

# NATIONAL CAMPDRAFT COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

## RULES OF CAMPDRAFTING

### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF CAMPDRAFT LIVESTOCK

### CODE OF PRACTICE FOR COMMITTEES OPERATING A CAMPDRAFT

### MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY/CHILD SAFE GUARDING POLICY (See website for full policy)

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# NATIONAL CAMPDRAFT COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

## CAMPDRAFT RULES

### INTRODUCTION

The following rules are mandatory to NCCA member Associations. The aim is to have uniformity of Campdraft rules Australia-wide. Any member association wanting to change or alter a Rule, must initially write to the NCCA, who will then circulate the proposed changes to member bodies. The NCCA will coordinate discussion and bring about a resolution of the proposed changes. The NCCA recognizes that each Association has their own rules pertaining to, awarding of points, Encouragement draft qualifications, Rookie Horse, protective headgear, order of entries, and so forth

### NCCA RULES JUDGING – GENERAL

- 1.1 When selecting a campdraft course, the judges should try to set a course that will allow competitors to compete in an attacking and attractive manner. Under no circumstances should a judge attempt to set a hard or difficult course, as this practice only produces sub-standard drafting, which is unattractive to spectators and is not in the best interest of promoting the sport.
- 1.2 The judge should address the competitors prior to the commencement of a draft.
- 1.3 Maximum points are horse work 70 points, Cut Out 26 points, course 4 points, to give a total of 100 points.
- 1.4 A minimum of 5 cattle must be provided in the camp yard at any one time, excluding the J junior draft, J junior Cut Out, Juvenile and Encouragement draft, unless prior approval is received from the Association and advertised at least 72 hours prior to the event.
- 1.5 Yard clearing and spelling procedures are to be specified at the beginning of the draft.
- 1.6 A competitor may only discuss course points with the judge, and in a polite manner. **THE JUDGE'S DECISION SHALL BE FINAL.**
- 1.7 When multiple judges are judging, individual scores should be announced prior to the aggregate score.
- 1.8 A member needs to be 18 years of age to judge a campdraft event.
- 1.9 **In Campdrafting one eyed horses are not to be used.**

### JUDGING – CUT OUT / CAMP

- 2.1 The judge should order the removal from the camp of any unsound or distressed cattle, or cattle that may interfere with the competitor's Cut Out, and immediately replace the same number with soundcattle.
- 2.2 The competitor must not 'try out' or work a beast until instructed by the judge to commence their Cut Out.
- 2.3 Once a competitor starts to work a head of stock, they accept it as sound.
- 2.4 If a judge deems it necessary to interrupt a competitor's Cut Out, a fresh beast may be selected if so desired. The original beast chosen must first be removed from the camp and replaced with a fresh beast, with all previous faults carried forward.
- 2.5 Cut Out points will be held by the horse, whether or not it scores outside.
- 2.6 Disputes over foul-ups at the Cut Out gate will be settled by the judge.
- 2.7 In the event of a beast breaking out of the face of the camp before the competitor calls for the gate, they must follow it. If the judge considers the competitor has been unduly disadvantaged and has not significantly contributed to the breakout, a re-run may be awarded.

- 2.8 In the case of a breakout of cattle from the camp, the number of replacement cattle is equal to the number of breakout cattle.
- 2.9 Where a re-run is awarded in relation to Rules 2.7 and 2.8, the competitor shall receive the lesser of the two Cut Out scores.
- 2.10 In any run-off for Cut Out prizes, each horse's score must be announced as soon as the individual Cut Out is completed. A fresh beast must be added after each Cut Out.
- 2.11 A committee using the two-camp system must clearly state on their program that this system will be used, and also advise any prospective judge.
- 2.12 A Cut Out is not complete until both beast and rider have exited the camp through the front gate.
- 2.13 In the event of a beast jumping out of the side or back of the camp where a re-run is required, the competitor will start with the same amount of cattle with their previous faults carried forward.
- 2.14 In the event of a beast being distressed, showing lameness, or baling up and attempting to horn a horse, the judge shall terminate the Cut Out. In this case no re-run will be awarded.
- 2.15 In the event of a beast exhibiting bleeding as a result of a competitor's actions, the judge will terminate the round and no re-run be awarded. Where a beast exhibits bleeding through no fault of the competitor, the judge has the discretion to award a re-run.

