

## **RELEASE AND WAIVER BY ALL PARTICIPANTS**

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1. As a condition of participation, all participants in NEBCA sanctioned trials or other NEBCA events, affected in any manner whatsoever by a decision of the Board of Directors (BOD) or any person or committee authorized by the BOD to handle disciplinary matters, hereby releases NEBCA, their officers, directors, and any and all committee members jointly and severally, individually and in the official capacity, of and from any and all claims, demands, damages, and causes of action whatsoever, in law or equity, rising out of or in connection with any individual committees to whom disciplinary matters may be authorized by the BOD or by a Hearing Committee.
  - a) A “NEBCA sanctioned trial” is one which is approved by the NEBCA Novice or Open Trials committee and is conducted in the NEBCA geographic region.
  - b) A “NEBCA event” is one which is hosted by the NEBCA organization, and may include championship trials, meetings, or other events.
  - c) “Participants” include all individuals competing at, assisting with, or performing functions to support, a NEBCA sanctioned trial or event.
2. By virtue of their participation in any NEBCA event, the participant acknowledges and agrees to comply with the organization rules and regulations, and to accept any sanction or penalties that may be for failure to comply, even if the participant is not a NEBCA member.
3. If any participant institutes litigation in which NEBCA is included as a defendant, in an effort to recover damages, to overturn enforcement or interpretation of the Bylaws or Rules, or for any other reason whatsoever, and does not prevail in said litigation by the recovery of all relief requested, that member shall be liable to NEBCA for its attorney fees, costs of court, and other expenses incurred in connection with such litigation. Venue for any litigation in which NEBCA is included as a defendant shall be determined by the BOD.