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# I. COMPETENCY & EQUIPMENT

## 1. BOARD RIDER COMPETENCY

- 1.1** In order to compete in any, Horseboarding International or affiliated association competition, all board riders must pass an official assessment, carried out by an Horseboarding International or affiliated association Official Assessor. In order to pass the assessment, the board rider must demonstrate competency in the following:
- (a) show good balance, be able to control the board well enough to stay in line and demonstrate ability to steer the board to both the left and the right of the horse.
  - (b) Be competent on the board when the horse is cantering and be able to complete both course A and course B at canter.
  - (c) understanding of the correct protocols for hooking up, attaching and releasing the rope.

## 2. HORSE RIDER COMPETENCY

- 2.1** In order to compete in any Horseboarding International or affiliated association competition, all horse riders must pass an official assessment carried out by an Horseboarding International or affiliated association Official Assessor. In order to pass the assessment, the horse rider must demonstrate competency in the following:
- (a) be competent to control the horse at walk, trot, canter and gallop.
  - (b) demonstrate that they are able to hold their reins in one hand when releasing the tow rope, while maintaining full control of their horse, in all paces.
  - (c) understand and demonstrate correct procedure for both hooking up and releasing the rope.

## 3. HORSE COMPETENCY

- 3.3** In order to compete in any Horseboarding International or affiliated association competition, all horses must pass an official assessment carried out by an Horseboarding International or affiliated association Official Assessor. Horses will be assessed on the following:
- (a) ability to accept the rope and the board.
  - (b) ability to be responsive to their rider at all times.
  - (c) not demonstrate dangerous, nervous or stressed behaviour.

## **4. EQUIPMENT**

- 4.1 Both horse rider and board rider must wear Kite Marked or CE Marked helmets.**
- 4.2 The board rider must wear eye protection in the form of sports goggles or safety glasses, and these must have a CE safety rating.**
- 4.3 The minimum body protection required for the Novice & Intermediate boarders is padding and protection for both knees and elbows.**
- 4.4 All saddle harnesses, Dead Man's handles, ropes and quick release systems must be supplied or approved by the regulatory body, Horseboarding International, affiliated associations or certified suppliers.**
- 4.5 All teams taking part in competitions recognised by Horseboarding International or affiliated association are required to use the 'Dead Man's Handle' safety release belt and release attachments, in conjunction with rule 4.4.**
- 4.6 There is no minimum length for the rope, but it must be of sufficient length to prevent the board rider from being kicked by the horse's hind legs whilst being towed. The rope should be a static type, with minimal stretch and recoil.**
- 4.7 Board riders may compete on any type of ATB mountain or kite board that does not produce its own power during competitions.**
- 4.8 Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials may, at any time, scrutinize any piece of equipment for safety and suitability to use in competition.**
  - (a) If any piece of equipment fails scrutiny, Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials, may ban the equipment from use in competition.**



## II. HORSE WELFARE

### 5. HORSE WELFARE

- 5.1** Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials may weigh horses, by means of a weigh tap at any time. If they feel your horse is underweight. If your horse fails to meet the requirements as indicated by the weight chart you may be prevented from competing. Horseboarding International or affiliated associations understand that no two horses are the same and that a horse may be outside of this weight charts limits but still be healthy. If your horse does not fit with in this graph, please contact Horseboarding International or affiliated association.

Height	Donkey	Pony	Polo Pony	Arabian	Cob	TB	L/W Hunter	M/W Hunter	H/W Hunter	Draugh
9hh	150kg	200kg								
10hh	200kg	200kg								
12hh	200kg	200kg								
12.2hh	200kg	300kg								
13hh	350kg	300kg								
14hh		300kg		400kg						
14.1hh		400kg		400kg						
14.2hh		400kg	400kg	400kg	450kg					
14.3hh			450kg	450kg	500kg					
15hh			500kg	450kg	500kg	400kg				
15.1hh			500kg	500kg	550kg	400kg	450kg			
15.2hh						450kg	500kg	500kg		
15.3hh						500kg	500kg	550kg	600kg	700kg
16hh						500kg	550kg	600kg	650kg	750kg
16.1hh						550kg	550kg	600kg	650kg	800kg
16.2hh						550kg	550kg	650kg	650kg	850kg
16.3hh						600kg	600kg	650kg	700kg	850kg

- 5.2** Competitors should abide by both the spirit and the letter of the Horseboarding International & affiliated associations Rules, and always put the health and welfare of their horse first.
- 5.3** All horses must have a passport issued by an approved Passport Issuing Organisation for your country, and that passport must accompany the horse to all competitions.
- 5.4** All saddlery must be correctly fitted and in good repair.
- 5.5** Excessive use of either whip or spurs will result in the horse and rider being suspended from the competition.
- (a) A whip may only be used on the horses' shoulder while the whip hand is still holding the reins.
- 5.6** Any horse which falls while competing in the arena may not be remounted and will be subject to assessment by Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials and or veterinary examination before taking any further part in the competition. A fall is defined as where any part of the horse above the hock (hind leg) or above the knee (front leg) has touched the ground and the forward momentum of the horse has been interrupted.
- 5.7** Competition Officials may suspend, remove or withdraw any horse from all or any part

of any competition at any time, or, the Referee may stop a run, if they are satisfied that this action is in the interest of the welfare of the horse to so do.

