

UPNCPPG

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

This Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into between the undersigned (hereinafter "you") and UPNCPPG , as of the date of your signature (the "Effective Date"). If you choose to sign this Agreement, you assume all risks associated with powered paragliding, which can be a very dangerous and sometimes deadly activity, and you waive significant legal rights you might have in the event you are injured or killed when powered paragliding. You should read this Agreement carefully prior to signing it. You should not sign this Agreement if you are not willing to assume all risks associated with powered paragliding or you do not want to waive any legal rights you or your estate might have if you are injured or killed when powered paragliding.

1. **Definitions.** This Agreement uses terms that have definitions that are specific to this Agreement. These definitions may be different than your understanding of these terms' general definitions. You should review these definitions carefully so you completely understand these terms in the context of this Agreement. As used in this Agreement, these terms have the following definitions:

a. "UPNCPPG" means UPNCPPG , and its subsidiaries, holding companies, affiliates owners, shareholders, members, directors, managers, officers, employees, instructors, agents, representatives, attorneys, advisors, consultants, subcontractors, independent contractors, lessees, lessors, vendors, and the United States Powered Paragliding Association, a Delaware non-profit corporation (the organization that certifies instructors).

b. "Claim" means any demand, negotiation, or claim, and any lawsuit, action, arbitration, mediation, or other proceeding before any state, federal, administrative, governmental, quasi- governmental, tribal, international, or private court, tribunal, other authority.

c. "Damages" means any direct, indirect, special, general, compensatory, consequential, collateral, punitive, liquid, or other damages that result from any Injury or death.

d. "Estate" means your estate upon your death and the beneficiaries to that estate, whether by intestate succession, will, trust, or other method of descent and distribution, and any person authorized to bring any Claim against UPNCPPG on behalf of your estate, including, but not limited to, any spouse, child or heir, relative, descendent, administrator, personal representative, trustee, or other person or entity legally able to act on behalf of your estate.

e. "Injury" means any mental, emotional, physical, or financial injury suffered by you, and any injury to your property or any property under your control.

f. "Legal Expenses" means attorney fees, expert witness fees, witness fees, consulting fees, settlement proceeds, and any other fee, cost, or expense related to defending or settling a Claim.

g. "Powered Paragliding" means all acts related to powered paragliding or non-powered paragliding at or with UPNCPPG, including, but not limited to, procuring, assembling, preparing, maintaining, repairing, boarding, disembarking or jumping from, launching, flying, landing, crashing, piloting, driving, riding in, pushing, pulling, starting, turning-off, being in the general area of, observing, and watching a powered paraglider or non-powered paraglider. "Powered Paragliding" also includes the training, instruction, and other advice you receive from UPNCPPG, preparation of the parachutes, gear, instruments, and other items or equipment used or available when powered paragliding or non-powered paragliding.

h. "Third Party" means any person or entity other than you, your Estate, or UPNCPPG.

(Initial your agreement to and understanding of the definitions of the terms as stated in Section 1: _____)

2. **Consideration.** In consideration for the ability to utilize UPNCPPG's facilities, equipment, and services at the then-current costs and fees charged by UPNCPPG, you agree to release UPNCPPG from liability for Damages resulting from its negligence, refrain from bringing certain Claims against UPNCPPG, indemnify UPNCPPG from certain Claims against UPNCPPG, and make certain representations to UPNCPPG, all of which are set forth more fully below in this Agreement.
3. **Term.** The term of this Agreement is from the Effective Date through December 31 of the calendar year of the Effective Date. As of January 1 of the calendar year following the Effective Date, you must sign a subsequent Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Agreement (or similar agreement) to resume Powered Paragliding with UPNCPPG, which will be provided by UPNCPPG for your review. You will not engage in Powered Paragliding with UPNCPPG at that time until you have signed a subsequent Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Agreement (or similar agreement). If you do engage in Powered Paragliding with UPNCPPG without signing a subsequent Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Agreement (or similar agreement), this Agreement will continue to control at all times you engage in Powered Paragliding with UPNCPPG.

4. Observers.

a. **First Flight and Training.** For all your training sessions and your first flight with UPNCPPG, the presence of observers (e.g. friends and family, such as spouses and/or children) are strongly discouraged. Observers may add to the stress level of new Power Paragliding pilots, so it's best that you attend training and your first flight without any observers. Additionally, it's possible that if an accident were to occur to you when flying, your observers may suffer great emotional harm observing your Injury or death. Therefore, it is best that you do not bring any observers.

b. **Presence of Observers.** If you do bring observers with you at any time, whether during your training, first flight, or any other flight with UPNCPPG, you understand and agree that you and your Estate will indemnify UPNCPPG for any Claim that any observer may have against UPNCPPG for any mental, emotional, physical, or financial injury they suffer to their person, or any injury to their property or any property under their control during your participation in Powered Paragliding. You also agree to indemnify UPNCPPG for any Claim against UPNCPPG for any mental, emotional, physical, or financial injury your observers may cause to any Third Party or any injury or destruction of the property of a Third Party.

