

CODE OF ETHICS

Pinto Horse & Pony Association Inc

GENERAL

1. This code of ethics is hereby adopted as part of the Rules & Regulations of the Pinto Horse & Pony Assn Inc.
2. (a) If a member or members are found to be in violation of this code of ethics in a nature serious enough then the matter may be dealt with under the auspices of Rule 8, article 3 (c) of the Constitution.
(b) The Committee may reprimand, suspend or exclude any member from the Association or Deregister any horse/pony of which the member is the registered owner if the Association considers the member to be in breach of any of the Association's regulations or if their conduct is seen as derogatory or prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
3. In every situation the welfare of the PHPA Inc and the Pinto horse shall be paramount over other considerations.
4. It shall be considered unethical practice for any member against whom a complaint has been made, to attempt to influence the committee of management or any other member by duress or intimidation of a sort, prior to the complaint having been resolved according to the Assn Rules & Regulations.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

5. Each member shall strictly observe and act in conformity with and not otherwise than in accordance with the Constitution and Rules & Regulations of the Association. Any member guilty of a breach of this code may be called upon by the committee to resign his/her membership.
6. No member shall so conduct himself/herself or be guilty of such conduct as to bring the PHPA Inc into discredit or to bring himself/herself as a member and or breeder into disrepute.
7. (a) If it shall appear that any member may have been guilty of any breach of the provisions of the PHPA Inc Constitution or Rules & Regulations, or be guilty of any misconduct, the Secretary shall, if requested to do so by the committee, call upon said member to appear before the committee and the committee may make such enquiry as it considers appropriate in the circumstances, and may in the exercise of its judgement either reprimand said member or impose on said member a penalty suitable as agreed upon by the committee as it see's fitting to the circumstances. If the committee deems it necessary to request said member to resign his/her membership, the member shall first be notified of the alleged breach and shall be given a reasonable period of time to answer any charge against him/her and to provide any explanation or evidence he/she may consider appropriate and an opportunity shall be afforded to said member to appear before the committee to furnish such evidence or explanation as the circumstances warrant.
(b) If any member fails to supply the Secretary with requested information, registration certificates or other documents within thirty (30) days, unless a satisfactory explanation is supplied, the committee may give consideration to and request said members' resignation.
(c) If a member is asked to tender resignation of membership and fails to do so within thirty (30) days the member at the termination of thirty (30) will be cease to be a member of the Assn with all membership rights terminated. A notice of membership termination will also be published in the next edition of the newsletter which due date for publication falls after the membership has been terminated.

DISRESPECT of PERSON

8. In the furtherance of their official duties all Association representatives shall be treated with courtesy, co-operation and respect; no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

OWNERS and BREEDERS

9. Owners and Breeders shall avoid use of false, misleading and misapplied statements, advertisements and the like concerning horses offered for sale or for stud purposes.
10. Owners or Breeders shall not publically disparage the horse of another owner or breeder, nor publically volunteer an opinion of another owner's horse or a transaction to which he/she is not a party. If his/her private opinion is sought, and he/she sincerely feels qualified to answer, that opinion shall be given privately and with courtesy and integrity.
11. An owner or Breeder (and/or their agents or employees) shall use reasonable care in the handling and treatment of his/her own horses and those placed in his/her care.

EXHIBITORS

12. Conduct of Owners & Exhibitors in the ring and on the show grounds shall be exemplary at all times. At no time shall an owner or exhibitor conduct himself/herself in a manner which may adversely affect the exhibition of his/her own or any other person's horse. Whilst on the grounds at any venue Owners & Exhibitors shall be required to conduct themselves and their children in a considerate manner.

13. Owners and Exhibitors shall not attempt to influence Judges or appointed officials in any way prior to or after an event, nor shall they accuse the Judge of favouritism or accepting bribery of any form. Legitimate protests must be lodged in accordance with correct procedures.

14. All competitors shall remain in the ring or display area until dismissed by an official.

JUDGES, STEWARDS and OFFICIALS

The PHPA shall expect all Judges and their Stewards/Officials of approved or sponsored shows to understand and abide by the following:

15. A Judge is expected to show the highest standard of integrity toward the Pinto Horse and it's handlers/riders at all times and shall avoid arriving at decisions made by influence, bias, reputation or ignorance.

16. A Judge is expected to have a clear understanding and knowledge of the standards of the Pinto Horse as per the PHPA requirements and shall in no way be accused of bias by placing a personally preferred 'Breed' or colour over that of another Pinto horse of the same standard.

The Pinto Horse and Pony Association Inc maintain that adherence to this code is important to the integrity of the PHPA Inc and the horses registered in their name. By becoming a member with the PHPA Inc each individual is in agreement to abide by this code of ethics.