

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE TRAINING CONFERENCE
“SUMMER SHOWDOWN”
CODE OF CONDUCT, AGREEMENT ASSUMING RISK OF INJURY OR
DAMAGE, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS, AUTHORIZATION

I (name) _____ (age & date of birth) _____ declare that all statements on this form (the “Agreement”) are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false, misleading, or incomplete information shall be cause for disqualification from or termination of my participation in the National Competitive Training Conference (NCTC) “SUMMER SHOWDOWN” to be held at the Gatlinburg Conference Center and its environs in Gatlinburg, Tennessee on July 17 -20, 2023. This event is hosted by Public Safety Cadets (a Virginia nonprofit corporation) with the support and assistance of local, state, and federal public safety agencies and educational institutions. I understand that participation in the NCTC is completely voluntary and that the NCTC is being offered as an optional activity for the benefit of the participants and that I am not required to attend or participate in this event as a condition of membership in my respective youth organization (Public Safety Cadets, Law Enforcement Exploring, etc.). I understand that the Public Safety Cadets is free to terminate my participation and remove me from the NCTC without cause at any time and that I am free to discontinue participation in the NCTC at any time. Given the nature of the NCTC, the Gatlinburg Conference Center and Public Safety Cadets requires that each NCTC participant agree to all conditions set out in this Agreement.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. All participants are expected to adhere to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics and act in accordance with the ideals of the Public Safety Cadets program and will:

- demonstrate courtesy and respect to other conference participants, event staff, Gatlinburg Conference Center personnel, and visitors;
- act and dress in a manner that will convey a positive reflection on their sponsoring agency and the Public Safety Cadets program. Participants are encouraged to wear their uniform, or other appropriate clothing that identify them as Public Safety Cadets/Explorers, as much as possible during the conference;
- attend the scheduled seminars, activities and career fair when not participating in their assigned competitive events;
- demonstrate integrity and good sportsmanship during all events and activities;
- obey all rules and lawful commands given to me by any official of the NCTC;
- secure all personal possessions and return all equipment provided to them for competitive events;
- adhere to all local ordinances, Gatlinburg Conference Center rules and regulations and to be exemplary guests of the host venue and surrounding community.

2. In consideration of others in your lodging venue, registered youth participants (Cadets/Explorers) are expected to be in their overnight lodging and quiet from 11 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., unless otherwise directed by their Mentor/Advisor or Public Safety Cadets personnel or other event staff.

3. Male participants are not allowed in the female sleeping rooms or restrooms at any time, or vice versa.

4. Any sexual or inappropriate contact, any verbal, physical or visual harassment, or any actual or threatened violence will not be tolerated and are grounds for immediate removal from NCTC.

5. Professional and appropriate behavior shall also be reflected in any participant’s online presence and in content shared publicly on social media platforms.

6. All participants must at all times observe and follow the safe and proper handling of any training firearm simulator in their control. A failure to do so shall result in the automatic termination of a participant’s participation in the NCTC and removal from the NCTC, and such failure may result in the prosecution of any improper acts taken by the participant.

7. In addition to all other rules and regulations relating to attendance and participation at the NCTC, participants must comply with all COVID-related laws, guidelines, protocols, or procedures that may be implemented by the Public Safety Cadets, the Gatlinburg Conference Center, and the federal/state/local government in order to protect as much as possible the health and safety of all attendees, including directives for frequent hand washing, social distancing and use of face masks. If a participant experiences any symptoms associated with COVID-19, the participant must inform Public Safety Cadet personnel as soon as reasonably possible.

AGREEMENT ASSUMING RISK OF INJURY OR DAMAGE, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

I hereby:

- Declare that I am able to meet the physical and mental requirements of the NCTC with or without a reasonable accommodation.
- Understand and accept that I am responsible for following appropriate safety procedures during the NCTC.
- I agree to comply with the reasonable instructions and directions of the Public Safety Cadets personnel and other event staff during my participation in the NCTC.
- Understand that my participation in the NCTC involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges of the NCTC.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: As consideration for being permitted to attend and participate in the NCTC, I forever release Public Safety Cadets, its participating Mentors, Advisors and Officers, any affiliated organizations, participating Police Departments and Sheriff Office’s, the State of Tennessee, the Tennessee National Guard, and Government of the United States, and the manufacturer of any training firearm simulator used at the NCTC, along with their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, attorneys, contractors, and representatives (collectively “Releasees”) from any and all liabilities, causes of action, lawsuits, claims, demands, or damages of any kind whatsoever that I, my assignees, heirs, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have, or may have in the future, for bodily injury, death, or property damage, related to (i) my participation or

presence at the NCTC, (ii) the negligence or other acts of any Releasee, whether directly connected to the NCTC or not, and however caused, and (iii) the condition of the NCTC. This release includes, without limitation, any claims in connection with any exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to attendance and participation at the NCTC. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including but not limited to personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

AUTHORIZATION

Should I require emergency medical care while participating in the NCTC, I hereby give the Public Safety Cadets personnel and other event staff my permission to use their judgment in obtaining care for me and I give permission to the medical care provider selected by the Public Safety Cadets personnel or other event staff to render medical care deemed necessary and appropriate. Such consent includes any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnostic or treatment and/or hospital service that may be rendered. I understand that Public Safety Cadets is not obligated to provide medical treatment and that any cost incurred for treatment provided which is not covered by insurance shall be my sole responsibility. I warrant that I understand the content of the foregoing authorization and release. My signature, hereon, is my own free act and it is my intention to be legally bound hereby.

WAIVER FOR CONSENT FOR PHOTOGRAPHS I do hereby consent to being photographed, by professional and/or amateur photographers, while participating in the NCTC. I also give my consent for the Public Safety Cadets to use my name, likeness, image, appearance, and biographical information ("Image"), in, on or in connection with any photographs, pictures, digital images, websites programs, printed materials and any and all media, whether now known or hereafter developed, throughout the world at any time, for the legitimate purposes of Public Safety Cadets. I hereby expressly waive all claims for royalties or other compensation related to any such use of my Image or related information and release Public Safety Cadets from any and all liability which may arise as a result of being photographed while participating in the NCTC, and for the subsequent use and display of the Image. I understand that this consent/waiver and release will remain in effect until such time that it is revoked, in writing, by me. Public Safety Cadets retains the right to use the aforementioned Image for the purposes stated herein, whether or not I continue to be involved in the Program, absent my written revocation of consent. I understand that Public Safety Cadets shall have no obligation to use the Image, and that all creative decisions regarding the use of the Image shall be at the sole discretion of Public Safety Cadets.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to all information and conditions contained within this Agreement. I acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is binding upon me, my heirs, assigns, and legal representatives.

Signature of Participant

Date

Printed name of Participant

If participant is a minor child, I, as his/her parent/legal guardian, agree on his/her behalf:

Signature

Date

Printed name