Participant Waiver & Informed consent

1. PARTICIPATION & RISK
I understand that Little Rippers Skate School provides individual and group skateboarding lessons of up to five participants. Lessons may take place at skateparks, public spaces, private facilities or other suitable locations selected by the instructor.
I acknowledge that skateboarding is a physically demanding and inherently unpredictable activity. Risks include falls, collisions, loss of balance, failed tricks, uneven surfaces and changing environmental conditions. Injuries may include bruises, cuts, sprains, fractures, dislocations and head, neck or spinal injuries.
I understand that progressing to more advanced tricks naturally involves increased risk and that the instructor cannot eliminate all inherent risks associated with skateboarding.
I voluntarily choose to participate and accept the inherent risks of the activity.

2. INSTRUCTION & SAFETY
The instructor will provide coaching appropriate to the participant's age, experience and ability, so far as reasonably practicable.
Participants are encouraged to use appropriate safety equipment, including a properly fitted helmet and other protective equipment recommended by the instructor. I understand that protective equipment reduces but does not eliminate the risk of injury.
The instructor may stop or modify a lesson where they reasonably consider it necessary for the safety of the participant or others.

3. MEDICAL INFORMATION
I confirm that I have disclosed any relevant medical conditions, allergies, injuries, disabilities, medications or other information that may affect the participant's ability to safely participate.
I agree to notify the instructor of any relevant changes.

4. SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES & TRANSPORT
I understand that school holiday programmes may involve participants being transported by the instructor to various skateboarding locations throughout the Bay of Plenty.
Where transport is provided, participants must remain appropriately restrained, follow the instructor's safety instructions and not distract the driver.
I acknowledge that motor vehicle travel carries inherent risks, including the possibility of an accident. I consent to the participant being transported as part of the programme.
The instructor may change or cancel destinations due to weather, safety concerns, skatepark conditions, traffic or other circumstances.

5. EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT
In the event of an accident, injury or medical emergency, I authorise the instructor to obtain reasonable medical assistance for the participant, including contacting emergency services where appropriate.
The instructor will make reasonable efforts to contact the parent/guardian or emergency contact as soon as practicable.

6. PARTICIPANT CONDUCT
The instructor may refuse or discontinue participation where a participant deliberately disregards reasonable safety instructions, places themselves or others at unreasonable risk, behaves aggressively or inappropriately, deliberately damages property, or appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
Where reasonably practicable, the parent/guardian will be contacted.

7. ASSUMPTION OF RISK & LIABILITY
I acknowledge that some risks associated with skateboarding are inherent to the activity and cannot reasonably be eliminated without preventing participation.
I voluntarily accept these inherent risks and understand that an injury occurring during a lesson does not, by itself, mean that the instructor or skate school was negligent or responsible.
To the fullest extent permitted by New Zealand law, I agree that the instructor and skate school are not responsible for loss, damage or injury arising from the inherent risks of skateboarding or the participant's voluntary participation.
Nothing in this agreement is intended to exclude or limit any liability, right or duty that cannot legally be excluded or limited under New Zealand law.

8. PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENT
For participants under 18, I confirm that I am the participant's parent or legal guardian and have authority to provide this consent.
I have read and understood this document, including the risks associated with skateboarding and, where applicable, transport provided as part of a school holiday programme.
By signing below, I consent to the participant taking part in Little Rippers Skate School activities.

Participant/ Parent/ Guardian Name:

Signature:

Date: