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California State University Use of Approved Release of Liability

I. Policy

Through adoption of the following statement of policy, the California State University recognizes the use of releases of liability as an integral instrument to promote safety and mitigate liability throughout the California State University system.

Risk Management includes policies and practices designed to minimize the adverse effects of losses experienced by the California State University. A campus risk management policy must include methods of controlling risks. One such method of controlling risk is the use of a release of liability form.

II. Procedure

A. Use of the Approved Release of Liability

To facilitate a uniform and consistent application of risk control on all campuses in the California State University System, a single release has been developed for use in all campus planned or sponsored events. Note that the release can now be translated. Please see attached memo. The policy is updated to allow for parents/guardians of minors to execute the waiver electronically.

Attached to this policy is the approved release.

III. Authority

This policy is issued pursuant to [Section II of the Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of the California State University](#) as further delegated by the [Standing Delegations of Administrative Authority](#). The president may delegate authority and responsibility described in this policy to other campus officials pursuant to [Section VI of the Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of the California State University](#).

All Revision Dates

3/14/2024, 11/4/2022, 9/1/2010

Attachments

[CSU Liability Waiver - final \(rev. Oct. 2022\).pdf](#)

[Release of Liability_Informed Consents Translated Final.pdf](#)

Approval Signatures

Step Description	Approver	Date
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**WAIVER OF LIABILITY, PROMISE NOT TO SUE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND
AGREEMENT TO PAY CLAIMS**

Activity: _____

Activity Date(s) and Time(s): _____

Activity Location(s): _____

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the above-referenced Activity, on behalf of myself and my next of kin, heirs, representatives, and assigns, I hereby **release, waive, and discharge from all liability and promise not to sue** the State of California, the Trustees of The California State University, California State University, [campus name] and their employees, officers, directors, volunteers and agents (collectively the “University”) from any and all liabilities or claims, **including claims of the University’s negligence**, resulting in any physical or psychological injury (including paralysis and death), illness, damages, property loss, or economic or emotional loss I may suffer because of my participation in the Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I am voluntarily participating in this Activity. I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to/from and participating in this Activity, which include but are not limited to physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis), economic or emotional loss, and/or death. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or other’s actions, inaction, or negligence; conditions related to travel; or the condition of the Activity location(s). **Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known or unknown to me, of my participation in the Activity, including any associated use of University facilities or premises and any travel to, from and/or during the Activity.**

I agree to **indemnify and hold** the University **harmless** from any and all claims, actions, suits, costs, expenses, and liabilities for any injuries to myself and for any damage to my property or possessions that arise out of or arise from my participation in the Activity, including any injury or damage that occurs during the use of University facilities or premises and any travel to, from and/or during the Activity. If the University incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse the University. If I need medical treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance.

I am 18 years or older. **I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the University from all liability, (b) promising not to sue the University, (c) and assuming all risks of participating in the Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.**

I understand that this document is written to be as broad and inclusive as legally permitted by the State of California. I agree that if any portion is held invalid or unenforceable, I will continue to be bound by the remaining terms.

[In the event that any foreign language translation of this document has been attached hereto by the University, the English language version of this document shall be the authoritative version. The English language version shall be controlling in all respects and shall prevail in case of any inconsistency with the translated version].

I have read this document in its entirety, fully understand its terms, and acknowledge that I am signing it freely and voluntarily. **No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.**

Participant Signature: _____

Participant Name (print): _____ Date: _____

If the Participant is under 18 years old:

I, the parent/legal guardian of the Participant identified above hereby agree to all of the above on behalf of the Participant

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____