5. Alternative Powered Paragliding Providers. You acknowledge and agree that UPNCPPG is not the only entity that provides powered paragliding services. You do not have to engage UPNCPPG for any powered paragliding activities or training. If you do not wish to sign this Agreement but would still like to paraglide, UPNCPPG will provide you with a list of other powered paragliding providers that may be able to assist you in powered paragliding.

6. Risk of Powered Paragliding.

a. **Acknowledgment of Risk.** You acknowledge and agree that Powered Paragliding is an inherently dangerous and high-risk activity that can result in serious Injury or death. These inherent dangers and risks will always be present with Powered Paragliding, even if you or UPNCPPG is an expert in Powered Paragliding and have never experienced or witnessed any injury or death when Powered Paragliding. These inherent dangers and risks are present even if the weather conditions are ideal, all safety precautions were followed, and all other instruction and rules were adhered to or obeyed. Greater danger and risk may exist if you, UPNCPPG, or any other person is negligent or otherwise at fault when Powered Paragliding. Powered Paragliding may involve dangers and risks that are not known by you, UPNCPPG, or any other person.

(Initial your acknowledgment of the inherent risks of Powered Paragliding: _____)

b. Assumption of Risk. You voluntarily, willingly, and knowingly assume any and all dangers and risks associated with Powered Paragliding, whether those risks are known or unknown, including those that may result in Injury or death. This includes the dangers and risks inherent with Powered Paragliding, and any dangers or risks that are caused by UPNCPPG's negligence or other act or omission. Examples of the risks you assume include, but are not limited to, equipment malfunction, UPNCPPG's negligent training, instruction, and maintaining of equipment, deficiencies in the landing or launch area, complications caused by the weather, and unforeseen or unpredictable occurrences while Powered Paragliding. The only dangers or risk you do not assume are those that cannot be assumed under North Carolina law, including dangers and risks caused by UPNCPPG's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(Initial your agreement to assume the risks related to Powered Paragliding: _____)

7. Release of Liability.

a. Release of Liability from Liability for Damages. You agree that if you suffer any Injury or death when Powered Paragliding, you, on behalf of yourself and your Estate, release and discharge UPNCPPG, and the owners of the property you fly over, take off from, or land or crash on, from any liability for any Damages resulting from your Injury or death, even if those Damages result from Injury or death caused UPNCPPG's negligence or other act or omission. The only liability for Damages that you do not release UPNCPPG from is liability for Damages that cannot be waived under North Carolina law, including Damages caused by UPNCPPG's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(Initial your agreement to release UPNCPPG from liability for Damages as set forth in Section 7.a: _____)

b. Waiver of Claims against UPNCPPG. Because you have released UPNCPPG for any liability for Damages in Section 7.a above, you, on behalf of yourself and your Estate, agree not to bring any Claim against UPNCPPG for any Injury or death suffered by you, even if the Injury or death results from UPNCPPG's negligence or other act or omission. For example, if you suffer Injury or death and you incur medical bills, funeral costs, lost wages, lost profits, or any other loss for which UPNCPPG might be liable because of its negligence or other act or omission, you or your Estate will not make any Claim against UPNCPPG. However, you do not waive any Claims that are not waivable by law, such as Claims based on UPNCPPG's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(Initial your agreement to waive Claims against UPNCPPG as set forth in Section 7.b: _____)

8. Legal Expenses and Indemnification.

a. **Legal Expenses for Third Party Claims.** You, on behalf of yourself and your Estate, agree to reimburse UPNCPPG for all reasonable Legal Expenses incurred by UPNCPPG in defending itself against any Claim brought by any Third Party related to: (i) Injury or death caused or suffered by you in connection with Powered Paragliding; and (ii) any financial, mental, emotional, or physical injury to a Third Party's person or property caused by you.

(Initial your agreement to pay Legal Expenses to UPNCPPG for the Third Party Claims set forth in Section 8.a: _____)

b. **Indemnification of Damages to Third Parties.** You, on behalf of yourself and your Estate, agree to indemnify UPNCPPG for all Damages incurred by UPNCPPG resulting from any Claim brought by any Third Party related to: (i) Injury or death caused or suffered by you in connection with Powered Paragliding; and (ii) any financial, mental, emotional, or physical injury to a Third Party's person or property caused by you.

(Initial your agreement to indemnify UPNCPPG for any Damages incurred from Third Party Claims as set forth in Section 8.b: _____)

c. **Collection Expenses.** You, on behalf of yourself and your Estate, agree to reimburse any Legal Expenses or reasonable collection costs incurred by UPNCPPG in attempting to collect reimbursement for any Legal Expenses or Damages incurred by UPNCPPG as described in Section 8.a and b above.

(Initial your agreement to reimburse UPNCPPG for any collection expenses as described in Section 8.c: _____)

d. **Legal Expenses for Your Claims.** You, on behalf of yourself and your Estate, agree that if you or your Estate brings a Claim against UPNCPPG for any Damages related to your Injury or death in connection with Powered Paragliding, and you are not the prevailing party, you or your Estate, as applicable, will reimburse UPNCPPG for all reasonable Legal Expenses incurred in defending against the Claim.

(Initial your agreement to pay UPNCPPG's Legal Expenses incurred as a result of a Claim that you or your Estate brings and UPNCPPG is the prevailing party as described in Section 8.d: _____)

9. Representations to UPNCPPG. Before UPNCPPG will engage in any Powered Paragliding services or activities with you, you must make certain truthful, voluntary representations to UPNCPPG. If you do not think you can honestly make the representations in this Section 9, you should not sign this Agreement.

a. Age of Majority. You represent that you are at least 18 years of age, and if you live in another state or country, you are of the age necessary to enter into contracts according to the laws of your home state or country.

(Initial your agreement that you are at least 18 years of age and the age of majority in your home state or country: _____)

b. Physical Fitness. You represent that you possess the physical fitness and ability necessary to safely participate in Powered Paragliding without creating unnecessary risk of harm to yourself, UPNCPPG, or any Third Party. You have the physical ability to engage in strenuous, intense, and sometimes life-threatening conditions that may occur during Powered Paragliding.

(Initial your agreement that you possess the physical fitness necessary to safely participate in Powered Paragliding: _____)

c. Physical Infirmities. You represent that you do not suffer from any physical infirmities, disabilities, or illnesses that might hinder your ability to engage in Powered Paragliding without causing unnecessary risk to yourself, UPNCPPG, or Third Party, including, but not limited to, heart conditions, fainting, seizures, memory loss, poor vision or hearing, and dizzy spells. If you do suffer from any physical infirmities, disabilities, or illnesses, you represent that you have talked to your treating physician about engaging in Powered Paragliding prior to signing this Agreement and he or she advised you that you will be able to safely engage in Powered Paragliding without creating any unnecessary risk of harm to yourself, UPNCPPG, or any Third Party.

(Initial your agreement that you do not suffer from physical infirmities that might hinder your ability to safely engage in Powered Paragliding: _____)

d. Drugs and Alcohol. You represent that you will not ingest or otherwise consume any legal or illegal drugs (including prescription and over-the-counter medications), alcohol, or any other stimulants or sedatives prior to or during Powered Paragliding that may decrease your ability to safely engage in Powered Paragliding or create any unnecessary risk of harm to yourself, UPNCPPG, or any Third Party.

(Initial your agreement that you will not take any drugs, medications, stimulants, or sedatives that hinder your ability to safely engage in Powered Paragliding: _____)

e. Prediction of Performance. You represent that you understand that it is impossible for any UPNCPPG representative or any other person to determine with any degree of certainty if you fully grasp, comprehend, and successfully apply any instruction or training you will receive from UPNCPPG, or how you will react to an actual Powered Paragliding

emergency. You represent that you will remain solely responsible for your own actions, even if UPNCPPG was negligent in its instruction and training of you, and its preparation and maintenance of your Powered Paragliding aircraft.

(Initial your agreement that it is impossible to predict how you will perform when Powered Paragliding: _____)

f. **Not Commercial Aircraft.** You represent that you understand that the powered paragliders used by UPNCPPG or Your Own Equipment for Powered Paragliding are not required by law to be inspected and maintained in the same manner as, or in accordance with, the standards applicable to commercial aircraft, and that UPNCPPG's powered paraglider operators are not required by law to have the same licenses or ratings as commercial airline pilots or schools.

(Initial your agreement that Powered Paragliding aircraft and pilots are not held to the same rigorous standards as commercial aircraft and pilots: _____)

g. **Paramotor Equipment.** You represent that you understand that the aircraft and equipment provided by UPNCPPG has been previously used for Powered Paragliding and that Powered Paragliding aircraft and equipment can, and does, fail even if all possible precautions are taken by you, any other user, the manufacturer, UPNCPPG, and anyone else involved with maintaining and repairing the aircraft. You also represent that you are the pilot in command and will remain solely responsible for your operation of any Paramotor equipment or aircraft, even if Your Own or UPNCPPG's aircraft or equipment fails as a result of UPNCPPG's negligence.

