



## **2014 AWhA AGM/EGM Motion 3 - AWhA Code of Conduct**

### **Background –**

The AWhA Memorandum of Association (M&A) contains provision that persons who are willing to be bound by the M&A of the AWhA may be elected by the Committee of each Class of Membership, to be a member of the Association (refer to Clause 12).

It is proposed to introduce an AWhA Code of Conduct for all members of the Association inclusive of its Administrators, Directors, Office Bearer's, Officials, Competitors and Members. By adopting an AWhA Code of Conduct, we are formalising the expectation for required behaviour within the Association.

The AWhA Code of Conduct has been designed to provide fair and equitable standards for behaviour within the Association and at AWhA events, inclusive of guidelines for the welfare of the horse at AWhA events.

### **Proposed Update to the AWhA M&A –**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Clause 12 currently reads –**

**12.** The Committee of each class of membership referred to in Article 6 may from time to time and at any time elect any person or persons willing to be bound by the Memorandum of Association and these Articles to be a member or members of the Company.

##### **Clause 12 to be updated to –**

**12.** The Committee of each class of membership referred to in Article 6 may from time to time and at any time elect any person or persons willing to be bound by the **AWhA Code of Conduct**, the Memorandum of Association and these Articles to be a member or members of the Company.

#### **CESSATION OR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Clause 18 currently reads –**

**18.** If any member shall refuse or neglect to comply with any of the provisions of the Memorandum and these Articles or shall become a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health or whose estate is insolvent under administration or being a corporate member is in liquidation or who shall in the opinion of the Board be guilty of any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Company or unbecoming of a member of the Company such member shall be liable to expulsion or suspension for such period as the Board may determine. No member shall be expelled or suspended other than by a resolution of the Board provided that not less than seven (7) days before the meeting of the Board at which such resolution is passed such person shall have had notice of the charge against the member. Such member shall be entitled to attend the meeting for the purpose of answering the charge or may answer the charge in writing. No resolution by the Board to expel or suspend a member shall be passed unless at least two-thirds of the total membership of the Board votes in favour of the resolution. Any decision of the Board shall be final and it shall not be required to assign any reason for its decision.



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