transport Participant to a medical facility or hospital if, in the opinion of such personnel, medical attention is needed. Undersigned agree to pay all costs associated with such medical care and related transportation.

7. Permissions. I HEREBY GIVE MY PERMISSION for the Participant to take field trips with The Passaic County Parks & Recreation Department, accompanied by a County employee or representative under County control, and to be transported by walking, bicycling, other non-motorized forms of transportation as well as a public or private vehicle for these field trips.

8. Miscellaneous. The Undersigned further agree and understand: **(a)** Participant will not engage in any activities prohibited by any applicable laws, statutes, regulations, and ordinances; **(b)** this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey, and the exclusive jurisdiction for any claim shall be the District Court of Passaic County, New Jersey or the federal court of the State of New Jersey; **(c)** this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior contracts, arrangements, communications, or representations, whether oral or written, between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof; and **(d)** the Undersigned understand and acknowledge that this Agreement is a contract and shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any part of this Agreement is deemed to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be an enforceable contract between the parties. It is the intent of the Undersigned that this agreement shall remain in effect for the duration of the Participants participation or attend in the Activity and be binding upon the assignees, subrogors, distributors, heirs, next of kin, executors and personal

representatives of the Undersigned) the Undersigned hereby grants Released Parties the absolute and irrevocable worldwide right, license and permission, without any additional cost, to use Participant's name, likeness, image, voice, and audio footage or film (collectively referred to as "Media") obtained during Participant's participation in the Activity. The Undersigned hereby agrees that all right, title, interest and ownership, including copyright, in and to any tangible work in any Media containing Participant's image so obtained shall be owned exclusively by Released Parties. Undersigned understands and agrees that as the owner of any such Media, Released Parties shall have the exclusive right to exercise all rights granted under copyright protection relative to the Media. Finally, Undersigned releases Released Parties from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of such Media.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT I AM RELEASING LEGAL RIGHTS THAT OTHERWISE MAY EXIST.

- 1.) _____
Printed Full Name and Nickname (if any)

- 2.) _____
Date of Birth

- 3.) _____
Mailing Address/P.O. Box

- 4.) _____
Telephone Number

- 5.) _____
Signature for Release of Waiver

- 6.) ____/____/____
Date

- 7.) _____
Printed Full Name of Minor (if applicable)

- 8.) _____
Minor's Date of Birth