**DISQUALIFICATION** A competitor will be disqualified for:

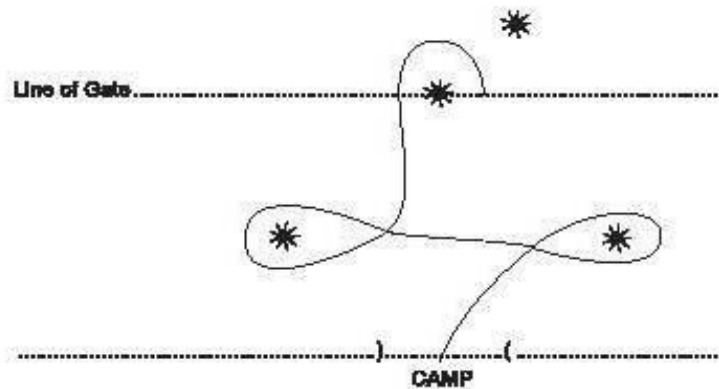
- 3.1 Losing a beast twice into the cattle or, at the discretion of the judge, losing control of the beast for the second time.
- 3.2 Unnecessary delay while selecting a beast.
- 3.3 Changing beast after being clear of the cattle.
- 3.4 Calling for the gate with more than one beast in front of the horse and subsequently taking more than one beast out of the camp.

**JUDGING – COURSE**

- 4.1 The time limit for completion of the course will be 40 seconds. The start of a run is when the horse exits the Cut Out.
- 4.2 The maximum points for the course will be 4 points. Points for the course shall be allocated as follows: 2 points for the first peg, 1 point for the second peg, 1 point for the gate.
- 4.3 The course shall be either left or right hand at the discretion of the judge and should be set to allow attractive campdrafting suited to the particular arena's size and condition.
- 4.4 The competitor is allowed two attempts at **any one** objective.
- 4.5 A missed peg must be completed before attempting the next peg.
- 4.6 In the event of a split peg, it will be classed as a missed peg and a competitor allowed a second chance at the peg and, if successful, will be allocated points for the peg.
- 4.7 The first peg must be completed for the competitor to receive horse-work points. The first peg is completed when the line between the first and second peg is recrossed. However, if either horse or rider or beast knock down a peg while negotiating the course, the competitor shall 'go on' to the next peg and points will not be allotted for that peg or any other subsequent peg, including the gate.
- 4.7.1 The second peg is completed when the line between first and second peg is recrossed by the best, horse and rider.
- 4.8 In the case of a deliberate knockdown peg or deliberate split peg, the competitor will be disqualified. Clarification: Knockdown of a peg that has PVC pipe over an electric fence post. When the PVC pipe is on the ground, it is classed as a knockdown peg.
- 4.9 The line of the gate is a line parallel to the front of the camp, which passes through the left-hand peg of the gate for a right-hand course. At the judge's discretion, the gate may be offset.

Diagram 1 shows the line of the gate for a right-hand course.

**Diagram 1**



- 4.10 Only one attempt to complete the gate is allowed once the beast and competitor have crossed the line of the gate. If the attempt is unsuccessful, the judge shall terminate the round and score the competitor, provided that in the opinion of the judge, the competitor has control of the beast.
- 4.11 If beast and competitor fail to cross the line of the gate, a second attempt to cross the line of the gate is required. On the second attempt, the beast and competitor must cross the line of the gate to be scored (time permitting).
- 4.12 A horse that clips a beast when changing sides shall be penalised; however, a competitor whose horse badly hits a beast over the hocks or runs up the rump of a beast will be disqualified.
- ~~4.13 In liaison with the committee, a judge will be allowed to restrict the number of faults a competitor is allowed in competition in the interest of safety, animal welfare or exceptional circumstances. In the first instance, or where prior permission is obtained, competitors shall be restricted to two attempts at any one objective. When a genuine emergency arises at an event whilst it is in progress, the further restriction of only one attempt at any objective may be applied. Any protocols applied in the first round of any draft may be applied in the final of that draft. DELETED at NCCA AGM 28/6/22~~
- 4.14 Provided the first peg is completed, a competitor in control of their beast when time has lapsed, regardless of position on course, must be scored.
- 4.15 In the event of a beast being distressed, showing lameness, or bailing up and attempting to horn a horse, the judge shall terminate the round and score the competitor (provided the first peg has been completed). In this case no re-run can be awarded.
- 4.16 Where the judge terminates an outside run due to interference or safety concerns and the competitor is awarded a restart, the competitor will start again with the lesser of the two Cut Out scores with the original entitlement of cattle.
- 4.17 In the event of a beast exhibiting bleeding as a result of a competitor's actions, the judge will terminate the round and no re-run be awarded. Where a beast exhibits bleeding through no fault of the competitor, the judge has the discretion to award a re-run.

## **DISQUALIFICATION**

A competitor will be disqualified for:

- 5.1 Knocking down the first peg by either horse, rider, or beast.
- 5.2 Losing control of the beast in the arena.
- 5.3 Running a beast into the arena fence.
- 5.4 Running a beast around the back or past the gate before completing the first and second pegs.
- 5.5 Running a beast outside of the second peg before completing the first peg.

- 5.6 Running a beast through the gate from the front.
- 5.7 Running a beast past the gate on the wrong side.
- 5.8 Failing to have control of the beast after passing behind the gate.

### **TERMINATION OF ROUND**

The competitor shall cease to work the beast when:

- 6.1 The timekeeper's whistle has blown to terminate the round.
- 6.2 The judge terminates the round.

### **OTHER DISQUALIFICATIONS**

A competitor will be disqualified for:

- 7.1 Turning their horse's tail to the beast. A tail turn is a turn executed by a horse in the opposite direction of the beast's line.
- 7.2 Causing their horse to badly hock a beast or run up its rump.
- 7.3 A fall of the horse or rider causing loss of control.
- 7.4 Ill-treating either the beast or horse.
- 7.5 Refusal to compete on sound, available stock.
- 7.6 Not being present on the third call.
- 7.7 Horse bucking or rearing out of control.
- 7.8 Excessive or harsh use of a bit or spurs. No whip or switch may be used.
- 7.9 Being considered not in safe control of their horse.

### **CLASSES OF HORSES**

There will be four classes of horses:

- 8.1 Maiden Horses  
A Maiden horse ceases to be a Maiden if it has won an event in any class or contest except Junior, Juvenile, Associate, Futurity and Encouragement drafts or Team events.
- 8.2 Novice Horses  
A Novice horse is a horse that has won first prize in a Maiden, Novice, Ladies, Men's or a restricted campdraft and remains a Novice until the horse has won a further three Novice drafts. A horse that has won an Open campdraft ceases to be a Novice.  
A horse can win four Novice drafts if it has not won a first prize in a Maiden.
- 8.3 Open Horses  
An Open horse is a horse that has won a first prize in an Open campdraft, or has completed its Novice status.
- 8.4 Rookie Horse  
A Rookie Horse is a horse that has not started in a Campdraft prior to the commencement of the relevant association's competition season and rules.

