



## Code of Ethics for Equestrian Australia (EA) Coaches

EA coaches are bound by the EA Member Protection Policy (& EA By-Laws) and the Coach's Code of Ethics. Where a coach breaches the code or any EA behaviour-related policy, they may be subject to EA disciplinary procedures. Coaches are bound by this Coach's Code of Ethics when they register annually with EA.

The Coach's **Code of Ethics** provides that all coaches must:

1. Promote the welfare of the horse as the primary consideration following the principles of the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.
2. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and experience of the horse and the rider.
3. Respect the talent and commitment of each rider and their horse and seek to develop their potential
4. Treat each rider and horse as a unique individual
5. Respect fellow coaches and their pupils and encourage riders to do likewise
6. Learn as much as possible about the sport, keep up to date with developments
7. Make sure that the time spent with you is positive and self-enhancing for the rider
8. Never deceive or mislead the rider
9. Be dignified and controlled and teach riders to be likewise
10. Actively discourage the use of drugs prohibited by the ASC, EA and the FEI
11. Discourage the use of cruel or injurious training methods and set a good example with your own training methods
12. Teach the rider that the rules of the sport are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break. It is the duty of the coach to know and abide by EA and FEI rules and to encourage compliance in spirit and in deed.
13. Respect the judgement of officials and encourage riders to do likewise
14. Avoid over facing horses and riders
15. All pupils are entitled to and deserve equal time in group lessons
16. Follow the advice of medical and veterinary practitioners when dealing with injured riders and horses
17. When coaching young riders make only reasonable demands on their time energy and enthusiasm
18. Always consider the maturity level of the child
19. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards riders
20. Refrain from any form of harassment towards riders
21. Any physical contact with your riders should be:
  - Appropriate to the situation
  - Necessary for the rider's skill development
22. Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of the Code of Ethics or the EA Member Protection Policy.