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Model & Image Release

This release is given as of [Date] by [Subject name] ("Subject") to [Photographer name] ("Photographer") in connection with images and/or video captured on [Shoot/event date, or "an ongoing basis" if not tied to one date].

1. Grant of Permission

Subject grants Photographer permission to use Subject's likeness, image, and voice as captured in the images and/or video described above.

2. Scope of Use

This permission covers use in: [check or list all that apply, e.g., "portfolio, website, social media, print advertising, competition entry, and licensing to third parties for editorial or commercial use." Remove any category that does not apply.]

3. Commercial or Editorial Use

This release covers [commercial use / editorial use / both — specify]. ["Commercial use" means use to advertise or sell a product or service; "editorial use" means use in news, educational, or non-advertising contexts.]

4. Territory & Duration

This grant applies [Territory, e.g., "worldwide"] and continues [Duration, e.g., "in perpetuity" or "for 5 years from the date above"], unless otherwise limited above.

5. Compensation

[State the compensation provided, e.g., "\$[amount], paid upon signing," OR state plainly: "No compensation is provided for this release; Subject's participation and this grant are voluntary."]

6. Right to Inspect

Subject waives the right to inspect or approve the finished images, video, or any copy that may be made using them, and waives any claim to compensation beyond what is stated in Section 5.

7. No Obligation to Use

Photographer is not obligated to use the images or video in any way, and this release does not require Photographer to do so.

8. Governing Law

This release is governed by the laws of the State of [State].

Signatures

By signing below, each party agrees to these terms.

[Subject name] ("Subject")

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____ Date: _____

[Photographer name] ("Photographer")

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____ Date: _____

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