### **STATUS OF HORSE OR RIDER**

- 9.1 Any event advertised as a campdraft, either in written or verbal form of advertising, shall change the status of a horse, whether or not the event is affiliated with a recognised campdraft association.
- 9.2 For a competition to be deemed a campdraft, either entry fees are charged or prize money given. Where awards are given and no additional entry fee is charged for any campdraft event, horse status will not be altered.
- 9.3 Restricted Campdrafts  
A win in a registered breed society campdraft or invitation campdraft will alter the status of the horse as per the status of the event. If the class is unspecified, the status will be determined by the highest status of horse that competes.

- 9.4 The status of a horse winning a campdraft will be determined by the highest class of horse that competes with the exception of Juniors, Juveniles, Ladies, Men's, Old Buffers, Associates and Encouragement campdrafts. The winner attains the status of the highest class of horse participating (e.g. if one Open horse competes then it is classed as an Open draft).
- 9.5 The first round of any campdraft must be completed before any winner can be decided. Where two or more horses tie for first place, the winner shall be determined by a run-off; however, under exceptional circumstances a draw will determine the winner of the campdraft if a run-off is not possible, with only the winner breaking status.
- 9.6 As a positive response to committees that wish to run a cattle-type contest without damage to a horse's status, the NCCA will accept the following types of contest without any penalty to the winning horse:
- (a) Cattle Working Contest – Contest 1  
If Cut Out and horse-work points are allocated by the judge of the contest, then both the first and second pegs must be removed from the course. The gate is optional to the committee.
  - (b) Cattle Time Trial – Contest 2  
The normal campdraft course may be used as long as the winner is determined on a 'time' basis and the judge allocates neither Cut Out nor horse-work points.
- 9.7 Team Drafts  
Team drafts do not affect the status of any horse.
- 9.8 At campdraft Training Days, no horse's status will be broken.
- 9.9 Status of Horses and Rider at a Fixture  
At a fixture, the rider and the horse's status will be as at the beginning of each event at that fixture.

## COMPETITOR STATUS

- 10.1 Junior Rider: A Junior campdraft rider shall be aged from eight years, and under 13 years.
- 10.2 Juvenile Rider: A Juvenile campdraft rider shall be aged from 13 years, and under 17 years.
- 10.3 Associate Rider: An Associate campdraft rider shall be aged from 17 years, and under 21 years.
- 10.4 Encouragement Rider: An Encouragement campdraft rider shall be 17 years or over. An Encouragement campdraft rider is one who has not won an Open age draft (i.e. Maiden, Novice, Open, Ladies, Associates) or a restricted draft as in 9.3 and 9.4. A win will not alter the status of the horse. Riders cease to be eligible to compete after winning one (1) Encouragement or one (1) Open age campdraft or placing three times in an Open age campdraft.

Each association may have age restrictions for the following competitor statuses:

- 10.5 Maiden Rider: A Maiden campdraft rider must not have won a campdraft that breaks a horse's status, i.e. Maiden, Maiden 4 Maiden, Novice, Open, Restricted Open, Ladies or a restricted draft as in 9.3.
- 10.6 Novice Rider: A Novice campdraft rider is a rider who has not won an Open campdraft and does not qualify as a Maiden rider.
- 10.7 Open Rider: An Open campdraft rider is a rider who has won an Open or Restricted Open campdraft.
- 10.8 Master Rider: A rider aged 55 years or over.
- 10.9 Lady Rider: A female competitor. Age restrictions may apply.

