



Horse Containment & Behaviour *(extract AERA Rulebook)*

54. HORSE CONTAINMENT

54.1 The person responsible for a horse has a duty of care to all other persons to ensure their horse(s) are contained at all times. A competent responsible person must supervise horse(s) at all times when horse(s) are in the horse yard.

54.2 The preferred method of horse containment are metal yards, substantially fixed to a solid object such as a horse float, truck or permanent fence or appropriately pegged into the ground.

Alternatively, electric fencing is permitted, but shall ***as a minimum, have 2 strands of tape, preferably white and a minimum of 1cm wide, with the top tape to be 1.2 to 1.4 metres above the ground.*** The posts used should be of substantial material (for example, steel pickets) and installed so that the tape does not sag. The fence shall be energized at all times the horse is in the yard.

54.3 Only one horse is permitted per enclosure.

54.4 Ground tethering or the hobbling of horses is not permitted.

55. HORSE BEHAVIOUR

55.1 The person responsible for a horse has a duty of care to all other persons to ensure their horse acts in a manner which is not dangerous to other people or other horses whether at the ride base or on course. A horse, acting in a manner dangerous to other persons or horses may be eliminated by the head veterinarian or the chief steward depending on the nature, severity and circumstances of the infringement.

55.2 Any horse which does not permit all the required veterinary parameters to be observed may be eliminated by the head veterinarian or the chief steward.

55.3 Any horse which is known to be or is suspected of being a “kicker” shall be clearly identified at all times when outside their yard by the placement of a red tail ribbon being a minimum length of 30cm and a minimum width of approximately 2cm.

