

Horse Riding Instructors Code of Conduct

I
(insert name)

as a responsible, well-educated horse riding instructor declare that I will

- Promote the welfare of the horse as the primary consideration following the principles of the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and experience of the horse and the rider
- Respect the talent and commitment of each rider and their horse and seek to develop their potential
- Treat each rider as a unique individual
- Respect fellow horse riding instructors and their students and encourage riders to do likewise
- Learn as much as possible about the sport, keep up to date with developments
- Make sure that when students spend time with me it is a positive and self-enhancing experience
- Never deceive or mislead any riders
- Be dignified and controlled and teach riders to be likewise
- Actively discourage the use of cruel or injurious training methods and set a good example with my own training methods
- Teach the rider that the rules of the sport are mutual agreements which no-one should evade or break. It is my duty as a horse riding instructor to know and abide by the local and international rules and to encourage compliance within the sport.
- Respect the judgment of officials and encourage riders to do likewise
- Avoid over facing horses and riders
- Make sure all students are entitled to and deserve equal time in group lessons
- Follow the advice of medical and veterinary practitioners when dealing with injured riders and horses
- When coaching young riders make only reasonable demands on their time and energy and enthusiasm
- Always consider the maturity level of the child
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards my riders
- Refrain from any form of harassment towards my riders
- Any physical contact with my riders will be
 - Appropriate to the situation
 - Necessary for the rider's self development
- Understand that repercussions if I breach or are aware of any breaches of any contracts or agreements I enter.

Signed

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Adapted from Equestrian Australia's Code of Conduct for Coaches

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