## GENERAL RULES

- 11.1 Dress  
Competitors must be suitably attired and mounted for presentations. At all times in competition, campdraft competitors must wear a hat or safety helmet; boots; a collared, buttoned long-sleeved shirt; and long trousers. Caps are not permissible. Competitors must be neat and presentable.
- 11.2 Saddlery  
Competitors are allowed to ride in saddlery of their own choice, and horses can be worked in any bits, bosals or hackamores; however, the horse must have free use of its head, and any type of head tie-down, running reins, head checks and so forth, must not be used. The judge has the right to call on any competitor to inspect their gear and if the gear is illegal, the competitor is compelled to remove the offending article before competing.
- 11.3 Spurs  
Suitable spurs are allowed but no whip of any kind may be carried or used by a competitor in a campdraft.
- 11.4 Nosebands  
All nosebands attached to the bit are to be a minimum of 20 mm in width and of leather construction.
- 11.5 Rings with Stops  
Rings with Stops can be used in Junior, Juvenile, Encouragement, Maiden and Ladies drafts.
- 11.6 Illegal Entries  
Persons found guilty of an illegal entry of a horse must return all winnings relating to the offence to the committee where the offence took place and the guilty party, including the horse, may be suspended for a minimum of three calendar months.
- 11.7 Substitution  
Changes of rider between rounds is only permissible under special circumstances, e.g. sickness, injury, family sickness, bereavement, and the like. No rider points will be allocated where a change of rider occurs. Any campdraft that imposes restrictions on rider status cannot have a substitute rider.
- 11.8 Insufficient Full Scores  
(1) The cumulative score from each round be carried forward into subsequent rounds.  
(2) a. Those competitors on a full score carried forward from an elimination round shall have preference in aggregate placings over those carried forward on Cut Out scores only.  
b. In the case of two or more full rounds and a final, those going into the final on a combination of full scores will have preference in aggregate placings.  
If there are insufficient full scores to fill final placings, the committee may use Cut Out scores only to fill minor placings.
- 11.9 Placings in an Event  
If there are two or more horses on the same score at the conclusion of an event or final of an event, placings will be decided on the run-off score.
- 11.10 First-Round Runs  
All horses are allowed no more than one first round start per event.

## STALLION CONTAINMENT RULES

- 11.12 Minimum stallion containment requirements  
In daylight hours stallions must either: either:  
A. Be double-tied. Stallions to have an exclusion perimeter erected around the horse and area they are tied to exclude any possible interaction between the stallion and another horse or human.  
OR  
B. Be enclosed by panels. Stallions can be free to roam inside the panel area when an exclusion perimeter is erected around the panelled area, to exclude any possible interaction between the stallion and another horse or human. Only one horse allowed per enclosure. Panels must be a minimum of 1500 mm in height. Panels must be constructed



using an equivalent of four bars of 25 mm box or pipe equivalent as a minimum. Panels must be anchored securely to a solid object, e.g. truck, post, or tree.

At night:

The same rules apply to daylight hours with the additional requirement for a stallion that is in panels, must have at least one additional form of restraint, e.g. tied up, hobbles, sideline.

## **SUSPENSION OF A MEMBER**

11.13 If a member is suspended from one member body of the NCCA, that individual is suspended from all affiliated NCCA member organisations.

11.14 If action is taken by an NCCA member body against a judge, the NCCA and other member bodies are to be made aware of such action.

## **SMALL ARENA CAMPDRAFTING**

12.1 Small Arena Campdrafting

Small Arena campdrafting is conducted under the same rules as Large Arena campdrafting. The recommended minimum width of the arena will be 40 metres and the recommended minimum length will be 70 metres.

Comments

Any work using the arena fence and work taking the beast outside the course proper and returning to commence the course will be penalised and judged accordingly in horse-work points. It will be up to the judge to determine when a rider has lost control and end the work.

## DRUGS AND WELFARE POLICY FOR HORSES USED IN CAMPDRAFTING

The National Campdraft Council of Australia recognizes the importance of sound animal welfare policies, which prevent the use of animals which are not fit for competition. Fitness may be gauged as appropriate physical fitness or lack of suitability for competition due to injury or disease.

The NCCA recognizes that animals used in competition must be treated in a humane manner and that the NCCA does not condone the ill treatment or abuse of any animals whilst competing at campdrafts.

