STATEMENT OF POSITION ON ANIMAL WELFARE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUSTRALIAN APPALOOSA ASSOCIATION LTD RULES, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE ADHERED TO:

1. ANIMAL WELFARE

All horses shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedure, or veterinary standards, would determine to be cruel, abusive or inhumane.

Upon a report or discovery of inhumane treatment, show management shall investigate the incident and report it to the AAA using the AAA procedure as supplied to the approved Show/Event management.

2. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

When an exhibitor, owner, and/or his/her representative, acting on behalf of the exhibitor, is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and/or his/her representative acting on behalf of the exhibitor to participate in future approved shows for such a period as judged appropriate.

The Association can bar from participation in any AAA approved event, all animals registered in such suspended person's name according to Association records during the term of his/her suspension.

3. INHUMANE TREATMENT

No person on show grounds, including but not limited to, barns, stalls, practice areas or show arena may treat a horse in an inhumane manner which includes, but is not limited to:

i. Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress.
ii. Tying up a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress in a stall, trailer or whilst lunging.
iii. Letting blood from a horse.
iv. Use of inhumane equipment, including but not limited to, saw tooth bit, hock hobbles, tack collars or tack hackamores.
v. Use of inhumane training techniques or methods such as poling – striking horses' legs with an object (i.e. tack poles, jump poles, etc) or use of a bit to reprimand a horse.
vi. Any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the tail.
vii. Intentional inhumane treatment that results in bleeding.

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