



The TEERA SMC is committed to fostering an environment where all of its members, officials and volunteers are treated in a respectful and professional manner. When participating in an AERA affiliated event it is all of our responsibility to ensure that we are abiding by the rules set out by the AERA Inc. The TEERA SMC is committed to upholding these rules to ensure that the sport of equine endurance in Tasmania remains an inclusive and equitable sport for all of its members, officials and volunteers. The following is a public service announcement to highlight the expectations of all participants of an event from the General rules of the AERA Inc.

RIDER RULES

26. CODE OF CONDUCT

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 (eg junior riders) dictate otherwise for the

- a) behaviour of their support personnel, and
- b) behaviour of all persons in their camp,
- 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. Nonattendance 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.

The chief steward is in control of all participants at an event and is there to ensure these rules are adhered too. If you believe that someone or something is in breach of the rules of AERA, the following is the process as outlined by the AERA Inc. on how to manage this.

10. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS AT A RIDE

APPEALING A DECISION MADE BY THE VETERINARY TEAM

10.1 The elimination of a horse by a member of the veterinary team may be verbally appealed by either of the 2 persons accompanying the horse pursuant to Clauses 67.5 or Clause 67.6.

APPEALING A DECISION MADE BY THE CHIEF STEWARD

10.2 The rider of a horse may verbally appeal to the chief steward for him to reconsider an earlier decision made by him but such appeal should be within 30 minutes of the original decision which prompts the appeal.

APPEALING A DECISION MADE BY OTHER RIDE OFFICIALS

10.3 The rider of a horse may verbally appeal to the chief steward to overturn an earlier decision made by a ride official (other than a veterinary decision) but such appeal should be within 30 minutes of the original decision which prompts the appeal.

COMPLAINTS IN GENERAL

10.4 Any rider may verbally lodge a complaint to the chief steward in relation to the action of another rider, support personnel or ride official. Where possible, the complaint should be lodged within 1 hour of the incident initiating the complaint. The chief steward may subsequently require the complaint to be lodged in writing depending on the nature, severity and circumstances of the complaint. The chief steward shall investigate the complaint and take appropriate action (if necessary) as soon as possible but in all instances before the presentation ceremony. The chief steward shall communicate the outcome of his deliberations and/or actions to the complainant.



COMPLAINTS RE PLACINGS

10.5 A rider may verbally appeal to the chief steward regarding the final placings as announced at the presentation ceremony, but such appeal shall be made within 30 minutes of the completion of the presentation ceremony.

APPEALING THE DECISION OF AN APPEAL OR A COMPLAINT

10.6 Any rider may lodge a written appeal to the relevant DA regarding a decision made by the chief steward at a ride where they appealed a decision which was subsequently dismissed by the chief steward. The written appeal to the DA may only be lodged on the grounds that the chief steward erred in his interpretation or application of a specific clause of this Rulebook.

COMPLAINT ABOUT THE BEHAVIOUR OF A RIDE OFFICIAL

10.7 Any participant at any event may lodge a written complaint to the relevant DA regarding the behaviour of a ride official at a ride. Where the ride official is a chief steward, TPR or veterinarian, the DA shall advise the AERA of the complaint and the subsequent outcome of any investigations and actions (if any) taken within 60 days of the outcome of the investigation

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