- 5.8** Competition Officials may at any time and for any reason request a veterinary examination for any horse/pony competing, at the expense of the owner of the animal, if they are satisfied that this action is in the interest of the welfare of the horse/pony.
- 5.9** Where a horse or pony has been withdrawn or suspended from competition for veterinary reasons, Horseboarding International or affiliated associations reserve the right to request a Veterinary Certificate of fitness to compete and or fitness to travel before that horse/pony can compete in future competitions.
- 5.10** All competing horses shall be shod or wearing approved studded horse boots. The only exemption from this rule is for Junior Teams with Ponies under 14.2hh competing in the Novice & Intermediate Categories.
- 5.11** It is recommended that all competing horses are fitted with studs on the outside of the shoes.
- 5.12** Where ponies under 14.2hh in the Novice & Intermediate Categories competing without shoes, Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials may suspend any pony from all or part of any competition at any time, if that pony is slipping to the extent that, in the opinion of the Horseboarding International or affiliated association Officials, there is a safety or welfare risk.
- 5.13** Horses aged over 26 may not compete or rank-up into the elite category
- (a) Horseboarding International and affiliated organisations reserve the right to allow horses over 26 years old to rank-up & compete in the Elite category subject to review.
- 5.14** Ground Conditions. The condition of the arena surface can change suddenly and at any time. Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials continually monitor ground conditions, and this information will be relayed to the teams, either at the daily briefing, or, prior to, or, during a heat.
- (a) Where warnings of poor ground conditions are given, any team which, in the opinion of Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials, has not given sufficient regard to the warning, will be penalized by Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials, in accordance with the severity of the infringement.
  - (b) Where an arena warning is given, it is the responsibility of the teams to keep their horse, horse rider and boarder safe.
- 5.15** Tired Horses. Where a horse is clearly tired and laboured during a race, the rider is expected to recognize this and abandon the run. Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials may suspend or remove from the competition any horse at any time, if, in the opinion of the official, the horse is too tired to continue.
- 5.16** Blood on Horses. During or immediately after any competition, if blood is found by

Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials on any horse, the following policies will apply:

- (a) **Blood in the mouth:** in corners, caused by the bit, will result in, temporary suspension from the heat pending further investigation. Bleeding caused by biting the lip or tongue, Officials will monitor but the team continue competing.
- (b) **Bleeding from the nose:** temporary suspension from the heat, pending further monitoring and investigation.
- (c) **Blood on legs:** temporary suspension may be necessary, at discretion of Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials, depending on severity of bleeding. Where the cause is superficial cuts or nicks, horses may continue to race provided the blood is removed, and there is no further bleeding.
- (d) **Medication.** Horses may not compete using pain killing or performance enhancing medication. If a horse requires ongoing medication for valid veterinary reasons, then this must be declared to Horseboarding International or the affiliated association by email at least three days prior to the event. In these circumstances, Horseboarding International or affiliated association will require written veterinary certification that the medication is not performance enhancing, and that it is safe for the horse to undertake strenuous exercise.
- (e) **Blood checks** may be carried out at any time during a competition or event.

**5.17** Horse riders must not weigh more than 20% of the horse's weight as per registration form. Horseboarding International or affiliated associations reserve the right to weigh Horses and Horse Riders at any point. If Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials feel it is necessary to do so.



### **III. CONDUCT**

#### **6. CONDUCT OF COMPETITORS AND THEIR SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 6.1 All horse riders, board riders and their support teams must conduct themselves in a manner that is not offensive to other competitors, Officials of the event, Officials of Horseboarding International or affiliated associations, or the public. Breach of this rule may result in suspension from all or part of any competition, at the discretion of the Officials and Management of Horseboarding International or affiliated association.
- 6.2 Competitors must comply with any reasonable request from Horseboarding International or affiliated Officials whilst at any competition or venue.
- 6.3 Competitors, their support teams, and all Officials/employees/volunteers of Horseboarding International or affiliated association must, whilst at any competition or venue, respect any regulations or codes of conduct put in place by the event organizer, and they must comply with any reasonable requests made by the event organiser and their staff.
- 6.4 Any person using Social Media to discredit Horseboarding International or affiliated associations, its management, officials, competitors, associates or events, or to bring the sport of Horseboarding into disrepute, may be refused entry to any competition, venue or event, organised by or on behalf of Horseboarding International or affiliated associations, at the discretion of the Management of Horseboarding International.
- 6.5 Horseboarding International or affiliated associations operates a 'Zero Tolerance' policy for both recreational and performance enhancing drugs. Breach of this rule will result in suspension and or exclusion from all or any part of any Horseboarding International or affiliated associations competition or event.
- 6.6 Horseboarding International or affiliated association reserves the right to refuse unconditionally, the entry of any person to any competition, event or venue organised by or on behalf of Horseboarding International or affiliated associations.