1. The following provisions regarding conduct shall apply to any event whether in competition or practice.
  - (a) Inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any manner whilst in the arena or on the grounds is prohibited. Inhumane treatment includes, but is not limited to, the following:
    - (i) Riding of a crippled, injured or lame animal.
    - (ii) Riding of a horse with a health abnormality, which could result in the horse's undue discomfort or distress.
    - (iii) Abuse of an animal which includes excessive jerking, spurring, whipping or any other act intended to cause trauma or injury to the animal.
  - (b) Any act of abuse or intent to abuse an animal whilst in the campdraft arena or on the grounds or the vicinity which could also endanger the safety of other persons or animals will not be tolerated and the persons may be subject to disciplinary action.
2. If the Campdrafting Committee discovers inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse it may immediately bar the responsible party and horse from further participation from the event. This decision should be based on consultation with a veterinary surgeon. In the event that a Veterinary Surgeon is not available then the committee shall consult with the judge(s) of the event before any action is taken under this rule.
3. Administration of a drug or drugs while on the grounds or the vicinity of campdrafting grounds, including the arena, practice area or stables is strictly prohibited with following provisos:
  - (i) Any horse winning an event may be swabbed. Other horses will be chosen at random before the running of an event and they will be swabbed at the completion of the event. The number chosen will depend on the number of entries in the event.
  - (ii) All testing will be by blood sample. Entry to any event will be contingent on permission for such blood samples to be obtained. The blood test will be an accurate determination of drug levels in the blood stream (not a screening test). A registered drug-testing laboratory will perform the test. Blood samples will only be taken by veterinarians using tamper proof sample kits supplied by the testing laboratory.

- (iii) A veterinarian must gazette all drugs that he has prescribed and administered to a horse up to 10 days prior to competition. This information must include a statement that ***the horse is fit for competition, the reason the drug has been given, the drug administered. The dose, the route of administration and the date and time that the last dose of the drug was administered.***  
All of these conditions are mandatory. Any horse found to have a positive swab in the absence of a Veterinarian's certificate will be reported to the governing Associations Drug Committee.
- (iv) The result of drug tests will be reported to the governing Associations Drug Committee who on advice from the testing laboratory will determine whether any offence has been committed and what penalty will be imposed. Drug levels that are not high enough to have influenced the performance of the horse will not attract any penalty. These levels will be taken from internationally published data. All results of negative tests will be destroyed.
- (v) The cost of these tests will be borne by the governing Associations except where such a test is positive in which case the cost will be borne by the Owner. In the event that a committee discovers or has a complaint made to them regarding inhumane treatment, abuse or any drug administration not in accordance with the above rules, the governing Associations shall be notified and a hearing to consider disciplinary action against the responsible party (s) shall be scheduled.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF CAMPDRAFT LIVESTOCK**

### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This Code is intended to compliment and support existing legislation. The staging of campdrafts and the conduct of those involved are subject to the relevant legislative requirements in each State.
- 1.2 The rules for the care, treatment, and welfare of campdraft livestock are to be observed by all campdraft personnel at each campdraft affiliated with the N.C.C.A. and their member Associations.
- 1.3 If, for any reason, there is a conflict between the rules of competition and the code for the care and treatment of campdraft livestock then the latter shall prevail, without qualification.
- 1.4 Any competitor failing to comply with the animal welfare rules of the N.C.C.A. including unnecessary roughness to livestock during competition in the opinion of the judges shall be disqualified from the event.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

- 2.1 It is the policy of the National Campdraft Council of Australia that animals used in campdraft shall be treated humanely and with proper consideration for their health and welfare.
- 2.2 The rules for the conduct of campdraft events shall be consistent with this policy and shall be specifically designed to prevent cruelty and minimize the risk of unintentional injury or mistreatment.
- 2.3 The Code of Conduct shall be binding on the National Campdraft Council of Australia, its officers, members and affiliated campdraft committees.

