

COMMUNITY VALUES

By the Australian Side Saddle Community.



As participants and ambassadors of the side saddle world in Australia, all riders, handlers, owners, support crew, and spectators are expected to uphold the highest standards of behaviour and sportsmanship.

1. Respect and Integrity

- Treat all competitors, organisers, and spectators with courtesy and respect at all times.
- Demonstrate honesty, fairness, and integrity in all actions and decisions.
- Avoid behaviour that could bring the discipline of side saddle into disrepute.

2. Sportsmanship

- Compete in the spirit of fairness and camaraderie.
- Accept judges' decisions graciously and without conflict.
- Celebrate others' successes and support fellow riders.

3. Animal Welfare

- Treat horses with kindness, compassion, and respect.
- Ensure horses are fit, healthy, and appropriately prepared for competition.
- Avoid the use of excessive force, harsh equipment, or unethical training methods.

4. Presentation and Safety

- Present yourself and your horse in a neat, appropriate manner suitable for side saddle.
- Use of tack and attire that is safe, clean, and correctly fitted.
- Comply with all safety requirements as outlined by the event and/or ASSC

5. Responsibility as Ambassadors

- Recognise that side saddle riding is unique and often draws public interest—your conduct reflects on the entire discipline.
- Educate and engage with the public respectfully if approached with questions.
- Be mindful of public perception, particularly on social media or in public forums.

6. Compliance

- Follow all event rules, policies, and procedures as set by the ASSC and individual show committees.
- Cooperate with officials and event staff, and comply promptly with any directions or decisions.

7. Zero Tolerance for Misconduct

- The ASSC maintains a zero-tolerance policy for bullying, harassment, discrimination, abuse, or unsafe behaviour.
 - Violations of this Code may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to removal from an event, disqualification, or future entry refusal.
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