#### **7. ON SITE CONDUCT RULES**

- 7.1 These rules apply to Horseboarding International or affiliated association events and competitions.
- 7.2 All persons on site in Horseboarding International or affiliated association camps areas must be registered with Horseboarding International or affiliated association. This includes competitors, grooms, child minders, volunteers and all under 18's.
- 7.3 Each competing team is allowed to bring one groom.
- 7.4 Grooms and Volunteers are expected to attend daily briefings. Child minders need not attend the briefings and will not be expected to assist in the running of the event.
- 7.5 Any visitors to the event who are not registered with Horseboarding International or

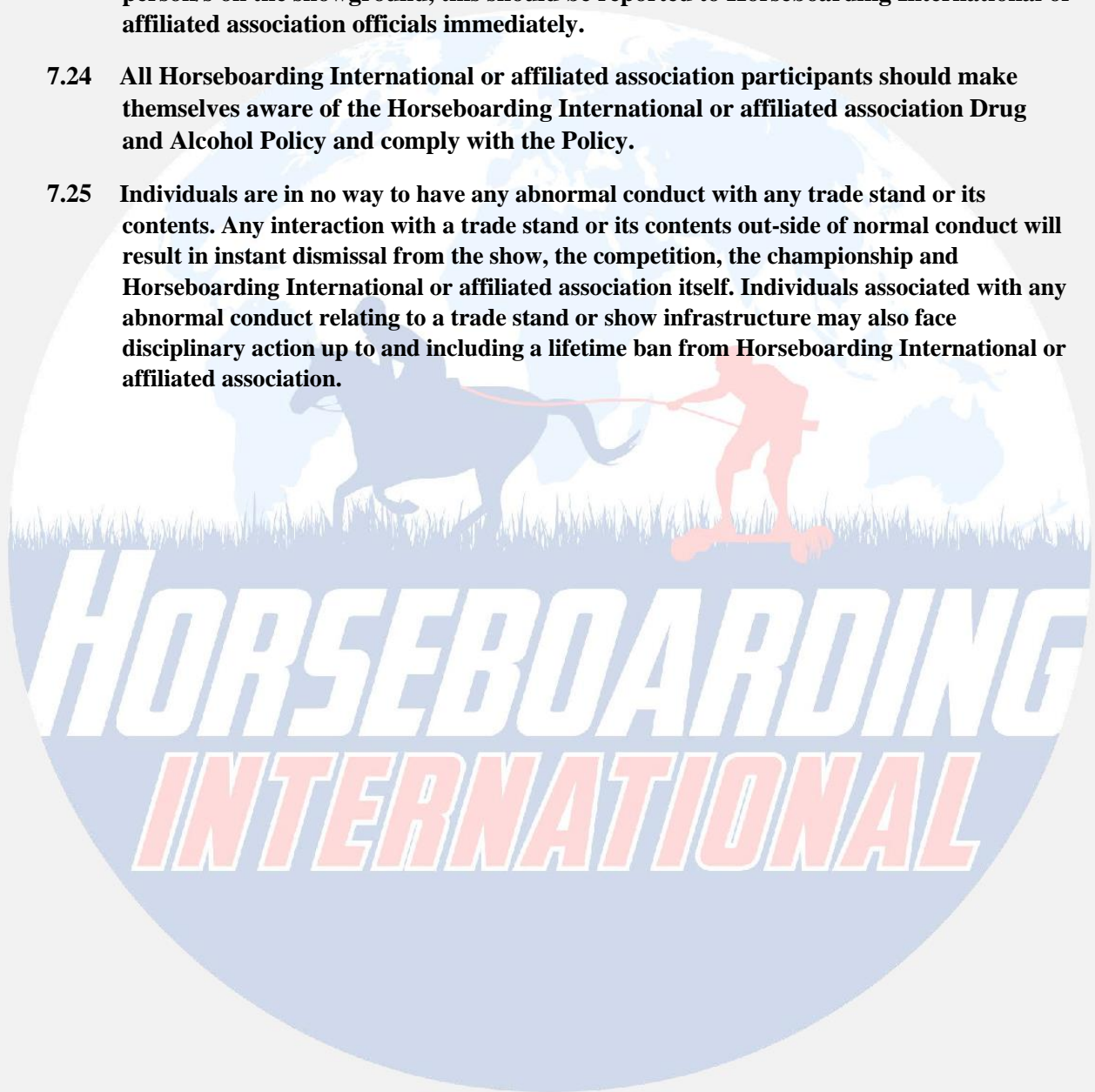


affiliated associations must park in the public car park and enter the event as a paying member of the public.

