

APPENDIX 1

CODE OF ETHICS

THE MINIATURE HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

GENERAL

1. This code of ethics is hereby adopted as part of the General Rules and Regulations of the Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc.
2. If a Member or Members are found to be in violation of this code of ethics of a nature serious enough, then the matter may be dealt with under the auspices of Rule 18 and Article 9 of the Constitution and General Rules and Regulations.
3. In every situation the welfare of the breed and the Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc. shall be paramount over other considerations.
4. It shall be considered unethical practice for any Member against whom a complaint has been made to attempt to influence the Committee of Management or any other Member by duress or intimidation of a sort, prior to the complaint having been resolved according to the Association's General Rules and Regulations.

OWNERS AND BREEDERS

5. Owners and Breeders shall avoid false, misleading and misapplied statements, advertisements and the like concerning horses offered for sale or for Stud purposes.
6. Owners and Breeders shall not publicly disparage the horse of another Owner or Breeder, nor publicly volunteer an opinion of another Owner's horse or a transaction to which he is not a party. If his private opinion is sought, and he sincerely feels qualified to answer, that opinion shall be given privately and with courtesy and integrity.
7. An Owner or Breeder and their Agents and employees shall use reasonable care in the handling and treatment of his/her own horses and those horses placed in his/her care.

EXHIBITORS

8. Conduct of Owners and Exhibitors in the ring and on the show grounds shall be exemplary at all times.
9. The ring and show grounds conduct of any Exhibitor shall not be such as to adversely affect the exhibition of any other person's horse.

10. Owners and Exhibitors shall not attempt to influence Judges or appointed Judges by any means prior to or after an event.
11. Non winners of an event shall remain in the ring or display area until dismissed in the manner directed by the Show Organizers.
12. Genuine applause is commendable, but not where it represents less than fair competition to other horses in the event.
13. Owners and Exhibitors shall not accuse the Judge of favoritism or bribery of any form. If they have a legitimate protest, then it shall be followed in the manner laid out by the Show Management. Owners and Exhibitors shall support the Judge and judging system of the day.

JUDGES AND STEWARDS

The Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc. shall expect all judges of approved or sponsored shows, and thereby their Stewards, to understand and abide by the following:

14. The first step of a Judge is to exhibit the highest standard of integrity at all times toward the breed, the horses exhibited, and their handlers, she/he should avoid decisions arrived at by influence, bias, reputation or ignorance.
15. Judges are responsible for a knowledge and understanding of the Miniature Horse Breed.
16. Judges and Stewards shall make every effort to isolate themselves from Exhibitors and Handlers until the conclusion of judging for the day or the show.
17. Judges and Stewards shall report to the Event Management any improper approaches by Exhibitors, Handlers or Owners of any horse shown.

The Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc. holds that adherence to this code of ethics is important to the integrity of the Miniature Horse Breed and the Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc. Membership to the Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc is an agreement to abide by this code of ethics.