



SECTION A

ETHICAL CODE: SADDLEBRED SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA

In addition to any other rule of the Society, the rules set out below shall apply to all membership categories of the Society and its Sub-unions, as well as to all exhibitors and owners, including all members of the following affiliated and/or representative associations, namely:

- (a) the Riding Horse Judges' Association of South Africa;
- (b) the Show Horse Stewards' Association of South Africa;
- (c) the Professional Saddle Horse Trainers' Association of South Africa;
- (d) the South African Amateur Saddle Horse Union.

Aforesaid persons guilty of violating any of these rules shall be liable to action and disciplinary steps by the Society in terms of the procedure of its disciplinary rules.

The under mentioned rules shall apply to all events as contemplated in the Constitution of the Society, as well as to all other shows and/or events controlled in terms of the rules of the Society. Should the interpretation of any rule(s) be disputed, any relevant official of the particular show or event shall interpret such rule(s).

The aforesaid persons:

1. shall not violate the rules in force at any show or event, either intentionally or through negligence;
2. shall conduct themselves in a proper and seemly manner at any of the shows or events mentioned;
3. acting in whatever capacity, shall not participate in and/or act at any show or event while under the influence of liquor or other drugs;
4. shall not insult or humiliate any participant, horse owner, trainer, official, judge or officer through the media (including social media) or address or approach such persons in a disrespectful manner during a show or event;
5. shall not disregard or query instructions given or decisions handed down by any official, judge or officer, or confront, assault, intimidate and/or threaten such persons during a show or event;
6. shall not treat a horse with prohibited substances at a show or event, in accordance with the **Prohibited Substance Rules** as set out under the General Show Rules;
7. shall not falsely advertise or misrepresent a particular horse, either intentionally or through negligence, as to its characteristics, age disposition, registrability, registration, showing, quality, health, temperament or similar features;
8. shall not discredit or cast reflections on the name of the Society or the Saddle Horse breed at any show, event, the media (including social media) or otherwise, through improper conduct and/or actions of whatever nature;

9. shall not, during a show or event, use cell phones, electronic, radio or digital equipment in the show ring while classes are in progress (save for official use by officials and officers and/or as aids for physically handicapped persons);
10. acting as a party to a horse buying transaction shall inform the other party whether she/he is acting in her/his personal capacity or in a representative capacity as an agent for another party;
11. in the event of proceedings against her/him on the grounds of a violation of the Society's rules, shall not have any civil action against the Society and/or any sub organisation thereof and/or an official, judge, officer or representative thereof for damages or redress of any claim whatsoever, arising from such proceedings against such person.

Welfare of horses

It should be the goal of every person, no matter what role involved with Saddle Horses, to promote the welfare of the Saddle Horse in general and to ensure that the proper care will always be given to older and retired Saddle Horses.

The Council of the Society, and/or designated representatives/committee, have the power and authority when necessary, or when complaints were received from the public or any concerned parties regarding the abuse/neglect of a Saddle Horse, to visit any premises where Saddle Horses are being stabled, and to take the necessary steps accordingly and the matter could be transfer to an institution /authority concerned with such matters.