



EquiCenter Volunteer Halloween Costume Contest – Entry and Release Form

Return this signed form with your costume photo to dhouliares@equicenterny.org prior to submitting your photo by October 31, 2026. Forms can also be returned in person. Entries without a completed form will not be considered. Entrants under 18 must also have a parent or guardian complete Section 6. Hard copies of this form will be available in the volunteer office.

1. Entrant Information

Field	Response
Full name	
Phone	
Email	
Town and state of residence	
Are you 18 or older? (Yes / No)	
Name you'd like shown on your entry post	
Short costume title or caption (optional, up to 15 words)	
Is anyone else identifiable in your photo? (Yes / No – if yes, complete Section 7)	

2. Acknowledgments and Certifications

Please initial each statement.

Initials	Statement
	I have read and agree to the Official Rules of the EquiCenter Volunteer Halloween Costume Contest.
	I am a registered, active EquiCenter volunteer. I am not an EquiCenter employee, Board member, or Contest contractor, or an immediate family or household member of one.

Initials	Statement
	My participation is voluntary. I understand that choosing not to enter, or not winning, has no effect on my volunteer role or standing.
	I understand that no purchase or donation is required to enter, vote, or win, and that I may not offer anything of value in exchange for votes.
	I took the photo, or I have the photographer's permission to submit it. It does not show any EquiCenter rider, client, or program participant.
	My costume and photo meet the content standards in the Official Rules.
	When I post about the Contest from my own accounts, I will include #EquiCenterContest.
	If I win, I am responsible for any taxes on the prize and will provide a completed IRS Form W-9 if EquiCenter requests it.

3. Publicity and Photo Release

I grant EquiCenter, Inc. ("EquiCenter") a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license to use, reproduce, publish, and display my entry photo, my name, and my town of residence on EquiCenter's social media accounts, website, newsletters, and promotional materials, in connection with the Contest and EquiCenter's mission, without further notice or payment. I keep ownership of my photo.

I understand that once posted, my photo will be publicly visible and may be shared or commented on by others, which EquiCenter cannot control. I may ask EquiCenter to stop future use of my photo by contacting [Alexis Sklair at asklair@equicenterny.org](mailto:asklair@equicenterny.org). EquiCenter will honor that request going forward but is not required to remove materials already published or printed.

4. Safety and Release of Liability

If my photo is taken on EquiCenter property, I will take it only in the area EquiCenter designates and will follow all staff instructions. I will not wear masks, capes, loose or noisy fabrics, props, inflatables, or anything that limits my vision near horses or in barns, arenas, or paddocks unless EquiCenter staff approve and supervise.

To the fullest extent permitted by New York law, I release EquiCenter and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from any claim, injury, loss, or damage arising from my participation in the Contest, the preparation or wearing of my costume, or the acceptance or use of any prize. This release does not apply to liability that cannot be waived under New York law. This release is in addition to, and does not replace, any volunteer agreement or release I have already signed with EquiCenter.

I acknowledge that the Contest is not sponsored, endorsed, or administered by, or associated with, Meta Platforms, Inc., Facebook, Instagram, or any other social media platform, and I release those platforms from all liability related to the Contest.

5. Entrant Signature

By signing, I confirm that the information I provided is true and that I have read and agree to this form and the Official Rules.

Field	Response
Entrant signature	
Printed name	
Date	

6. Parent or Guardian Consent (Entrants Under 18)

I am the parent or legal guardian of the entrant named above. I consent to my child's participation in the Contest. On my own behalf and my child's, I agree to the Official Rules and to Sections 2 through 4 of this form, including the Publicity and Photo Release and the Release of Liability. If my child wins, I agree to accept the prize on my child's behalf.

Field	Response
Parent or guardian signature	
Printed name	
Relationship to entrant	
Phone	
Email	
Date	

7. Release for Other People in the Photo

Every identifiable person in the photo other than the entrant must sign below. A parent or guardian signs for anyone under 18. By signing, each person grants EquiCenter the same Publicity and Photo Release in Section 3 and the same Release of Liability in Section 4, and acknowledges that only the named entrant is eligible to win the prize.

Printed name	Signature	Parent or guardian signature (if under 18)	Date

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Item	Response
Date received	
Eligibility confirmed (active volunteer; not employee, Board, or household member)	
Photo reviewed against content standards	
Parent or guardian consent on file (if under 18)	
Third-party releases on file (if applicable)	
Date posted and post link	
Reviewed by	