

ADELAIDE PLAINS EQUESTRIAN CLUB INC POLICIES

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MEMBERS SAFETY POLICY:

1. All persons attending events or activities organised by the Adelaide Plains Equestrian Club (“APEC”) must abide by the APEC constitution, policies, and procedures.
2. All persons participating in APEC events have the right to do so without discrimination or abuse. This includes all riders, spectators, officials, judges, committee members, and volunteers as outlined in the APEC constitution. Disciplinary action may be taken against any APEC member deemed to be acting in an abusive or discriminatory manner.
3. All members riding, driving, or handling horses at APEC events must wear suitable clothing (long pants and closed, flat soled footwear). Appropriate helmets and footwear must be worn by all riders – this includes harness drivers & passengers. Helmets must be compliant with [Equestrian Australia](#) (EA) regulations and not been involved in an accident.
4. The choice of tack/gear used at APEC events and activities is left to the discretion of the rider/driver/handler. However, if any tack or equipment is deemed to be unsafe or unsuitable by a committee member of APEC, the rider/driver/handler may be refused entry to, may not be able to participate in the event or activity or may be requested to leave any APEC event. This includes any tack or equipment considered to adversely affect the welfare of the horse/s involved.
5. No dogs are permitted at any APEC event or facility whilst horses are present.
6. APEC may refuse entry to any event or activity any horse considered to be dangerous to other APEC members or their horses.
7. APEC recognises the rights of children to be protected from any form of abuse, and child abuse will not be tolerated by APEC. All members of APEC have the responsibility of reporting any suspected child abuse to the APEC committee or relevant child protection authority/police.
8. All APEC Committee members must have a Working with Children clearance as issued by the appropriate government agency.
9. Any person under 18 years of age must be accompanied to any APEC event by a parent or adult guardian. Unaccompanied children will not be permitted to attend APEC events or activities.

10. All children must be under direct supervision by their parent or guardian throughout the duration of APEC events. The parent or guardian of each child will be responsible for determining if the child has the appropriate skills and ability to participate in any APEC event or activity, and if their intended mount is suitable.
11. Stallions are allowed to be ridden, driven, or handled by adult members of APEC at APEC events, only after being granted permission by the committee. Permission must be sought before the event. EA regulation "Stallion Safe Practice Rules & Regulations Policy" (https://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/EA_Stallion_Safe_Practice_Policy_October_2021_Clean.pdf) Must be observed including strict adherence to Stallion identification tags. The stallion must be yarded in a suitable enclosure, tying up to a float is not acceptable. Persons under 18 years of age are not permitted to handle/ride/drive stallions at any APEC events.
12. If a rider falls from their horse at any time during an event or warm up, policy 13 "Rider Fall Emergency must be adhered to.

REVIEW / CONSULTATION

The review of this policy is the responsibility of the Adelaide Plains Equestrian Club Committee. This policy will be reviewed at least every three years.

APPROVED *ajmaddison*..... (Signature)

DESIGNATION President

DATE September 2022