



YOUTH PARTICIPANT WAIVER, ACKNOWLEDGMENT & ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

In consideration of being permitted to participate in programs, practices, competitions, events, clinics, camps, training activities, and other activities organized, sponsored, sanctioned, or otherwise associated with **USA Youth Education in Shooting Sports (USAYESS)**, I, the participating athlete, acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

I understand that my participation in USAYESS activities is voluntary. I choose to participate and understand that I am responsible for following all applicable safety rules, event rules, range rules, and instructions provided by my coaches and event officials.

I understand that I should not participate if I am unable to safely take part in an activity, and I agree to notify my coach or another responsible adult if I believe I cannot participate safely.

2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

I understand that participation in shooting sports and related activities involves inherent and potentially serious risks.

These risks include, but are not limited to:

- the use, handling, discharge, malfunction, or presence of firearms and ammunition;
- exposure to loud noise, shot, target fragments, debris, or other projectiles;
- actions of other athletes, coaches, volunteers, spectators, range personnel, or other individuals;
- equipment failure or malfunction;
- slips, trips, falls, uneven terrain, shooting stations, pathways, stairs, or other facility conditions;
- weather conditions, including heat, cold, sun, wind, rain, or lightning;
- walking, running, lifting, bending, stretching, or other physical activities;
- movement throughout shooting ranges and event facilities;
- vehicles, golf carts, machinery, structures, equipment, or other objects located at an event or facility; and
- other risks that are inherent or incidental to participation in shooting sports.

I understand that **firearms and ammunition are inherently dangerous** and that improper handling or unexpected circumstances can result in serious bodily injury, permanent disability, property damage, or death.

I also understand that injuries may occur even when I, my coaches, event officials, and other participants follow appropriate safety rules and procedures.

3. ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I understand the risks associated with participating in shooting sports and USAYESS activities.

I knowingly and voluntarily accept and assume the inherent risks associated with my participation, including the possibility of serious injury or death.

If I ever do not understand an instruction, believe something is unsafe, or feel uncomfortable participating in an activity, I agree to stop and immediately speak with my coach, a range official, or another responsible adult.

4. SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

I understand that firearm safety is my responsibility at all times.

I agree that I will:

- always treat every firearm as if it is loaded;
- always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction;
- keep my finger off the trigger until I am ready to fire;
- be certain of my target and what is beyond it;
- follow all commands given by coaches, referees, range personnel, and event officials;
- wear appropriate eye and hearing protection when required;
- handle firearms and ammunition only in authorized areas and as permitted by applicable rules;
- never engage in horseplay, reckless behavior, or unsafe firearm handling;
- immediately report unsafe conditions or behavior to a coach or event official; and
- conduct myself in a safe and responsible manner while participating in USAYESS activities.

I understand that failing to follow safety rules may result in my immediate removal from an activity or event.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH USAYESS AND RANGE RULES

I agree to follow the rules, policies, procedures, codes of conduct, and safety requirements established by USAYESS, its affiliated state organizations, my team, event organizers, and host facilities.

I understand that USAYESS representatives, coaches, referees, range personnel, or event officials may suspend or terminate my participation if they determine that my actions are unsafe, inappropriate, unsportsmanlike, or contrary to applicable rules.

I understand that safety instructions and range commands must be followed immediately.

6. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

I understand that I have an important role in keeping myself and others safe.

I agree to use good judgment, behave responsibly, and never intentionally place myself or another person in danger.

If I observe a firearm being handled unsafely, an unsafe range condition, or conduct that may endanger another person, I agree to immediately notify a coach, range official, or other responsible adult.

7. MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

I understand that injuries or medical emergencies may occur while participating in USAYESS activities.

If I am injured or become ill, I agree to immediately notify my coach, an event official, or another responsible adult whenever I am able to do so.

I understand that emergency medical personnel may provide treatment when necessary and that my parent or legal guardian has separately provided any required authorization concerning emergency medical treatment.

8. PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing or electronically accepting this Agreement, I acknowledge that:

- I have read this Agreement or it has been read and explained to me;
- I have had an opportunity to ask questions about anything I do not understand;
- I understand that shooting sports involve inherent risks, including the possibility of serious injury or death;
- I understand that following firearm and range safety rules is required at all times;
- I voluntarily choose to participate in USAYESS activities;
- I accept responsibility for following the safety rules and instructions applicable to my participation; and
- I understand that my parent or legal guardian is required to complete a separate Parent/Guardian Waiver, Release of Liability & Consent Agreement before I may participate.

I understand and accept these responsibilities and agree to participate safely and responsibly.

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS. READ IT CAREFULLY AND BE CERTAIN YOU UNDERSTAND IT BEFORE SIGNING

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Print Parent's Name: _____

Signed on: _____

By registering with and/or participating in any USAYESS sanctioned events, you are agreeing to this policy regardless of whether a signature is present.