

PARTICIPANT AND CARER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Acknowledgement of Risk and responsibilities regarding Coronavirus – COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organisation. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result the Australian and NSW Governments have introduced Public Health Orders to control the pandemic.

Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) has introduced risk management processes to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending RDA(NSW) Centres could increase your risk and your families risk of contracting COVID-19.

The Australian Government has provided advice that vulnerable persons should reconsider their involvement in activities. Vulnerable people are those that:

- Are aged over 70 years of age
- Are aged over 65 years of age with one or more chronic medical conditions
- Are of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and older with one or more chronic health conditions
- Have compromised immune systems

If you identify as a vulnerable person you must reconsider your participation in RDA(NSW) programs.

By attending the RDA(NSW) Centre and signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and my responsibilities as a participant or carer to RDA(NSW) are to:

- not attend if I am displaying signs of respiratory illness
- seek medical advice regarding COVID-19 testing if respiratory illness symptoms occur
- be responsible for my own personal hygiene and follow hygiene procedures.
- advise RDA(NSW) immediately if I am diagnosed with COVID-19 or are identified as a close contact of a known COVID-19 case and have attended the RDA(NSW) Centre within the previous 14 days.
- follow all Australian and NSW Health advice and Public Health orders.

I _____ voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the RDA(NSW) Centre and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the RDA(NSW) Centre may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, RDA(NSW) Centre employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept responsibility for my involvement in RDA(NSW) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Given the information provided and my understanding of the risks involved I agree to participate in RDA(NSW) equine programs during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

I require the additional support or PPE to help minimize risks to myself and others:

Signed: _____
Participant or Guardian if under 18

Date: _____