



CODE OF CONDUCT

RIDER RULES

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26.1 Every participant is under the control of the chief steward whenever they are present on the ride base or on course.

26.2 Every rider and their support personnel shall conduct themselves at all times:

- a) in a courteous, respectful and professional manner, and shall expect reciprocal courtesy, respect and professionalism from other persons with whom they interact, and
- b) in a manner so as not to bring the Sport of Endurance into disrepute, and
- c) in accordance with the AERA Social Media Engagement Rules.

26.3 Every rider is responsible and accountable, unless compelling circumstances dictate otherwise, for the:

- a) behaviour of their support personnel, and
- b) behaviour of all persons in their camp, and
- c) appropriate containment of horse(s) and/or dog(s) in their camp, and
- d) appropriate supervision of children in their camp.

26.4 Horses must be contained pursuant to Clause 54.

26.5 Dogs must be secured in a structure or on a leash at all times when on the ride base.

26.6 Any child under the age of eighteen years of age must be adequately supervised appropriate to their age and maturity. Bicycles, footballs and toys are to be kept well away from horses, horse yards and the vet ring. It is recommended that juniors wear a helmet when handling a horse, particularly when in the vet ring with a horse.

26.7 Every rider is deemed prima facie the person responsible for the horse they ride.

26.8 Attendance at the pre-ride briefing is recommended for all riders and is mandatory for novice riders. Non-attendance at the pre-ride briefing is not an excuse for failure to comply with a specific ride requirement communicated at the pre-ride briefing.

26.9 The chief steward may eliminate a rider for an infringement of Clause 26.2 or Clause 26.3 by the rider or their support personnel depending upon the nature, severity and circumstances of the infringement.

26.10 The chief steward may eliminate a rider if he reasonably suspects that the rider is under the influence of any substance, or who is suffering from any medical condition, which may endanger the rider's personal welfare and/or the welfare of other participants. The rider must first be offered the option to withdraw pursuant to Clause 34.

26.11 It shall be considered a serious infringement should:

- a) a rider or their support personnel violate Clause 26.2, or
- b) a rider misrepresents their age, identity or riding status.

JUNIOR RIDERS

27.7 If the rider has or will attain the age of 17 years or less in the year of the ride, then the following must also be satisfied:

- a) a responsible adult (not necessarily a member of a DA) must sign the ride entry form, who will be present at the ride base and is prepared to act as a representative for the rider (if required) during the course of the ride.
- b) a parent or legal guardian of the rider must complete the 'Junior Permission & Waiver Declaration' on the ride entry form or attach a completed AERA Form 36 to the ride entry form.
- c) adherence to Clause 27.7 (b) is not required if the rider is a full riding junior member of a DA as the 'Junior Permission & Waiver Declaration' was completed with the membership application and is valid for the calendar year.

COURSE ETIQUETTE

33.11 Riders shall abide to the 'Policy for Course Etiquette' or they may be eliminated by the chief steward depending upon the nature, severity and circumstances of the infringement.

RIDE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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13.1 All members of the ROC shall conduct themselves at all times:

- a) in a courteous, respectful and professional manner, and shall expect reciprocal courtesy, respect and professionalism from other persons with whom they interact.
- b) in a manner so as not to bring the Sport of Endurance into disrepute.
- c) in accordance with the AERA Social Media Engagement Rules.

RIDE OFFICIALS

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22.1 All *ride officials* shall conduct themselves at all times:

- a) in a courteous, respectful and professional manner, and shall expect reciprocal courtesy, respect and professionalism from other persons with whom they interact, and
- b) in a manner so as not to bring the Sport of Endurance into disrepute, and
- c) in accordance with the AERA Social Media Engagement Rules.

22.2 All *ride officials* must be mindful of the possibility of real and perceived conflicts of interest. A substantial appearance of a conflict of interest exists whenever others may reasonably infer from the given circumstances that a conflict exists. As a minimum, *ride officials* shall refrain from making official decisions involving their relatives, close friends, or horses in which they have an interest. An alternative competent *ride official* should be nominated to temporarily fulfil the activity in such circumstances.