

Individual Waiver Form

MUST BE INCLUDED with EVERY Individual Sport Entry Form

THIS OFFICIAL WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY EVERY ATHLETE and LEGAL GUARDIAN (if athlete under age 18). This Individual Waiver form for Individual Sport athletes and coaches ONLY. Teams will sign a separate waiver. Every individual not in a team sport MUST fill out this waiver. Note: Participants in equestrian events must fill out and sign both parts below.

Please PRINT YOUR SPORT NAME ON THE LINE BELOW, sign the form and include with entry.

YOUR SPORT: _____

IN CONSIDERATION of the Participant being allowed to participate in any way in the State Games of Mississippi athletics/sports programs and related events and activities, the undersigned: **ACKNOWLEDGE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND** that the participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury and/or communicable disease (COVID-19), including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses that might result NOT only from his or her own actions, inactions or negligence, but the actions, inactions or negligence of others, the rules of play or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known or now reasonably foreseeable at this time. **ASSUME** all of the foregoing risks, known and unknown, and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death. **RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, HOLD HARMLESS, INDEMNIFY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE** State Games of Mississippi, Inc., sponsor of the State Games of Mississippi, the National and State Governing Sports bodies, City and County Government of Lauderdale County, their respective administrators, officers, directors, agents, representatives, coaches and other employees or volunteers of the organizations, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases," from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns or next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasee or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law. **CONSENT** to permit and authorize officials of the State Games of Mississippi to seek emergency medical treatment in the event of accident

or injury and consent to permit and authorize those providing medical care to perform medical treatment as deemed necessary. **CONSENT** to allow Participant's picture and/or voice or likeness to appear in any official documentary, promotional (including all advertisements) television, radio, film coverage or world wide web of the State Games of Mississippi without compensation. **THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AUTHORIZATION OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE SIGNED IT VOLUNTARILY.**

X
Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Participant's Name _____

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (Under age 18 at the time of registration.)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releases, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns and next of kin, release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES,** to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X
Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name _____

For Equestrian Events Only

AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS: I acknowledge every entry of this competition shall constitute an agreement and affirmation that all participants (including without limitation, the owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, rider, handler and the horse) for themselves, their principles, representatives, employees and agents shall be subject to the constitution and rules of the competition; represent that every horse, rider and handler is eligible as entered; agree to be bound by the rules the competition and will accept as final the decision of the State Games of Mississippi officials; agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, competition management may market, transfer, assign or otherwise make use of any photographs, likenesses, films, broadcasts, cablecasts, audio tapes or video tapes taken of the horse(s) and participants while on the grounds in any way seen fit for the promotion of the event, without compensation to any of them and hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in conjunction with such use, including any claim of invasion of privacy, right to publicity or to misappropriation; and agree that they participate voluntarily in the competition fully aware that horse sports and competition involve inherent dangerous risks of serious injury or loss, and they agree to indemnify and hold the competition and their officials, the State Games of Mississippi, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against all claims directly or indirectly from the negligent acts or omissions of said officials, directors, employees and agents of the competition, or the State Games of Mississippi, and agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim or loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my (my child's) horse while in or upon the competition grounds, and I personally assume all responsibility and liability for

any such claim of theft, disappearance, death to horse or rider, I hereby assume sole responsibility.

X
Rider's Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Rider's Name _____

X
Horse Owner's Signature _____

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X
Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name _____

State Games of Mississippi

General Information

Athletes participate in true competitions, and are awarded Olympic-style gold, silver and bronze medals for the top three places in each division or event within all sports.

Every athlete receives a t-shirt and entry to all venues. You can enter many ways! First, you can send back this entry form and all waivers. Make sure you mail in the entry by the due date listed. If you are interested in one of our other sports, simply call for a form (800-482-0205) or [go to our website, www.stategamesofms.org](http://www.stategamesofms.org) to enter on-line or download the entry forms and waivers.

To avoid late fees and long lines, be sure to get your entry form and check in early. **Confirmation materials are sent if we receive your entry form five days before your sport entry deadline.** Don't limit yourself to one sport!

Anyone who has been a resident of Mississippi for at least 30 days is qualified to participate in the State Games of Mississippi. In addition, students registered in Mississippi colleges and universities and military personnel assigned to facilities in Mississippi are eligible. Participants from other states are eligible if that state has no State Games organization or if their organization does not offer the sport in which the participant wishes to compete. Permission may be granted from other states for an athlete to participate out-of-state if they participate in their own State Games in a particular sport.



Refunds will be given only in the following circumstances:

- 1) Entry received after the deadline and the maximum number of teams or participants in your sport has been met;
- 2) Minimum number of teams or participants in your sport has not been met; or
- 3) Entry received from a non-qualified participant. **Important: No refunds will be given if events are cancelled due to weather or other acts of God.**

The State Games of Mississippi reserves the right to disqualify any coach or athlete from the Games for failure to exhibit the qualities and behavior or good sportsmanship. Unsportsmanship includes, but is not limited to: False representation of age, residency or eligibility; destruction of property; disorderly conduct; fighting; improper use of alcohol and/or drugs; and wearing clothing that reflects poorly on the Games.

The Opening Ceremonies and sports using outdoor sites are subject to weather, and we repeat: No refunds will be given if events are cancelled due to weather or other acts of God. Competitions will be conducted unless commissioners, facility manager and State Games of Mississippi officials determine the weather conditions to be potentially dangerous or life threatening, or if playing fields would incur damage.

It is the responsibility of each participant to obtain insurance. In some instances, the National Governing Body, which sanctions events, may have secondary coverage. In the event of an emergency, injury or illness, State Games of Mississippi will have medical aid available to assist the injured. Please note, preparation for competition, such as taping, will not be provided. No athlete will be allowed to participate without signing the appropriate waiver.