

AHAA Equipment, Horse, Rider and Display By-Laws

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To provide the procedural rules to assist in ensuring the Australian Horse Archery Association complies with the terms of its insurance policy in relation to displays, equipment and horse suitability.

2. Interpretation

- 2.1. Within these by-laws

Act means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (QLD)*

Rules means the *Australian Horse Archery Association Inc. Constitution*

- 2.2. A word or expression that is not defined in these by-laws but is defined in either the Rules or Act, if the context permits, has the meaning given by either the Rules or the Act.

3. Equipment Policy

- 3.1. Equipment must always be in good condition and of a suitable size and strength for the purpose in which is intended.
- 3.2. Participants must wear a compliant and approved riding helmet with the chinstrap fastened at all times. Approved helmets are those approved by Equestrian Australia. Helmets cannot be damaged or compromised in any other way that reduces their capacity to protect the rider in question
- 3.3. Participants must wear covered boots with a heel suitable for riding. Non-riding participants must wear covered footwear if they will be in proximity to horses.
- 3.4. Whilst horses may utilise any gear combination allowed under the IHAA rules for the sport, this must include a saddle or equivalent item that is secured to the horse via a girth strap and provides suitable stirrups for the rider, and a bridle or other secured head collar with reins affixed that are capable of affecting control on the horse and secured in such a way that they will be within reach of the rider at all times.
- 3.5. The use of carts or other horse drawn/driven vehicles is strictly prohibited.
- 3.6. The inclusion of a jump for the purposes of a polish style track can only be done with approval from the AHAA National Committee. All riders participating in such a track must be capable of completing the jump shot safely. Any such jump is limited to 30cm or less and must be capable of safe 'knock-down' with track wings and with the option to not take the jump built into the track.

4. Horse Policy

- 4.1. Horses must be suitably trained to a level where they can be ridden safely, at a rally day generally, and without reins within the runway set up, without posing any significant risk to the rider or other participants prior to being brought to a rally day. Rally days are not the correct place to introduce the sport to a new horse.
- 4.2. Horses should be in a condition and fitness level required to carry out the intended work level and paces being asked of them.
- 4.3. Horses should be vaccinated in accordance with any legislative or grounds specific requirements.
- 4.4. The member bringing a horse to a rally day must complete a 'Horse Assessment Form' prior to the horse attending and once each year on member renewal for each horse they intend to use during the year.

5. Rider Policy

- 5.1. Riders must be at least 7 years old.

- 5.2. Riders must be capable of riding the horse they are using at a rally day generally, and without reins within the runway set up without posing any significant risk to the rider or other participants.
- 5.3. Riders must update their self-assessment forms before attempting any activities that have otherwise been restricted on their initial forms e.g. lead line riders must complete a new assessment before removing the lead at a rally day.

6. Display Policy

- 6.1. Displays are to be assessed in accordance with the principle of promoting both the sport and the AHAA in a safe and positive manner.
- 6.2. Display's must be assessed and approved on a case-by-case basis by the Management Committee to ensure compliance with the terms of this policy. Preferably, this will occur at least three months in advance of the display.
- 6.3. Proposals must be accompanied by the relevant completed sections of the AHAA Risk Management Policy.
- 6.4. A Display Representative must be nominated to be in charge of the display. The Display Representative must be a current financial member with sufficient experience to run the display and select the appropriate set up, horse, and riders capable of demonstrating the sport safely.
- 6.5. The Risk Management documents must be kept up to date throughout the process by the Display Representative and accommodate any changes that may be required due to event changes. Significant changes that vary the nature of the approval by the Committee must be brought to the Committee's attention as soon as possible.
- 6.6. Horses used in a display must be able to provide confidence to the organisation that they will be able to cope with the noise, unpredictability and pressure the event environment is likely to create.
- 6.7. Riders in a display must be sufficiently experienced to carry out the display safely and with proficiency to demonstrate the sport in a positive light.
- 6.8. Displays that require the use of non-standard equipment or tracks for the purposes of historical accuracy or similar e.g. no runways, different tack or arrows etc. must clearly state this in the proposal to the committee before planning begins in case further consultation with the insurer is deemed necessary.
- 6.9. Proof of sufficient facilities, medical response capabilities, insurance for grounds and other issues etc. may be requested from event organisers prior to an approval being granted.