- 7.6 No fires are permitted on site. \*
- 7.7 BBQs must be extinguished by 10pm.
- 7.8 There must be no visible or outdoor gatherings after 11pm. \*
- 7.9 All generators must be turned off by 11pm.
- 7.10 Noise must be kept to a minimum at all times.
- 7.11 Competitors, volunteers and grooms shall not consume alcohol before competing, or, entering the arena as a volunteer/official/groom. Any person found in possession of an open alcohol container prior to competition will be considered to have consumed alcohol and will not be allowed to compete or enter the arena on that day.
- 7.12 Swearing/use of foul language in the arena or in the pits area when the general public is present is not permitted.
- 7.13 No smoking is permitted in the pits area or arena.
- 7.14 Instructions given by on site security should be followed at all times.
- 7.15 Horseboarding International or affiliated association participants should be polite towards others at competitions or event venues at all times.
- 7.16 Riding of horses on site: horses must be ridden with a saddle and bridle; horses may not be ridden in public areas; horses may not be ridden in the dark; horse riders must wear appropriate safety footwear and headwear at all times when riding; horses may only be ridden in the arena at times specified by Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials.
- 7.17 All horses must be used to & safe to stay in electrical fencing pens once on site and during competition.
- 7.18 All Horses must be used to show environments and must be seen to be safe, posing no danger or risk to other competitors or general public.
- 7.19 Practicing in the arena: this is only permitted at specified times.
- 7.20 Teams should not enter an arena for practicing if the arena is already occupied and should wait patiently until the arena is empty.
- 7.21 Teams should ensure the arena is secure with no gaps in the fence line and all entrances/exit gates are closed before any practice may commence.
- 7.22 Teams wishing to practice fast runs in the arena should ensure that there are no persons

other than Horseboarding International or affiliated association personnel are in the arena. that the arena is secure with no gaps in the fence line and all entrances/exit gates are closed.

- 7.23 If any team experiences problems with personnel entering the arena during practice, or, there is any altercation with non- Horseboarding International or affiliated association person/s on the showground, this should be reported to Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials immediately.
- 7.24 All Horseboarding International or affiliated association participants should make themselves aware of the Horseboarding International or affiliated association Drug and Alcohol Policy and comply with the Policy.
- 7.25 Individuals are in no way to have any abnormal conduct with any trade stand or its contents. Any interaction with a trade stand or its contents out-side of normal conduct will result in instant dismissal from the show, the competition, the championship and Horseboarding International or affiliated association itself. Individuals associated with any abnormal conduct relating to a trade stand or show infrastructure may also face disciplinary action up to and including a lifetime ban from Horseboarding International or affiliated association.



## **IV. ARENA BOARDING**

### **8. DESCRIPTION OF ARENA BOARDING**

- 8.1 Teams compete against the clock around a course defined by a series of gates and obstacles.
- 8.2 The course comprises a series of gates that should be 4m wide, other obstacles, and designated Start and Finish.
- 8.3 Teams wait in a collecting ring or pits area, and enter the main part of the arena when called by the pit officials.
- 8.4 The competition comprises runs over Course A and Course B. Course B is the reverse of Course A.

### **9. OFFICIALS**

- 9.1 **THE REFEREE** who stands near to the center of the course. The Referee indicates to the pits officials when the course is ready for the next competitor. The Referee also indicates to the Timekeeper any penalties incurred by a team during their run. The Referee may refer to additional arena officials and or video evidence.
- 9.2 **THE TIMEKEEPER** who records the time for each team on each run, details any penalties incurred, and calculates the final placings of the teams.
- 9.3 **PIT MANAGER** marshals teams in the pits or collecting area, manage entry and exit gates, and indicate to the next team to compete when they may enter the arena.
- 9.4 The Referee and Pit Manager can issue Yellow/Red card penalties at any point for infringements of safety protocols.

### **10. HEATS**

- 10.1 A heat is defined as a minimum of two runs for each competing team around one course, either Course A or Course B.
- 10.2 One or Two heats will be run on each day of competition. For a one-day competition, this will be over Course A and Course B. For a competition run over two or more days, this can be Course A and Course B on the same day, or, Course A twice or Course B twice, on any one day.
- 10.3 There should be an equal number of chances for each team to complete both courses.
- 10.4 A team can enter more than one horse if they wish but cannot compete more than once in the same competition under the same team name. In National Championship rounds, stand alone or International events; team change rules, specific to the National Championships will apply.