### **CAMPDRAFT CATTLE**

- 3.1 All cattle used in campdrafting must be a suitable size and in a healthy, strong condition, as dictated by normal circumstances for open range cattle in that particular region.
- 3.2 Female stock, which is in an obvious pregnant condition, must not under any circumstances be used in any campdrafting event.
- 3.3 Assembly of stock must be in stock-proof Yards. All yards and loading ramps must be constructed and maintained to minimize stress and inconvenience.
- 3.4 All cattle presented by the Committee for use in competition must be fed, watered, and transported in accordance with normal husbandry methods for cattle in transit by droving or motor transport.
- 3.5 Shelter from heat, wind and cold is not considered necessary for cattle except in extreme conditions of climate.
- 3.6 At the completion of unloading stock a representative of the promoting committee to inspect stock and any injured animals to be treated and placed in a situation to relieve stress as soon as practical.
- 3.7 During each and every event, a representative of the committee will supervise the use of stock to ensure the continued suitability of stock for use during such event.

- 3.8 Where an animal is deemed to be in a state of distress requiring euthanasia, the person responsible for the animal must ensure that it is carried out as soon as possible, humanely and results in immediate death. Euthanasia must be performed only by persons competent in the method used and licensed where appropriate.
- 3.9 In campdrafting events, cattle may only be used once at the same venue except in exceptional circumstances.
- 3.10 The judge must order the removal from the camp of unsound cattle or distressed cattle.
- 3.11 All horses shall be presented in body condition and soundness satisfactory to the judge of the campdraft. The judge must disqualify from competition any horse not meeting their requirements.
- 3.12 The judge must disqualify any competitor causing unnecessary distress to either horse or beast in any campdraft.

**AREAS TO MONITOR FOR ANIMAL WELFARE CONCERNS.**

- 4.1 Arena surface preparation.
- 4.2 Fitness & training of horses in campdrafting events.
- 4.3 Ensuring cattle are not overworked following completion of a Campdraft run.
- 4.4 Tack & Equipment used by competitors.
- 4.5 Climatic conditions.

## **CODE OF PRACTICE FOR COMMITTEES OPERATING A CAMPDRAFT**

These requirements have been specifically written to address improvement in the Committees of Campdrafts and public liability insurance issue.

This Code of Practice states the requirements for those Associations that seek to upgrade to meet a standard that is acceptable by both.

### ***Risk and prosecution***

Following a statutory (legislative) requirement will provide you with a defense in a prosecution for a breach of an obligation (i.e. duty of care).

Following an advisory standard or industry code of practice will also provide you with a defense in a prosecution for breach of an obligation.

If you do not follow an advisory standard or industry code of practice, you must show that you took reasonable precautions and exercised proper diligence in choosing a way to manage exposure to the risk, or that the breach happened as a result of factors over which you had no control.

These requirements are designed to help Committees meet their obligations. Committees may also need to undertake specific risk assessments.

### **General**

These requirements are aimed at reducing or eliminating risks to both participants and spectators in campdrafting events. They do not include special rules that Associations may impose, such as those relating to the running of events, arena size or setup, competition rules, disqualification and so on.

This Code only addresses risks related to the use of horses at campdrafts and the need to control unintended interactions between horses and people. In addition, there are a number of other risks that are associated with horses at campdrafts.

These include but are not limited to: -

- Injury due to physical conditions (e.g. slips, trips, falls)
- Environmental injuries (e.g. sunstrokes, insect bites)
- Property damage (e.g. a damaged car).

To comply with this code, operators will need to comply with the general requirements and the specific requirements for the activities they undertake.

Notwithstanding any provisions of this code, all Committees have a duty of care to all participants, staff, and spectators. Each individual Committee should review the operations at their campdraft to ensure they meet this requirement.

This code does not specifically address requirements under State and Local Government legislation. Committees are advised to check carefully with the relevant authorities.

