



SOUTHERN VALES DRESSAGE CLUB INC

CODE OF CONDUCT

All Southern Vales Dressage Club (SVDC) Members or persons involved in SVDC activities must meet the following requirements in regard to their conduct and behaviour during any activity held or sanctioned by SVDC, and in any role held within SVDC:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, age, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others.
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants and horses above all else.
- As an affiliated club, be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to Equestrian Australia standards, rules, regulations and policies that cover the equestrian disciplines the club offers to our members.
- Maintain strict impartiality. Avoid any situations which may lead to or be construed as a conflict of interest.
- Scrupulously avoid any conduct using privileged information to gain a personal or commercial advantage.
- Operate within the rules of the sport including club, national and international guidelines which govern Equestrian Sport, the member associations and the affiliated clubs.
- Do not use your involvement with SVDC to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of Equestrian Australia.

- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under the age of 18 years, as your words and actions are an example.
- Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under the age of 18 years, wherever possible.
- Refrain from any form of harassment of others.
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring SVDC into disrepute.
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of activities.
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
- Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure comments are positive, supportive and any criticism is constructive.
- Never argue with an official and respect their decision.
- Recognise that many officials and coaches are volunteers who give up their time to provide their services. Treat them with the utmost respect.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of official and sledging other participants, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Care for and respect the equipment provided during training and competition.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.