(a) Variants of the National Championship rules may apply and will be set out by



the officials of that event.

- 10.5 Board riders and horse riders may compete in a number of different teams. In National Championships rounds, team change rules specific to the National Championships will apply. In accordance with rule 10.4a.
- 10.6 Points are scored in National Championships competitions, Stand alone or International events in accordance with National Championships Rules and rule 10.4a
- 10.7 The entering and exiting protocol between the collecting ring or pits area and the main part of the arena may vary from event to event but will be advised by Officials before the start of competition. Failure to follow these protocols may result in penalisation, to the extent you may be width drawn from the heat or asked to leave the arena.

## **11. TIMING**

11.1 Timing of the run starts when the horse passes through the Start Gate and breaks the laser. The timing of the run ends when the horse passes through the Finish Gate and breaks the laser.

- (a) Where a horse breaks the start line, but the boarder or horse rider are not attached, this will be considered a false start and the team will be allowed to retake their run at the discretion of the referee.
- (b) All three elements of the team, Horse rider, Horse and boarder must be connected by the handle and the safety harness system at the start and end point of the race for the time to be recorded. All three elements must cross the finish line while attached via the harness and handle for the runs time to count.
- (c) The team is considered to be fully attached when the boarder has hold of the handle and all connection points on the harness and riders belt are in place.

11.2 The time for each team on each run will be recorded by the Timekeeping Official.

11.3 A one second penalty will be incurred if the ball is knocked off a post or cone. If there is no ball on the post or cone, then the two second penalty will be added if there is clear contact with the post or cone by any of the team's elements.

11.4 A four second penalty will be incurred if any element of a team misses a gate.

11.4 Video reviews may be called by HBUK Officials to check touches, misses or any infringement a team may receive

- (a) The on-field decision will always stand should compelling evidence to prove otherwise not be found.

11.5 The fastest time from each heat of races will be recorded. This will determine their finishing position in that heat. If a team fails to finish a single run with in any one heat, a penalty time of 200 seconds will be recorded and stand as their fastest time.

- (a) Teams will score points from each completed heat depending on their finishing position which is determined by their fastest time over that heat
- (b) A time penalty may only be awarded if a full team passes the start line and the run has been deemed as started by the referee and officials



**11.6** If a heat or number of heats are cancelled due to any reason over the course of the event all teams entered in to that event and prepared to enter that heat will receive a 200 second time penalty and the minimum amount of points available to them.

**11.7** Teams have not entered the event until they have declared and paid entry fees.

## **12. PENALTIES**

**12.2** Penalties are given by the Referee, Pits Manager and other designated Horseboarding International or affiliated association officials for breaches of safety and welfare rules.

**12.3** The Referee can issue a Medical Red Card if they believe that any team element has sustained injury.

**12.4** Where any horse rider or board rider has, as the result of a fall, lost consciousness, appears disorientated or confused, or any Horseboarding International or affiliated association official believes that a head injury has been sustained, they will, give that person a Medical Red Card.

**12.5** Yellow card rule - Engaging in any action or activity that increases the risk or danger to team members, ground crew, HBUK officials, the general public, or not following the procedures set out by HBUK and its officials, or causing situations that could potentially cause injury or heighten risk in the sport for all involved will be deemed a yellow card offense. Yellow cards are given to the team and not the individuals.

- HBUK officials may give one verbal warning per minor infringement which does not pose a direct increased risk.
- Multiple yellow cards can be accumulated at once.
- A team that receives 4 yellow cards will have a second added to their fastest time in the heat where the 4<sup>th</sup> yellow card was received.
- Teams receiving yellow cards for repeat infringements may be awarded double yellow cards on the discretion of HBUK Officials.

**12.6** Yellow Card infringements are but not limited to the below.

- Late release
- Incorrect release
- Cantering out of the pits
- Cantering before pre- race gate 1

- Galloping before pre-race gate two
- Boarder touching the horse.
- Boarder touching the fence.
- Boarder riding into pits under the fence.
- Boarder being dragged.
- Boarder over taking the horse.
- Boarder loading pressure on the horse. \*(Uncontrolled whipping out)
- Rider not bringing horse to a complete stop in the runoff shoot.
- Horse standing on the board.
- Use of whip off the rein.
- Use of whip off the shoulder.
- Horses that touch another horse.
- Horses that cause other horses in the pits to move to avoid being hit. (skittling)
- Buffer zone in the pits – 2 meters horses cross that they will be issued a yellow card.
- Horses should not pass between the outside of a gate and the outer crowd control barriers. \*

#### **12.7 Orange Cards - Horse & Rider Safety Infringements**

Orange cards will be given for anything that directly poses an increased risk or danger to team members, ground crew, HBUK officials, general public and Horse welfare. These are accumulative and are designed to stop horses escalating in either excitement or stress and cause danger to themselves or those around them. It is important that when issuing an Orange card HBUK Officials take into account the experience of the rider, this includes their rank within the sport and ability to show rider control as detailed in rule 13.2 and sub categories of the National Championship Rules 2023. However, rank and experience will not outweigh the seriousness of any risk or danger posed. Orange cards infringements are, but not limited too.

Horses that show clear signs of stress in the pits or arena. Signs of stress are, but not limited to.

Horse is fidgety in the pits.

Horse is not respecting the riders' commands fully

Horse is not respecting personal space with of people or horses or objects in the pits/arena.

Excessive sweating

Head shaking

Constant calling out.

Feet stomping

Rearing

- Horses that pass the outside of a gate and the between the outside of that gate and crowd barriers, due to a lack of control from the rider.
- Lack of control from the rider.
- Unable to direct their horse's movements effectively or safely.
- Struggles to maintain proper balance and positioning on the horse.
- Has difficulty communicating commands to the horse or responding appropriately to the horse's behaviour.
- Skittling
- When a horse causes individuals on the ground or other horses and riders to move or physically knocks into them.

- Horses that make contact with bunting.
- Rearing
- Horses Bucking.

**Horseboarding UK defines bucking as below;**

- Bucking is a behaviour exhibited by horses where they forcefully jump into the air and kick out their hind legs. It is an instinctual behaviour that horses use to protect themselves or show their discomfort, frustration or displeasure.
- Here are some additional points that can help define horse bucking:
- Bucking is a sudden and forceful movement where the horse jumps into the air and kicks out with their hind legs.
- It is an instinctual behaviour that horses use to protect themselves or show their discomfort or frustration.
- Bucking can be caused by several factors, such as pain, fear, excitement, or disobedience.
- It is a common form of resistance that horses may use to avoid being ridden or to get rid of an unwanted rider.
- Bucking can be dangerous for riders, as they may be thrown off balance and fall off the horse.
- Riders must work to prevent bucking by maintaining a proper and balanced seat, addressing any underlying physical or psychological issues that may be causing the behaviour, and providing appropriate training and conditioning for the horse.

**Laboured running of the horse.**

- \*\* When a horse is running laboured and tired, it means that the horse is struggling to maintain its speed and stamina due to fatigue or exhaustion. Here are some additional points that can help define when a horse is running laboured and tired:
- The horse's movements may become slower, less fluid, and less coordinated as it tries to conserve energy.
- Breathing may become more rapid and shallow, and the horse may start to pant or wheeze as it tries to take in enough oxygen to sustain its exertion.
- The horse's muscles may become tense and rigid, making it harder for the horse to move with ease and fluidity.
- The horse may start to stumble, trip, or lose balance more frequently, increasing the risk of injury or accidents.
- The horse may show signs of mental and emotional fatigue, such as lethargy, apathy, or disinterest in its surroundings.

**Three Orange cards**

- If three orange cards are given due to escalating behaviour of the horse, That horse will no longer be able to run in that heat. It is then the responsibility of the rider to calm and deescalate the horse's behaviour. Teams that earn three orange cards in a heat will start the next competitive heat with 1 orange card.
- If HBUK Officials feel the horse has calmed and the behaviour has been deescalated. A team may start the next competitive heat with no orange cards.
- Pits behaviour (Horse) -\* being close to crash barriers.
- Hooking up
- Rearing
- Returning to the pits



**12.8 Red cards will be given for anything that directly poses an immediate and severe risk or danger to team members, ground crew, HBUK officials, general public and Horse welfare. If a red card is issued to a team or directly to a Horse & Rider, that team or individuals will be withdrawn from the heat. Red Cards that can be given are Team Red Cards, Horse Red Cards, Rider Red Cards or Horse & Rider Red Cards. Red card infringements are, but not limited too.**

- **Touching Barriers- Horse: If a horse touches the arena barriers or outer fencing in either the competition arena or the pits area or anywhere that the barrier in question is being used for crowd control an automatic red card will be issued.**

**\*Yellow & Orange card infringements may be deemed red cards should they pose immediate and severe risk or danger.**

**12.9 If an element is issued with a Medical Red Card they are not allowed to continue with in the competition until on site First Aiders have given that element the all clear to compete.**

**12.10 No Go Safety Zones- these may be in any part of the arena and will be defined by cones. If a ball is knocked off a safety zone cone, there is a 1 second penalty. If either the horse or the board rider enters the safety zone, there is a 4 second penalty and possible yellow card.**





## **V. REGISTRATION & APPLICATION WITHDRAWAL**

### **13. REGISTRATION**

**13.1** All persons attending Horseboarding International or affiliated association events as competitors, grooms or support personnel must be registered with Horseboarding International or affiliated association. Withdrawal

**13.2** By registering with Horseboarding International or any other affiliated organisation you agree to be photographed, recorded and videotaped by Horseboarding International & Affiliated Associations, and its agents ("HBI") in connection with your participation in any Horseboarding International or affiliated associations ran event or competition in which you are a volunteer or competitor.

**13.3** By registering with Horseboarding International or any other affiliated organisation you hereby irrevocably authorize HBI and its affiliates to copyright, publish, reproduce, exhibit, transmit, broadcast, televise, digitize, display, otherwise use, and permit others to use, (a) your name, image, likeness, and voice, and (b) all photographs, recordings, videotapes, audio-visual materials, writings, statements, and quotations of or by yourself (collectively, the "Materials"), in any manner, form, or format whatsoever now or hereinafter created, including on the Internet and future technologies, and for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising or promotion of HBI, its affiliates, or their services, without further consent from or payment to you.

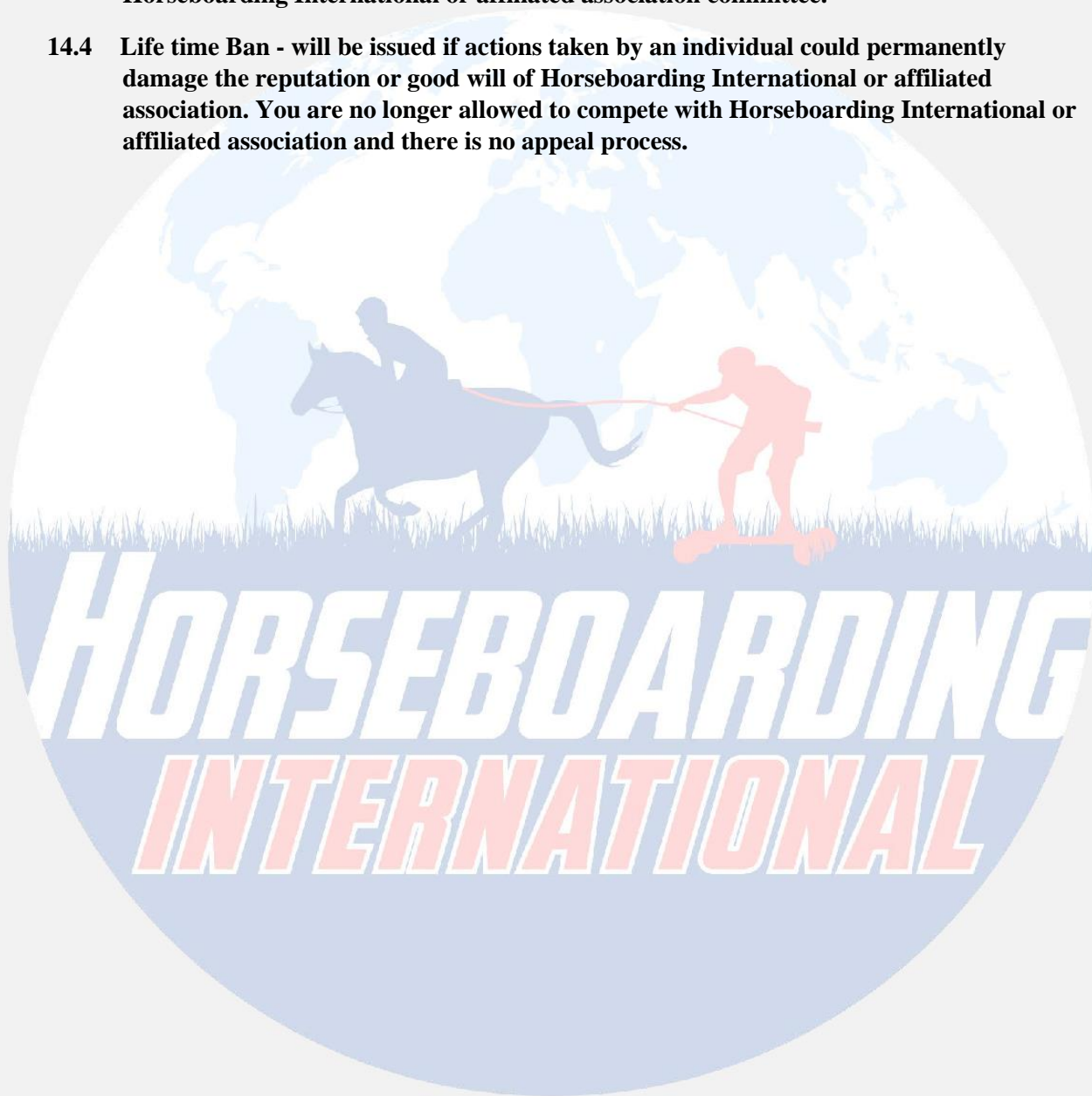
**13.4** By registering with Horseboarding International or any other affiliated organisation, it is understood that all of the Materials, and all films, audiotapes, videotapes, reproductions, media, plates, negatives, photocopies, and electronic and digital copies of the Materials, are the sole property of HBI and its affiliates, you agree not to contest the rights or authority granted to HBI hereunder. you hereby forever release and discharge HBI, its employees, licensees, agents, successors, and assigns from defamation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, copyright infringement, or any other personal or property rights from or related to any use of the Materials. you understand that HBI is under no obligation to use the Materials.

