



**Release, Indemnification, and Voluntary Assumption of Liability
For Belle Meade Hunt, the Belle Meade Hunt Foundation, and Landowners**

“**Releasor**” means and refers to the undersigned individual/adult and/or to the minor child/children or dependent whose name appears below, and his/her heirs, guardians, legatees, and legal representatives.

“**Released Parties**” means, collectively, (a) *Belle Meade Hunt*, (including) its masters, officers, agents, board of directors, attorneys, employees, and agents, (b) *Belle Meade Hunt Foundation*, (including) its masters, officers, agents, board of directors, attorneys, employees, and agents, (c) any *landowners*, landholders, tenants of said land, any personal or legal entity that has an interest in land, real estate or property (whether real or personal) used by Belle Meade Hunt in any manner, and any other persons or entity making property available for use by Belle Meade Hunt.

Releasor fully understands that horseback riding and fox/coyote hunting, which includes riding and jumping over fences, ditches, strenuous cross-country riding, navigating obstacles and riding through steep and rough, and unpredictable terrain, are very dangerous activities. Releasor understands, acknowledges, and accepts that fox/coyote hunting, and any and all equine activities, have inherent dangers when riding over land, which requires a rider to navigate unpredictable, and unforeseen obstacles, such as, but not limited to, holes in the ground, coops, fence wire, snakes, yellow jackets, wells, swamps, ponds, harmful plants and fauna, trees and branches, water, lakes, rivers and streams, and undulating and uneven terrain. Releasor acknowledges that riding over such obstacles is inherently dangerous, for even experienced riders, which may cause temporary or permanent injury, or death. Releasor fully understands and recognizes that following or observing Belle Meade Hunt hunting activities on foot, by motorized vehicle, from a truck, trailer or wagon presents the same dangers of bodily harm or death.

Releasor acknowledges and accepts the inherent risks of equine activities, which includes, but are not limited to (a) the propensity of any animal, including horses, to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to them or to other persons; (b) the unpredictability of any animal’s reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; (c) riding equine animals over certain hazards such as man-made obstacles, surface and subsurface conditions, (d) that collisions with other animals or objects, both man-made and natural may occur (e) the risk of a participant to act in a negligent or reckless manner that may cause or contribute to injury or death to me or to the Releasor, such as failing to maintain control over the animal, horse, or canine, or not acting within his or her ability to control same.

Releasor wishes and voluntarily requests permission for Releasor and/or dependent to participate in Belle Meade Hunt activities knowing they are dangerous and can cause property damage, serious personal injury, or death. Such activities are, by example and not limited to, cross-country equine riding, fox, coyote and wild-game hunting, following hounds on foot, motorized vehicle, truck, trailer, wagon (whether operated by me or another person,) and related activities with the Belle Meade Hunt.

This Release and Assumption of Liability shall be construed to provide the Released Parties the fullest protection of a release of any and all liability, seen or unforeseen, resulting in damage or injury to any or all personal property, chattels, bodily injury, emotional/psychological distress or death to Releasor. Releasor hereby waives the right to sue, bring any action, or otherwise any claim for any and all injuries or damages, including, but not limited to, personal property, chattels, bodily injury emotional/psychological distress or death, against the Released Parties, whether such action is the result of the conduct of the Released Party, Releasor, or other.

Releasor hereby assume any and all risks resulting in damage to person, property or chattels, including death or personal injury of any kind, associated with fox hunting, coyote hunting or other game hunting, on horseback, foot, motorized vehicle, or while as a passenger in any vehicle (motorized or otherwise), including wagons, trailers or cars, or otherwise, sponsored or engaged in by Belle Meade Hunt.

Releasor hereby assumes any and all risks of any and all Belle Meade Hunt activities, whether formal or informal. Releasor expressly agrees, consents and acknowledges that Releasor will hold the Released Parties fully and totally harmless. Further, Releasor agrees to indemnify the Released Parties from and against any and all claims of loss, damages, liability, personal injury or expense (including, but not limited to, court costs and attorney’s fees) incurred as a result of any injury to or death of any person,

persons, or Releasor, or any damage to property in any way arising out of or connected with Belle Meade Hunt activities, whether formal or informal.

Releasor acknowledges the Belle Meade Hunt requirement, and agrees to the use and application while horseback riding, of a safety riding helmet with harness/chin-strap that is ASTM/SEI approved for Releasor, dependent, and guest(s) while conducting any and all activities sponsored by Belle Meade Hunt, whether formal or informal. Releasor affirms that Releasor will use said ASTM/SEI helmet with harness/chin-strap when participating in Belle Meade Hunt activities, whether said activity is formal or informal. Releasor agrees to provide an ASTM/SEI helmet with harness/chin-strap for him or herself, dependent, child or guest which is in good working condition. Any use or application of a helmet that is not ASTM/SEI approved will be grounds for dismissal and elimination from activities sponsored by Belle Meade Hunt, whether such activity is formal or informal.

Releasor affirms that Releasor and/or Releasor's child or dependent, or guest, are/is in good mental and physical condition for cross-country horseback riding and fox/coyote hunting, requiring strenuous exertion, as described above. Releasor understands that such activity is physically strenuous, for both horse and rider.

Releasor, on behalf of himself/herself, or any minor or guest, releases and agrees to hold harmless and indemnify any and all Released Parties, and hereby provides said Released Parties the fullest protection of a release of any and all liability, seen or unforeseen, including a waiver of the right to sue for the negligent acts of Releasor or others.

Releasor acknowledges and understands that the Released Parties have no medical facility and that in the event of an illness or injury, appropriate medical care must be summoned by radio or telephone and that treatment may be delayed until Releasor and/or child or dependent can be transported to a proper medical facility. If Releasor is taking medication or has any health problems, Releasor affirms that he/she has seen a physician and obtained approval to ride horses' cross-country and fox/coyote hunt under such conditions or under the influence of such medication or drugs.

Releasor acknowledges that he/she has read this Release, Indemnification, and Voluntary Assumption of Liability, has understood it, and by his/her signature below, consents to the provisions of same. Releasor further acknowledges and affirms that Releasor agrees to the provisions herein on his/her own free voluntary will and without undue influence. It is Releasor's intention and expressed will that this release, waiver and indemnification **shall inure upon me until cancelled by me in writing by giving notice to the principals, Masters or Secretary of Belle Meade Hunt, Inc., Post Office Box 60, Thomson, Georgia 30824.**

I am a member of _____ Hunt.

WARNING

UNDER GEORGIA LAW, ANY EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR, INCLUDING LANDOWNER, PROPERTY OWNER, OR TENANT OF LAND, OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 4 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED.

UNDER GEORGIA LAW, THERE IS NO LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR DEATH OF AN INDIVIDUAL ENTERING THESE PREMISES IF SUCH INJURY OR DEATH RESULT FROM THE INHERENT RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID-19.

YOU ARE ASSUMING THIS RISK BY ENTERING THESE PREMISES.

DATED: _____

SIGNATURE

PRINT CHILD'S NAME

PRINT NAME

Address:

Telephone Number: