



## NSA Official Notices

Monday, March 9, 2026

### GROUP SCHOOLING AT AIKEN STEEPLECHASE

Sunday, March 22, 2026

1:00 PM

The Aiken Steeplechase will host a group schooling day on Sunday, March 22, 2026. Five hurdle fences on the racecourse will be used. Horses will be grouped in “heats” to be run every 30 minutes. Please use the Green Gate for entry located at 1211 Rudy Mason Parkway.

- Enter by 5:00 PM on March 15, 2026, with Kate Dalton ([katefitzdalton@live.com](mailto:katefitzdalton@live.com))
- Entry fees are waived.

Please specify if you have certain horses that you want grouped together. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. Horses will gather by the stables, and once everyone has arrived, they can walk onto the course. Riders, please mount and dismount at the stables.

#### Paperwork requirements:

- Coggins
- Signed Waiver and Liability Release

#### AIKEN STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE

I make this agreement with the **Aiken Steeplechase Association**, a South Carolina nonprofit corporation (hereafter referred to as “ASA”), and its directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, contractors, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns (collectively, “ASA Parties”) as a condition for allowing me to do the following: enter the premises, land, facilities, barns, arenas, paddocks, pastures, and surrounding land of ASA or ASA’s associates; be near horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys (hereafter, “equines”), work with, handle, ride, drive, race, compete, and/ or receive instruction or guidance related to riding, driving, racing, competing, handling and/or working with equines. (All of these activities, individually and collectively, will be referred to as “The Activities.”)

NAME *(Please print clearly)* \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

#### IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK.** I understand and acknowledge that The Activities involve risks of serious bodily injury, permanent disability, death, and property damage. I voluntarily and knowingly assume all risks associated with The Activities, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, including risks arising from (i) the condition of the premises, barns, stalls, arenas, paddocks, pastures, tracks, and surrounding areas (including footing/surface conditions), (ii) equipment, tack, and

facilities, (iii) weather and environmental conditions, (iv) the acts or omissions of other participants, spectators, or third parties, and (v) the acts, omissions, or behavior of equines.

2. **Inherent Risk of Equine Activity.** I understand that there is an inherent risk of equine activity, including, but not limited to: (a) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to a person on or around the equine; (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sound, sudden movement, an unfamiliar object, a person, or another animal; (c) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (d) collisions with other equines or objects; and (e) the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within the participant's ability.
3. **WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE:** As consideration for being allowed to engage in any or all of The Activities, now and in the future and at any location, I voluntarily agree to each of the following: (a) ASA, the ASA Parties, and the owners/lessors of the premises (if different from ASA), and each of their respective officers, directors, members, managers, employees, agents, volunteers, contractors, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns (hereafter referred to collectively as "The Released Parties") shall not be liable for any losses, injuries, or damages that I may sustain as a result of engaging in any of The Activities; (b) I release, waive, and discharge all claims, demands, damages, legal actions, causes of action, or rights of action (present or future) against The Released Parties, whether the claims are known, unknown, anticipated, or unanticipated, arising out of my engaging in The Activities.; provided, however, nothing in this Agreement is intended to release or waive any liability that cannot be released or waived under applicable law, including liability for gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct if such waiver is prohibited.

#### **WARNING**

Under South Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of equine activity, pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 9 of Title 47, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

This Agreement and all disputes or controversies arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of South Carolina, without regard to the laws of any other jurisdiction that might be applied because of the conflicts of laws principles of the State of South Carolina. Any action relating to this Agreement or The Activities shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Aiken County, South Carolina (or, if federal jurisdiction exists, the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina). This document can only be modified in writing. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.** I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS (INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE), AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

**Accepted by: PARTICIPANT**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME HERE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE : \_\_\_\_\_

(If Participant is under 18 years of age) Accepted by: PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME HERE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by: AIKEN STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_