

**MONARCH MOUNTAIN**

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

**MONARCH TOWN CHALLENGE JAN. 13- MARCH 2, 2012**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.**

1. The person who is taking part in the race or special event shall be referred to hereinafter as "Participant". The "Undersigned" means only the Participant when the Participant is age 18 or older OR it means both the Participant and the Participant's parent or legal guardian when the Participant is under the age of 18. The Undersigned agree and understand that skiing, race training, competition and/or using any of the facilities of the ski area, including but not limited to use of the lifts, ski slopes, trails, and other equipment, for any purpose (hereinafter the "Activity"), can be **HAZARDOUS AND INVOLVES THE RISK OF PHYSICAL INJURY AND/OR DEATH.**

2. The Undersigned are advised that a person using any of the facilities of the ski area is considered a skier. The Undersigned acknowledge and understand the dangers and risks of skiing and understand that the Participant, as a "skier" under Colorado law, **ASSUMES ALL INHERENT DANGERS AND RISKS** as provided by the Colorado Ski Safety Act (hereinafter "Act").

3. The Undersigned further understand and agree that in signing this Agreement, the Undersigned are expressly **acknowledging and assuming additional risks and dangers that may result in property damage, physical injury and/or death above and beyond those outlined in the Act, including but not limited to:**

Falling; avalanches; cornices; suffocation; crevasses; drills; exercises; free skiing; following the direction of a race team leader; practice slopes; warm-up slopes; equipment failure; equipment malfunction; equipment damage; Participant's improper use of equipment; Participant's use of his/her own personal equipment; Participant's failure to maintain or otherwise upkeep his/her own personal equipment; slick or uneven surfaces; slipping; tripping; loss of balance; rugged mountainous terrain; bumps; tree wells; downed timber; rocks of various sizes; holes; debris; marked and unmarked obstacles; drainage channels; varying visibility; unmaintained trails; path and/or trail obstructions; unmarked roads and/or trails; Participant or another acting in a negligent manner that may cause and/or contribute to injury to Participant or others, such as selecting terrain that exceeds his/her ability and not acting within such ability; Participant's failure to comply with signage; collisions with natural or man-made objects or collisions with other people; falling objects; encounters with snowmobiles and/or other motor vehicles; becoming lost or separated; lack of shelter; lift loading, unloading, and riding; storms, lightning, hail, snow and other adverse weather; limited access to and/or delay of medical attention; Participant's health condition; strenuous activity; fatigue; exhaustion; dehydration; hypothermia; high elevation; altitude sickness; frostbite; & mental distress from exposure to any of the above.

4. Pursuant to Colorado law, Participant assumes the responsibility of maintaining control at all times while engaging in the Activity. Participant is responsible for reading, understanding and complying with all signage, including instructions on use of lifts. Participant must have the physical dexterity and knowledge to safely load, ride and unload the lifts. Participant assumes the risks of riding the lifts and engaging in activities accessible from the lifts. Further, the Undersigned understand that a minor Participant may use the ski lifts without an adult present. The Undersigned are advised that snowmobiles, snowmaking, and snow-grooming equipment may be encountered at any time, and the Undersigned recognize that falls and collisions occur and injuries are a common and ordinary occurrence of the Activity.

5. The Undersigned acknowledge and understand that the description of the risks listed above are not complete and that participating in the Activity, whether or not described, may be dangerous and may also include risks which are inherent and/or which cannot be reasonably avoided without changing the nature of the Activity. By signing this document, the Undersigned recognize that property loss, serious injury and death are all possible while participating in the Activity.

6. The Undersigned agree with the premise that the Participant is a competitor at all times, whether practicing for competition or in competition. The Undersigned understand that the Participant has the opportunity to inspect the ski/snowboard training course and/or competition course prior to participating in the Activity and that **he/she assumes the risk of all course conditions**, including but not limited to course construction or layout and obstacles. **RECOGNIZING THE RISKS AND DANGERS, THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITY AND VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE FOR PARTICIPANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AND EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISKS AND DANGERS OF THE ACTIVITY, WHETHER OR NOT DESCRIBED ABOVE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, INHERENT OR OTHERWISE.**

7. Additionally, in consideration for allowing the Participant to participate in the Activity, **THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREE NOT TO SUE** Monarch Mountain or any of their respective successors in interest, affiliated organizations and companies, insurance carriers, agents, employees, representatives, assignees, officers, directors, shareholders and the USDA Forest Service (each hereinafter a "Released Party") for any property damage (including but not limited to equipment damage), injury or loss to Participant, including death, which Participant may suffer, arising in whole or in part out of Participant's participation in the Activity. By agreeing not to sue, the Undersigned **are releasing any right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against any Released Party.** Also, the **UNDERSIGNED AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND RELEASE EACH AND EVERY RELEASED PARTY FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY** and/or claims for injury or death to persons or damage

