Hackensack RIVERKEEPER® Program Assumption of Risk Form

Voluntary - My participation in this Hackensack Riverkeeper Fishing Derby is voluntary. I will select the activities in which I will participate. I will choose activities that are within my physical capacities. I will stay away from the water if I cannot swim and/or if I have any open cuts. I will wear gloves at all times.

Assumption of Risk - I realize that during this event, there are several ways that I could potentially hurt myself if I am not careful or choose a task that I am not capable of doing. For example, I might choose to (a) walk or stand by a slippery stream or river banks, (b) kayak/canoe or wade in streams or rivers that may contain strong currents, tidal flow, and/or uneven bottoms, (c) clean up near highways or roads, (d) cut vegetation with sharp tools, (e) pick up sharp items, and (f) clean up in or near a stream or river that may contain harmful pollutants, bacteria, or parasites. I realize that my participation in any of these activities is strictly voluntary and that I assume the risks associated with these activities. I could: (a) receive cuts and abrasions, (b) lose personal property such as watches, jewelry, or personal electronic devices (i.e., cell phones or digital watches), and (c) suffer serious bodily injury.

COVID AWARENESS: Hackensack Riverkeeper is working hard to ensure that all CDC guidelines are followed, and federal, state, and local rules are adhered to. However, questions remain over the potential for COVID-19 to spread via wastewater and over the length of time the virus can live on various surfaces. In addition to protecting yourself by social distancing and wearing a mask in public, please be aware that contact with certain waters and discarded gloves and masks also poses a health risk. Please use the safety equipment provided to minimize your contact with potentially harmful items. If you choose not to wear gloves, masks, and waders (when in the water) or pickup sticks to collect trash, you do so at your own risk and may be asked to leave the event.

Waiver - I release the sponsors, organizers, volunteers, and site property owners (as well as all of their affiliates, directors, officers, trustees, employees, representatives, or agents) from all actions or claims of any kind that relate to my participation in the event. I understand and acknowledge that this waiver binds my heirs, administrators, executors, personal representatives, and assigns.

Hold Harmless - I hold the sponsors, organizers, volunteers, and site owners harmless and indemnify them against all actions or claims (including reasonable attorneys' fees, judgments and costs) with respect to any injuries, death, or other damages or losses, resulting from my participation in the event.

Medical Treatment - If I am injured during the event, the organizers or volunteers of the event may render medical services to me or request that others provide such services. By taking such action, the organizers and volunteers are not admitting any liability to provide or to continue to provide any such services and that such action is not a waiver by the organizers or volunteers of any rights under this release and waiver. Should I require transport to a medical facility as a result of an injury, I am financially responsible for such transportation and medical treatment costs. If I am injured during the event, it is my responsibility to seek appropriate medical care and to notify the event organizers. I understand that this waiver will have no bearing on any workers compensation claims that I may make as a result of my participation in this event.

Pictures - I agree that any pictures or videos taken of me or my children/dependents during the event can be used by Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc. for future promotional campaigns.

Date: _____

Name of Participant(s):_____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip:_____

Phone Number:_____

Email Address:_____

Emergency Contact:_____

Phone Number:_____

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