### **14. APPLICATION WITHDRAWAL**

**14.1** Application refusal - In the event of your application to register with Horseboarding International or affiliated association as a competitor or volunteer is refused you may receive an email explaining the reasons why. This email will give you the opportunity to resolve the issues raised. Though Horseboarding International or affiliated association is in no way bound to give an explanation.

**14.2** Application suspension - This means that you are suspended from taking part in any Horseboarding International or affiliated association event until a reasonable explanation is given to the events that lead to your suspension. This will normally be explained via an email.

- 14.3 Banned - You are no longer allowed to compete at or attend any Horseboarding International or affiliated association run event without a full explanation of events to the Horseboarding International or affiliated association committee, which led to the ban being issued. This will be requested as a face to face meeting with part or all the Horseboarding International or affiliated association committee.**
- 14.4 Life time Ban - will be issued if actions taken by an individual could permanently damage the reputation or good will of Horseboarding International or affiliated association. You are no longer allowed to compete with Horseboarding International or affiliated association and there is no appeal process.**



## VI. INTERNATIONAL STAR RATING

### 15. Star Rating

**15.1** International Star ratings are given to affiliated organisations to determine their level at an international level and to clarify which international events they, as an organisation, are eligible to put teams forward, for invitation.

- (a) To be eligible to receive an international star rating an organisation must be affiliated.
- (b) To be eligible to receive an international star rating, an organisation must have a national committee that is recognised by Horseboarding International.
- (c) To be eligible to receive an international star rating an affiliated organisation must be running a national championship with a minimum of one tier.
- (d) Eligibility for an affiliated organisation and committee receive an international star rating does not guarantee that one will be granted by Horseboarding International.

**15.2** International Star ratings will be given to affiliated organisations upon completing a year at the respective level after the Horseboarding International Committee has decided the organisation meets all requirements expected of an organisation at the respective level.

#### **15.3 1-STAR RATING** ★☆☆☆☆

- (a) Affiliate organisations that run a National Championships in their country with one tier level, recognised as the Novice Category, will be eligible to receive a 1-STAR International rating.
- (b) Affiliate organisations that have an International Rating of 1-STAR will be eligible for invitation, to international events with a rating of 1-STAR.

#### **15.4 2-STAR RATING** ★★☆☆☆

- (a) Affiliate organisations that run a National Championships in their country with two tier levels, recognised as the Novice & Intermediate Categories, will be eligible to receive a 2-STAR International rating.
- (b) Affiliate organisations that have a 2-STAR International Rating, will be eligible for invitation to 1-STAR & 2-STAR international events.

#### **15.5 3-STAR EVENTS** ★★★☆☆



- (a) Affiliate organisations that run a National Championships in their country with three tier levels, recognised as the Novice, Intermediate & Elite Categories, will be eligible to receive a 3-STAR International rating.
- (b) Affiliate organisations that have a 3-STAR International Rating, will be eligible for invitation to 1-STAR, 2-STAR & 3-STAR international events.

#### 15.6 4-STAR EVENTS ★★★★★

- (a) Affiliate organisations and committees that run a National Championships in their country with five tier levels, recognised as the Novice, Novice Advanced, Intermediate, Intermediate Advanced & Elite Categories, will be eligible to receive a 4-STAR International rating.
- (b) Affiliate organisations that have a 4-STAR International Rating, will be eligible for invitation to 1-STAR, 2-STAR, 3-STAR & 4-STAR international events.

#### 15.7 5-STAR EVENTS ★★★★★

- (a) Affiliate organisations and committees that have been running a National Championships in their country with five tier levels, recognised as the Novice, Novice Advanced, Intermediate, Intermediate Advanced & Elite Categories, for five years or more, will be eligible to receive a 5-STAR International rating.
- (b) Affiliate organisations that have a 5-STAR International Rating, will be eligible for invitation to all international events.

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These rules apply specifically to all Horseboarding International & affiliate organisation events. Some events may have different requirements and you will be advised of these at events which are not organized by Living Heritage.

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