

# **WESTERN DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN ALBERTA ("WDANA")**

## **POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

### SAFETY POLICIES

Safety is our main concern at practices, Club horse shows, clinics and all Club events. Members are responsible for the behaviour of their mounts. If a member's horse damages the property or vehicle of another member or non-member, personal liability will apply. NOTE: Refer to Agreement for Acceptance of Risk included in the Membership Package.

At all Club horse shows or clinics, those under 18 years of age MUST wear a C.S.A. approved helmet and heeled boots. It is strongly recommended that everyone over the age of 18 years of age who are riding, wear a C.S.A. approved helmet and proper footwear.

If a helmet has had a blow due to a fall or other accident, it is the rider's responsibility (or minor's responsible adult) to have it checked at a reputable outlet before using it again.

Children should be supervised at all WDANA events by a parent or responsible adult.

Horses are to be ridden in designated areas only.

Horses are to be ridden at a walk or led in the staging area.

Vehicle drivers must take extreme care when driving or parking in congested areas.

An injured participant should be treated within a reasonable period of time. All reasonable, appropriate and prudent precautions will be taken at the scene of an accident.

Any two Executive Members of WDANA reserve the right to excuse participation to those demonstrating unsafe or inhumane behaviour prior to, during or after any equine function. The same two Executive Members also reserve the right to request non-riders, parents and their children to cease unsafe practices in the vicinity of the horse event.

### CLINIC AND SHOW REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

#### CLINICS

Clinic participation is on a first come, first served basis. To secure a place, payment MUST accompany the fully completed registration form and applicable waivers.

Clinic Cancellation Policy: If a participant cancels one week or less prior to the clinic, there will be no refund unless a replacement can be found.

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Exceptions: If a doctor's or vet's certificate is provided and a replacement cannot be found, WDANA shall absorb the cost. If the participant is unable to attend a clinic due to a family death or an emergency, two members of the Executive must approve the refund. In all exceptional circumstances a non-refundable administration fee may apply

## SHOWS AND OTHER EVENTS

To secure a place in a class or classes, payment MUST accompany the fully completed application form by the noted deadline.

Class Cancellation Policy: If a competitor does not attend a show or event without notice, no show class/registration fees shall be refunded.

Exceptions: If a doctor's or vet's certificate is provided, or if two Executive members consider a refund of fees is appropriate due to other extenuating circumstances.

## BIO-SECURITY:

### HYGIENE AND EQUIPMENT

Grooming tools, tack or water buckets must not be shared between horses. Riders must always provide their own water buckets and feed dishes when visiting public or private facilities and avoid using communal water troughs. If using water hoses, do not let them touch buckets or be submerged in the buckets. Stalls should be sanitized between horses and high-touch areas should also be cleaned. When tying horses to trailers at public show grounds and privately owned facilities manure must be cleared and loaded into trailers for removal. If manure dumping areas are provided, the manure can be dumped there.

### HEALTH MONITORING

All horses at practices, shows and clinics must have up-to-date vaccinations. Visitor access to barns should be restricted especially if they have been in contact with other horses. If returning a horse to its boarding facility, quarantine procedures outlined by the stable owner must be respected and followed.