

(Attachment G)

POLICIES FOR TEAM SUPPORTERS

As a supporter of a USA Saddle Seat Team Member, we ask you to read and sign the following Policies for Supporter participation ensuring that everyone understands their role and responsibility.

As supporter of _____, I/we agree to:

- **Respect** the role and decisions made by the Team Coaches and USEF Team Liaison. These individuals are charged with the responsibility of making decisions in the best interest of the entire team and promoting a positive environment for all team members. I will respect their authority and will bring any concerns to the USEF Team Liaison at an agreed upon time and in an appropriate place if an issue arises that requires discussion.
- **Recognize** that each rider is a part of the team and not an individual competitor for this event. Team bonding is paramount for a successful experience. Riders will be with the team during all practices, activities, and competitions. Team members have limited free time to spend with the supporters during events as their focus must stay on the competition and with the team. I understand the following:
 - Supporters may not stay at the same hotel as the team during the competition unless an exemption is given for extraordinary circumstances.
 - Supporters may not be present during any team practice unless invited by the USEF team liaison
 - Supporters are asked to minimize time spent at the barn prior to any practice or competition.
 - Offers to help with preparing suits, cleaning saddles, doing hair and makeup, and/or other tasks are appreciated. However, team coaches – not parents or trainers – are responsible for determining the best way to prepare all riders together as a team.
 - Riders are not permitted to use cell phones during team activities, meals, or events. If an emergency occurs and it is necessary to contact a rider during these events, I will contact the USEF Team Liaison.
- **Appreciate** that riders are part of a team participating in an International Competition and are representing the United States in all of their actions. I acknowledge my obligation to uphold and adhere to the highest standards and will expect the same behavior from my rider.
- **Understand** that the Team Coaches are the coaches for the team members at all team practices and competitions. Unless I am one of the official coaches of the team or am asked by the coaches to assist, I will refrain from coaching my rider or other riders.
- **Encourage** positive relationships between team members and members of other teams. Riders are expected to be inclusive of all teammates in their communications and actions. Positive interaction with teammates as well as members of other teams is expected of all riders. Intimate relations between teammates or members of other teams during the period of days involving team functions, practice and competition is not permitted.
- **Expect** riders to show reasonable taste in clothing and personal attire. Clothes should be clean, neat, and in good condition (meaning no holes, rips or cutoffs). Length of skirts and shorts should allow for modesty; tops should have modest necklines. Any clothes that allow underwear to be visible or are provocative are not acceptable. Clothing that promotes such things as drugs, alcohol, violence, profanity, sex, or hate messages are not allowed. Riders are asked to use good judgment and wear clothing appropriate to the situation, including while in their hotel room.

