



## **ANIMAL CARE AND PROTECTION TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **HORSE ENTRY TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. EQUITANA Melbourne 2022 (herein after called the “Event”) is to be held at the Melbourne Showgrounds, 10 – 13 November 2022. The Terms and Conditions apply to the dates of the Event as well as the bump-in (November 9 – 10) and bump-out (November 14) days. The Event is owned and operated by Equine Productions Pty Ltd, (herein after called the “Event Manager”).
2. If the party signing this document is not the Competitor, or related staff, but is signing in a representative capacity, the party signing warrants to the Event Managers that he/she has the authority to act on the Competitor’s behalf that he/she will be jointly liable with the Competitor for all the obligations under the Terms and Conditions.
3. Please tick clause that applies to your “Event” participation:
  - Owners of horse (s) shall provide a certificate of insurance, naming Equine Productions as additional insured and evidencing general liability coverage
  - Owners of horse (s) is covered by insurance of a governing body (eg. Equestrian Australia)
4. Owners and/or rider of horse (s) shall indemnify, defend and hold “Event Managers” harmless, as well as “Event Managers” agents, representative, employees, stable manager, officers and directors, from and against any personal or horse injury, loss, damage, theft of products, tack, personal belongings or expense, including any legal representation fees or costs, incurred or suffered by or threatened against “Event Managers” or any of the foregoing in connection with or as a result of any claims arising out of the presence of the horse (s) at the event.
5. Competitors in competitions conducted at EQUITANA Melbourne agree to be bound by the rules and terms and conditions of the specific competitions they are entering into. The competitors must ensure they are certain of the rules of competition specific to the event at EQUITANA or the governing body of the sport. Competitors are welcome to contact the EQUITANA Melbourne Competition manager with any of their queries.

**EA or Other Membership Number** \_\_\_\_\_

### **ANIMAL CARE & PROTECTION GUIDELINES**

The EQUITANA Melbourne team believe in educating individuals and are observant to the treatment of all animals that are involved in the EQUITANA Melbourne program.

1. The horse’s welfare must be considered paramount at all times.
2. The well-being of the animal shall be above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors and officials.



3. All handling and veterinary treatment must be in the best interest of the horse's health and welfare.
4. Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of EQUITANA Melbourne Officials or Veterinary professionals can be defined as abuse of a horse or dangerous riding shall be reprimanded with warning that may include exclusion from any feature in the EQUITANA Melbourne program. Such acts include, but are not limited to the following:
  - Riding an exhausted horse
  - Excessive pressing of a tired horse
  - Excessive use of a whip and/or spurs
  - Riding an obviously unsound horse
  - Rapping
  - Dangerous riding that endangers yourself, your horse or others
5. An individual witnessing any of the above must report such actions as soon as possible to the EQUITANA Melbourne Organisers Office, supported where possible by a statement from one or more witnesses. The EQUITANA Melbourne management team will then decide if any action needs to be taken.
6. Any individual member of the EQUITANA management team, who observes such actions, has the authority and duty to ask the individual to leave.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As an EQUITANA Melbourne participant I \_\_\_\_\_  
as a competitor/rider acknowledge the 'Animal Care & Protection Guidelines' printed above and realise that if I am in breach of any item I may be asked to leave the event.

I agree to indemnify, defend and hold EQUITANA Melbourne 2022 harmless from and against any claim of damage or injury of any kind arising out of the presence of the horse(s) mentioned at the event. I agree that I have read and understand the Terms & Conditions of this document. I understand that I am personally bound and liable pursuant to the Terms & Conditions.

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| <b>On behalf of</b> (owner of the horse/s if not competitor/rider) |             |
| <b>Signature</b>   | <b>Date</b> |