(Initial your agreement that you are solely responsible for your operation of UPNCPPG's equipment and aircraft, even if failure results from UPNCPPG's negligence: _____)

h. **No Insurance Coverage.** You represent that you understand that UPNCPPG provides no insurance coverage, whether accidental, general liability, health, or any other type of insurance coverage to anyone who participates in Powered Paragliding with UPNCPPG. Any type of insurance coverage for your participation in Powered Paragliding is your responsibility.

(Initial your agreement that you understand UPNCPPG does not provide any insurance coverage for you while participating in Powered Paragliding: _____)

i. **Free Choice.** You represent and agree that you are signing this Agreement UPNCPPG with your free and voluntary choice, without coercion, intimidation, force, obligation, or threat of physical, emotional, or financial harm. You also represent that your physical and economic wellbeing is not dependent upon Powered Paragliding with UPNCPPG.

(Initial your agreement that you are signing this Agreement with your own free choice: _____)

10. Minor Child Observers.

a. Release of Claims. If you have one or more minor children present during your participation in Power Paragliding, either your own children or children for which you are their lawful legal guardian, write their names here (if no such children are present, write "N/A"):

____. To the fullest extent allowed by law, on behalf of the children listed in the foregoing sentence, you release and discharge UPNCPPG, and the owners of the property you fly over, take off from, or land or crash on, from any liability for any Damages resulting from your Injury or death (including, but not limited to, Damages for observing your Injury or death and loss of benefits from family relationship (e.g., loss of consortium claims)), and any Damages resulting from any mental, emotional, physical, or financial injury or death suffered by your children, even if those Damages result from an injury or death caused UPNCPPG's negligence or other act or omission. The only liability for Damages that you do not release UPNCPPG from on behalf of your children is liability for Damages that cannot be waived under North Carolina law, including Damages caused by UPNCPPG's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(Initial your agreement to release UPNCPPG from liability for Damages on behalf of your children as set forth in Section 10.a: _____)

b. Waiver of Claims. Because you have released UPNCPPG for any liability for Damages on behalf of your children in Section 10.a above, you, on behalf of children named in Section 10.a, agree not to bring any Claim against UPNCPPG for your Injury or death, or any mental, emotional, physical, or financial injury or death suffered by your children, even if the Injury or death results from UPNCPPG's negligence or other act or omission. However, you do not waive any Claims that are not waivable by law, such as Claims based on UPNCPPG's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(Initial your agreement to waive Claims against UPNCPPG on behalf of your children as set forth in Section 10.b: _____)

11. Photo and Video Release. I hereby grant UPNCPPG permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media ("photo") in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration. I understand and agree that all photos will become the property of the UPNCPPG and will not be returned. I hereby irrevocably authorize the UPNCPPG to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish,

or distribute these photos for any lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photo.

- 12. Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument signed by you and an authorized representative of UPNCPPG.
- 13. Integrated Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between you and UPNCPPG with respect to this Agreement's subject matter. This Agreement supersedes all previous understandings, negotiations, either oral or written, with respect to its subject matter. If you had UPNCPPG or a Third Party help explain this Agreement to you, their interpretation or knowledge of this Agreement's subject matter does not affect in any way the meaning or validity of this Agreement.
- 14. Severability.** The provisions of this Agreement are severable. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable for any reason, such provision will be adjusted rather than voided, if possible, in order to achieve the intent of the Parties to this Agreement, and the remaining provisions hereof will not be affected thereby. If the provision cannot be adjusted to achieve the intent of the Parties in accordance with law, such provision will be voided and the remaining provisions hereof will not be affected thereby.
- 15. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue.** This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina without regard to its conflicts of law principles. You consent to personal jurisdiction and venue in the District Court for the State of North Carolina, North Carolina County, for all disputes regarding this Agreement.
- 16. Survival.** Sections 1, 4, 6–10, and 12–14 will survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 17. Understanding of this Agreement.** You represent that you have read, understand, and agree to all terms in this Agreement, and that you have had an opportunity to have this Agreement reviewed by an attorney.
- 18. Electronic Signature.** This Agreement may be executed in any format, including hardcopy, digital, or electronic version, each of which will constitute an original and will fully bind each Party who executed it.

“UPNCPG”:

By: _____ Robert Higbee, Instructor

By: _____ Craig Loop, Instructor

Date: _____

“You”:

By: _____ Signature

Printed Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number : _____

Date: _____