

## **BERMUDA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION (“BEF”)**

### **BEF CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a member of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation (“BEF”), I acknowledge my obligation to uphold and adhere to the highest standards of competition, horsemanship, sportsmanship, citizenship and general conduct, whether representing myself, or others, the BEF or my country as a member, competitor, owner, trainer, agent, or in any other capacity, at all times.

As a member I agree to:

1. Recognize that I am a role model for the sport and demonstrate the principles of sportsmanship and animal welfare;
2. Demonstrate knowledge of and compete under the rules of the competition;
3. Not display anti-social behaviour;
4. Accept responsibility for consequences of my actions and not make excuses or blame others;
5. Control anger and frustration and refrain from displays of temper and bad language;
6. Show respect to officials of the competition (show judge, coaches, collecting ring stewards etc.);
7. Accept losing and winning graciously, congratulate opponents and display positive behaviour both in and out of the show ring;
8. Not make any adverse comments directly to the media, either in written or verbal form, about equestrianism, the BEF, and its affiliates; and
9. Forward any requests for media interviews or information for media articles to the BEF Board; and
10. Show respect to BEF members, officials and appointees at all times.

As a horseman, I will place my horse’s welfare above all other considerations and faithfully take care of it and treat it with the respect and care that it deserves.

As a sportsman, I will know and comply with all pertinent rules of the BEF as my national governing body for local shows and the *Federation Equestre Internationale* (FEI) as the international governing body for FEI sanctioned international events; and honour the principles of fair play inherent in them. For team competitions, I will place the interests of the team above my own, and respect the decisions of its duly appointed/elected officials made in the competitor’s best interest.

As a citizen, I will respect the laws of my own country as well as those of foreign countries in which I may compete. Knowing that as a BEF member and/or competitor I also serve as an ambassador for my sport, the BEF and my country. I will endeavour at all times to reflect credit on them through my conduct, dress and behaviour.

I clearly acknowledge my responsibility to ensure that individuals who accompany me whenever I am competition and/or representing my country also abide by this Code of Conduct.

I understand and accept that serious or repeated transgressions of this Code may be grounds for suspension from competition, representing Bermuda or any appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including permanent suspension of membership of the BEF. In addition, I agree to abide by selection procedures established by the BEF Board wherever applicable.

Finally, I fully understand that entries for competition will not be made until this Code of Conduct is acknowledged, such acknowledgment being completed by submitting the BEF Membership Form. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the BEF Board.