

HUNT PARTICIPANT DISCLAIMER FORM

1. I acknowledge and agree that I understand the nature of horse riding and in particular hunting and its associated activities and confirm that I am experienced, qualified and in proper physical condition to participate in hunting.
2. I fully understand that hunting involves risks and danger of serious bodily injury and/or death.
3. I fully understand that the very nature of hunting means I will face the unknown and that the Hunt cannot foresee where the prey may run.
4. I fully understand that I may face a variety of obstacles including banks, double banks, ditches, hedges, walls logs etc.
5. I agree to abide by any rules or regulations set down by any equestrian organisation I am a Member of or are affiliated to e.g. Eventing Ireland, Turf Club etc.
6. I fully understand that safety is paramount and The Hunt expects and requires co-operation from the Field with all the Hunt management team including Master, Field Master, Huntsman etc.,
7. **Hunting involves an inherent risk, there is a strong possibility you will fall. It is recommended you have your own adequate Personal Accident Insurance cover in place.**
8. It is strongly recommended you wear appropriate riding helmets conforming to the required standards.
9. It is strongly recommended you wear back protection conforming to the required standards.
10. Gear your riding in consideration of weaker riders, green horses, condition of your horse, weather, ground conditions and position of others while out hunting.
11. Communicate with other riders and never block a fence (bank, ditch, drain, stone wall etc), track, gateway or the flow of traffic.
12. Be careful in fields with livestock, go very slowly through them or around them to prevent disturbing them.
13. You understand and accept it is your responsibility to check your tack and all equipment is in a safe condition before you start.
14. Drinking alcohol or being under the influence of drugs while hunting is strictly forbidden.

All persons who hunt are subject to the following CODE OF CONDUCT

Parking is designated and decided by the Hunt Management Team. Never park somewhere without permission or that poses a danger to other road users or anyone else.

Always be on time, if you are late NEVER attempt to catch up or follow hounds, join the Hunt at the next available opportunity when on the road and not hunting.

Leave gates the way you find them, if in doubt close the gate/seek advice of the Hunt Management Team.

Never ride across a planted field. Keep to the headland.

Report any damage to fences, boundaries etc, to the Repair Crew.

When riding on the road keep to the left and be courteous to other road users.

You must keep in mind that riders and non-riders of ALL AGES may be present. Please refrain from the use of profanity, gossip or unkind remarks.

HUNTING as a sport is the hunting of prey in its wild and natural state with a pack of registered hounds. It must be accepted by all that 'horses' are unpredictable animals which act on instinct and accordingly have an inherent tendency to 'fight or flight' when they perceive or feel threatened. Riding is also a recognised 'Risk' sport and riding skills only improve with practice. Every rider will acknowledge that practice is a process of trial and error - the error normally resulting in a fall. Riding on the road, loading or unloading your horse or pony, galloping across open land, riding through different terrains (bog, forestry etc), jumping a variety of obstacles is all done at your own risk.

I, the undersigned am aware of the 'risk' involved in hunting and acknowledge/accept the risk involved and will not hold the Hunt or their agents, employees, or representatives responsible for any accident and subsequent injury howsoever sustained.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Printed name.....

Signature.....

Email.....Mobile Contact.....

Emergency Contact.....

Parental Consent.

I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian understand the nature of horse riding/hunting and its associated activities. I understand and am aware of the minor's experience and capabilities, and I believe the minor to be qualified to participate in hunting.

Parents signature.....

Date.....