



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK FOR MINORS

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT THE PARTICIPANT (under 19) AND THE PARTICIPANT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE ARE PHYSICAL RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS INHERENT IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ARE ASSUMING SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND ARE ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EMERGENCIES AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

DEFINITIONS

In this Acknowledgment of Risk for Minors ("Acknowledgement"), the term "**Club**" refers to: _____, the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC, and their respective directors, officers, employees, members, volunteers, agents, independent contractors and subcontractors, representatives, successors, assigns and all persons acting under their authority.

In this Acknowledgment the term "**Outdoor Activities**" shall include, but is not limited to: mountaineering (glacier travel; rock, snow, ice and mixed; roped and un-roped), climbing (indoor, rock, ice, alpine, sport and mountain); backpacking, hiking, trail running, trekking; backcountry skiing, touring, telemark skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing; alpine skiing, Nordic or cross-country skiing; cycling, mountain biking; trail building, clearing and maintenance; building, maintaining and operating backcountry huts; and, all activities, services and use of facilities either provided by or arranged by the Club including orientation, instructional and skill development programs and all travel by or movement around helicopters, other aircraft or other vehicles.

DESCRIPTION OF RISKS

There are many potential **RISKS, DANGERS** and **HAZARDS** associated with Outdoor Activities including the **RISK OF SEVERE INJURY OR DEATH**.

The terrain used for Outdoor Activities is uncontrolled, unmarked, not inspected, and involves many risks, dangers and hazards. Avalanches occur frequently in the terrain used for Outdoor Activities and may be caused by natural forces or by persons travelling through the terrain. The Club may fail to predict whether the terrain is safe, and whether avalanche hazards or other dangers or risks may occur.

Risks, dangers and hazards associated with Outdoor Activities may include, but are not limited to:

Rockfall, icefall, avalanches of snow, ice and rock triggered by natural forces, by persons travelling through the terrain or other causes; extreme variation in terrain, including hidden or exposed rocks, boulders, ice, logs, stumps, roots, forest deadfall, treewells, trees and other objects; falling trees; forest fires; concealed or exposed crevasses, icebridges or bergschrunds; cornices and cornice falls; cliffs; variable and difficult snow or ice conditions, including unstable snow packs or ice; ungroomed, unmarked and uncontrolled terrain; exposed or concealed holes or depressions on or below the surface or ground cover; still and moving water; lakes, streams, creeks and rivers, including crossings; cold water immersion; entrapment by trees, logs, rocks or equipment; drowning; limited visibility; variable, severe or rapidly changing weather with little or no warning including storms, high winds and lightning; dangerous and unpredictable water conditions, including waves, currents, rapids, white water and waterfalls; hypothermia; hyperthermia; frostbite; loss of balance or control and falls, particularly on steep, slippery or difficult terrain; difficulty or inability to control one's speed and direction; errors of judgment; lack of preparation; inadequate, inappropriate, improperly prepared or adjusted equipment; equipment failure, malfunction or loss; loss or damage to personal property; failure to act safely or within one's ability or within a designated area; impact or collision with vehicles, other persons or objects; encounters with domestic or wild animals; becoming lost, going off route or becoming separated from one's party; behavioural problems with the horse, including the horse being spooked, frightened or startled; riding a horse that is too aggressive or temperamental for one's riding ability; being thrown from, kicked, bitten or struck by the horse; remote locations with unreliable, delayed or no communication and inability to get rescue or medical assistance quickly or easily; dangerous driving conditions and travel over poor roads.



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In consideration of the Club allowing me to join the Club, to use Club cabins, and/or to participate in activities, programs or meetings organized or authorized by or on behalf of the Club including, but not limited to Club trips, camps, expeditions, courses or programs involving Outdoor Activities, I hereby recognize and acknowledge that:

1. The **RISKS, DANGERS** and **HAZARDS** associated with participating in Outdoor Activities may cause discomfort, severe injury, or death and I assume all risks, dangers and hazards.
2. The **RISKS, DANGERS** and **HAZARDS** associated with participating in Outdoor Activities may cause loss or damage to my equipment or property and I assume all risks, dangers and hazards.
3. The **RISKS, DANGERS** and **HAZARDS** associated with the Outdoor Activities may be caused or contributed to by my failure to obey the directions of the leaders and/or organizers of the Outdoor Activities and my failure to exercise good judgment or pay due care and attention and I assume all such risks, dangers and hazards.

EMERGENCIES, MEDICAL TREATMENT AND ASSOCIATED COSTS

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1. Should I require first aid or emergency medical treatment as a result of accident or illness while participating in Outdoor Activities organized by the Club, I consent to such treatment.
2. Should I require non-scheduled or emergency evacuation, rescue, first aid or medical treatment, I agree that I will bear all costs and expenses associated with such non-scheduled or emergency evacuation, rescue, first aid or medical treatment and these costs and expenses will not be covered by the Club.

Unless the executive of the Club directs otherwise or until the Participant turns 19 years of age, this Acknowledgment shall apply to all subsequent membership renewals, use of Club cabins or participation in activities, programs or meetings organized or authorized by or on behalf of the Club including but not limited to Club trips, camps, expeditions, courses or programs involving Outdoor Activities.

In entering into this Acknowledgment, I am not relying upon any oral or written representations or statements made by the Club with respect to the safety of Outdoor Activities, Club cabins and activities, programs, or meetings organized or authorized by or on behalf of the Club other than what is set forth in this Acknowledgment.

CONFIRMATION

I confirm that I have read and understood this Acknowledgment and by signing it voluntarily I am agreeing to abide by these terms.

Date: _____

Participant Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD): _____

Participant's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Witness' Signature

Participant's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Witness' Printed name