

TAIGUN TAIJUTSU RYUHA

FIREARMS TRAINING

WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK & SAFETY AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THIS DOCUMENT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

Participant Full Legal Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact / Phone: _____

Course / Training Date(s): _____

1. VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

I voluntarily choose to participate in firearms training conducted by **Taigun Taijutsu Ryuha**, its owner, instructors, assistant instructors, range personnel, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives, and property owners, collectively referred to as the "Released Parties." I understand that participation is voluntary and that I may decline to participate or discontinue participation at any time, subject to immediately and safely following the instructor's directions concerning any firearm then in my possession or control. I acknowledge that I have had an opportunity to read this Agreement before participating and to ask questions concerning its terms.

2. NATURE OF THE TRAINING

I understand that firearms training may include classroom instruction, firearms handling, loading and unloading, drawing or presentation where authorized, shooting from various positions, movement, use of cover or concealment, malfunction-clearing procedures, magazine changes, range drills, and live-fire exercises. Training may involve handguns and rifles, including AR-15/M4-type rifles, as applicable to the course. Exercises may vary according to the course, participant ability, environmental conditions, range conditions, and the instructor's safety determination.

3. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INHERENT AND OTHER RISKS

I UNDERSTAND THAT FIREARMS TRAINING IS AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY THAT CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, PERMANENT DISABILITY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR DEATH. Risks include accidental or negligent discharge; gunshot wounds; ricochets, fragments, splatter, or debris; firearm or ammunition malfunctions; hearing or eye injury; burns and hot brass; exposure to lead, smoke, gases, solvents, and residue; slips, falls, uneven terrain, obstacles, movement with firearms, actions or negligence of other participants, equipment failure, weather and outdoor hazards, and other foreseeable or unforeseeable risks associated with live-fire activities. I understand that safety procedures reduce risk but cannot eliminate all risks. I knowingly and voluntarily assume the inherent risks associated with participating.

4. FIREARMS SAFETY RULES

I agree to: (1) treat every firearm as loaded; (2) keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction designated by the instructor; (3) keep my finger outside the trigger guard and off the trigger until authorized and ready to fire; (4) be certain of my target and the area around and beyond it; (5) immediately obey instructor and range commands; (6) immediately cease firing upon a "CEASE FIRE" or equivalent emergency command; (7) never handle a firearm while anyone is forward of the firing line unless specifically authorized and controlled; (8) never point a firearm at another person except during a specifically authorized exercise using designated equipment and procedures; (9) use only appropriate ammunition; and (10) never engage in horseplay, reckless conduct, threats, or unauthorized firearms handling. Any person may call a cease fire upon observing an immediate unsafe condition.

5. STUDENT-OWNED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

Unless expressly authorized in advance, firearms and ammunition used during the course are the participant's responsibility. I am responsible for ensuring that firearms I bring are legally possessed, safe, and serviceable and that ammunition is appropriate for the firearm and course. Courses may require approximately **200 rounds of ammunition** for each applicable handgun or rifle training portion, including AR-15/M4-type rifles, unless otherwise specified. The instructor may inspect and prohibit any firearm, ammunition, holster, sling, magazine, protective equipment, or other equipment that presents a safety concern.

6. LEGAL POSSESSION

I represent that, to the best of my knowledge, I am legally permitted to possess and use the firearms and ammunition I bring. Signing this Agreement is not a determination by Taigun Taijutsu Ryuha or its instructors that I am legally entitled to purchase, possess, carry, transport, or use a firearm. I remain responsible for compliance with applicable federal, state, and local law.

7. ALCOHOL, DRUGS, MEDICATIONS & IMPAIRMENT

I will not participate while under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, cannabis, or another substance that impairs judgment, coordination, reaction time, or safe firearms handling. I will not participate while using medication if I know it has impaired my ability to participate safely. The instructor may immediately remove any participant reasonably believed to be impaired or unsafe.

8. PHYSICAL CONDITION

I understand that training may involve standing, kneeling, sitting, prone positions, movement, lifting, carrying equipment, outdoor exposure, and other physical activity. I am responsible for determining whether I am physically capable of participating and will inform the instructor of limitations when necessary for safe participation.

9. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

I understand that appropriate eye and hearing protection must be worn whenever required by the instructor or range rules. I agree to use required protective equipment and immediately report damaged, displaced, or ineffective protection.

10. INSTRUCTOR AUTHORITY

Firearms safety takes priority over completing any drill or course requirement. The instructor may stop a drill, declare a cease fire, modify an exercise, inspect equipment, prohibit unsafe equipment, remove a participant from the firing line, or terminate participation for unsafe, reckless, disruptive, threatening, or noncompliant conduct. I agree to immediately comply.

11. ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THE RISKS INHERENT IN FIREARMS TRAINING AND LIVE-FIRE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. I understand these risks may arise from my actions, actions of others, environmental conditions, equipment, firearms, ammunition, or other circumstances inherent in or associated with firearms training.

12. RELEASE AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS FOR ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE

TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY TENNESSEE LAW, I voluntarily release and discharge Taigun Taijutsu Ryuha and its owners, instructors, assistant instructors, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives, range personnel, and participating property owners from claims for personal injury, death, or property damage arising from my participation **to the extent such claims result from the ordinary negligence of a Released Party and may lawfully be released under Tennessee law.** I understand that by signing I am giving up certain rights to bring a claim or lawsuit against the Released Parties for ordinary negligence. **This release does not purport to release claims that cannot lawfully be waived under Tennessee law, including claims based upon gross negligence, reckless conduct, or intentional wrongdoing.**

13. PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONAL CONDUCT

I remain responsible for injuries, property damage, or other losses caused by my own unlawful, intentional, reckless, or negligent conduct to the extent provided by applicable law. Nothing in this Agreement authorizes disregard of safety requirements, range rules, instructor commands, or applicable law.

14. EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

If I am injured or become ill during training and am unable to make medical decisions, I authorize instructors or other persons present to contact emergency medical services. Taigun Taijutsu Ryuha does not guarantee the availability or outcome of medical treatment. I remain responsible for medical expenses incurred on my behalf except to the extent otherwise required by law.

15. NO GUARANTEE OF PROFICIENCY

Completion of a firearms course does not guarantee proficiency in every situation or qualification for employment, licensing, certification, law-enforcement duties, military duties, armed security work, or defensive firearm use. Firearms skills require continued safe practice, judgment, and training.

16. TENNESSEE LAW

This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the **State of Tennessee**, to the extent permitted by applicable law. If any provision is determined to be unenforceable, I intend that the remaining lawful provisions remain effective to the fullest extent permitted by law.

PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

PLEASE INITIAL EACH STATEMENT

- _____ I understand that firearms training involves the risk of serious injury or death.
- _____ I voluntarily choose to participate.
- _____ I understand and agree to follow all firearms safety rules and instructor commands.
- _____ I understand that I may stop participating if I believe an exercise exceeds my ability, provided I first safely follow instructor commands concerning any firearm in my possession.
- _____ I understand that unsafe conduct may result in my immediate removal from training.
- _____ I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that firearms and ammunition I bring are lawfully possessed and appropriate for the training.
- _____ I understand that this Agreement contains an assumption of risk and a release of certain claims involving ordinary negligence.
- _____ I understand that this Agreement does not purport to release gross negligence, reckless conduct, or intentional wrongdoing.
- _____ I have had sufficient opportunity to read this Agreement and ask questions before signing it.

SIGNATURE

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS ENTIRE AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT. I SIGN THIS AGREEMENT KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY.

Participant Printed Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Instructor/Witness Printed Name: _____

Instructor/Witness Signature: _____

Date: _____

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Name: _____

Training Location: _____

Training Date(s): _____

Lead Instructor: _____

Firearm Type(s): ☐ Handgun ☐ AR-15/M4-Type Rifle ☐ Other: _____

Participant's Firearm(s): _____

Caliber(s): _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Important: This form is a working Tennessee-focused liability waiver and safety agreement. Because enforceability depends on the facts, course operation, and applicable law, have a Tennessee-licensed attorney review the final form before use.