



NWHA Board Member Code of Conduct

As a member of the NWHA Board of Directors, I will accept responsibility to improve NWHA by:

- ❖ Abiding by the NWHA Bylaws, Mission Statement, Vision, Values, Rules and Regulations, Policies and Procedures and the Horse Protection Act
- ❖ Respecting the confidentiality of privileged information
- ❖ Recognizing that as an individual board member I have no authority to speak or act for the board
- ❖ Working with other members to establish effective board operating procedures
- ❖ Rendering all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment rather than succumb to influence of individuals or special interest groups
- ❖ Making every effort to attend all board meetings
- ❖ Becoming informed concerning the issues to be considered at each meeting
- ❖ Avoiding conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof
- ❖ Refraining from using my board position for benefit of myself, family members or business associates or to advocate any personal agenda
- ❖ Expressing my personal opinions in a Board meeting, but once the board has acted, I will accept the will of the majority and will not express opinions that are in opposition to the Board's decision
- ❖ Realizing that my statements and/or actions can be interpreted as a direct reflection of Board policies and taking this into account PRIOR to making any statements/actions including being involved in chat lines and/or discussion groups, attending horse shows or other horse related events.
- ❖ *It is a privilege, not a right to serve on the NWHA Board of Directors. Throughout his/her tenure, a Director must (1) remain an NWHA member in good standing, (2) maintain compliance with the federal Horse Protection Act, (3) adhere to NWHA rules and regulations pertaining to membership conduct, (4) conduct him/herself in an exemplary manner such as to favorably reflect on the Board of Directors and NWHA; and (5) refrain from conduct that is detrimental to the interest of NWHA, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationship of its members. A Director's conduct is subject to continual review, and a Director's service on the Board of Directors may be terminated or rejected by the Board of Directors at any time during the Director's tenure by a simple majority vote with or without notice and formal hearing.*

Board Member Signature

Date