



## **AWHA Code of Conduct – For the Welfare of the Horse**

In addition to the AWWA Ltd General Code of Conduct, the AWWA expects all those involved in AWWA equestrian events, to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

- The horses' welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
- Horses must be in good health before they are allowed to compete in AWWA events. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
- AWWA Officials, members of a Ground Jury or members of the Organising Committee, have the discretionary power to disqualify a horse from an AWWA event that in their opinion is not fit for competition, or if in their opinion - a breach of the AWWA Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse has occurred.
- Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
- Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of the AWWA Ltd General Code of Conduct. Refer to the AWWA M&A / AWWA Constitution on the AWWA Membership website page for guidelines.