



# Working Equitation Lancefield Districts Inc (WELD)

## Rider Responsibilities & Risk Management

Our mission is to have a welcoming, friendly and passionate group of horse riders, learn and enjoy the sport of Working Equitation. W.E.L.D is a supportive environment where members and their horses feel encouraged to ride and be happy whilst eagerly learning the beautiful art of Working Equitation.

In order that members and visitors remain safe and have fun at our events, and on our club grounds, the following rules and regulations must be abided by:

### **WELD Member Rider's responsibilities include:**

#### **Risk Management**

- Gear must be in safe condition, fit the horse and be suitable for the planned activity.
- WELD abides by our governing body, Australian National Working Equitation, helmet policy. In addition, the ground facilities that WELD uses require that all members wear a current approved safety helmet with the chin strap fastened.
- Be appropriately attired, including current approved safety helmets and riding boots at all times whilst mounted or when engaging a horse in groundwork eg. lunging or introducing obstacles. Boots to be smooth soled and heeled.
- Be aware of and show consideration towards members who may not be confident and/or have inexperienced horses.
- Park safely - keep a distance of approximately 9m between your vehicle/float and others.
- Pass vehicles, pedestrians or mounted persons at a safe pace.
- Choose a safe area away from cars, people and lessons to lunge, warm up or ride.
- Ensure horses are tied up safely and securely. Never tie a horse up to a float that is not attached to a car.
- Members respect and keep a safe distance from other horses.
- Stallion owners determine club policy in relation to stallions before bringing to a rally. Stallion ID kits must be used at all times during Club training days and the horse must not be moved around the venue without a bit. Stallions must be securely double tied or kept in a float, horse truck, stable or steel yard when not being ridden to ensure safety for all horses.
- The RMO (Risk Management Officer) or instructor is notified of any potential hazards.
- If a horse is unsettled or erratic to the extent that it is affecting the safety of its rider/handler or other riders in a group, the member is expected to remove horse from the situation or to follow the respectful directives of others to do so to maintain everyone's safety.
- Abide by rules and regulations of the Club. Abide by all reasonable requests of officials and instructors.
- Abide by the WELD Club Code of Conduct.

## **Biosecurity**

- Current COVID-19 requirements are to be followed by all attending.
- All people who bring horses or livestock onto the grounds are to be aware of their biosecurity obligation and that they must take all reasonable steps to ensure their activities do not spread a pest, disease or contaminant.
- No horses with signs of illness are to be brought onto the grounds.
- Equipment, including food and water containers is not to be shared between horses.
- Participants are responsible for cleaning up manure from yards and placing it in designated areas.
- Participants are required to advise the event organisers immediately if a horse is sick.
- Everyone handling horses should wash or sanitise hands between contacting different horses.