## **General requirements for all campdrafts**

### **Horse and Rider equipment**

1. All riders under the age of 18 years must wear, properly fitted helmets (includes use of the chinstrap) that comply with current AS/NZS standards (3838) and are less than five years old from the date of manufacture.
2. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times when riding. This footwear must enable removal of the foot from the stirrup iron. It must also prevent the foot sliding forward and through the stirrup iron.  
When handling horses (i.e. not riding) footwear should be worn that provide strong protection to the top of the foot.  
Leather boots are preferred. Open toed sandals and thongs are not to be worn.
3. All Associations should advise participants on footwear and dress requirements.
4. All equipment (e.g. saddles, bridles) used with the horse should be in good repair and correctly fitted.
5. Saddles must be securely attached to the horse in a manner that keeps the saddle properly in place. A saddle must have at least two points of attachment.  
Suitable attachments are a double buckle girth, girth and surcingle, or double wrapped latigo.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

1. Committees should ensure buildings used as part of a campdraft, comply with appropriate state and local government safety regulations. Particularly in relation to fire control systems, food preparation areas and waste disposal.  
All buildings that are not used for campdraft activities should be kept secure to prevent unauthorized entry.
2. Where practical, all grounds should have a secure perimeter that reduces the likelihood of horses or cattle escaping. Where fencing is not practical, alternate means should be provided for avoiding uncontrolled stock gaining access to roads.
3. In order to reduce the potential for uncontrolled, and unsafe, interactions between horses, cattle, humans and property (including vehicles), signs should be installed that indicate: -
  - a) Areas the public are permitted and where access is restricted.
  - b) Potential dangers to the safety of both humans and horses.
4. Where campdrafts involve moving stock on public roadways, signs must be installed to adequately warn motorists of the use of the road by horses, riders and cattle.

5. All camp-drafts should have access to a First Aid kit. All officials and staff should be made aware of the location of the kit. At least one clearly identified person must be nominated to provide first aid during all of the events at a campdraft.
6. All premises must have an effective communication link for contacting emergency services. All officials and staff should be aware of the location of the communication link.
7. Committees must, as far as practicable, ensure all areas are free of hazards, particularly slip, trip and fall hazards, that may cause injury to horses, riders, staff and the public.

#### **Staff**

1. Staff involved with horses and cattle must be such that they can confidently manage and handle interactions between horses, cattle and humans so that accidents, to themselves, spectators or competitors, are avoided.
2. Staff not involved with stock must be able to carry out their duties both efficiently and safely.
3. Consideration must be given to legal age limits for being in charge of an activity.

#### **Horses**

1. Owners of horses are responsible for ensuring the safety of the public is not compromised by horses that show dangerous behavior. Owners must take all necessary action to isolate or control such horses.
2. It is the Horse owner's responsibility to ensure, as far as possible that horses and riders are matched to each other for the activities being undertaken.
3. Each operation must promote humane conduct of horse use and management, with proper consideration for the horses' health and welfare.

#### **Committees**

1. In situations where spectators and members of the public can gain access to horse areas, information must be readily available advising of the potential risks associated with horses and horse activities.  
Advice should include any restrictions applying to behavior, prohibited areas or specific actions that may lead to injuries.  
Advice should be readily available in a clear and easy to understand form.  
Advice could be in the form of signs, notices, on the backs of tickets or in public address announcements.
2. Operators should provide areas for spectators that are clearly separated from those areas where horse activities take place. Separation would most likely be achieved by fencing, which must act as effective physical deterrent.
3. Where fencing is not practical, alternate means must be provided for avoiding uncontrolled interactions.
4. Uncontrolled interactions can result in severe injuries to horses, riders, staff and spectators.
5. All accidents (physical injuries), or serious incidents where there is no actual physical injury, and incidents which may have the potential for psychological trauma (e.g. a horse bolting), that are brought to the attention of staff or that require treatment by staff are to be recorded in an incident report.



6. Incident reports are to be reviewed and actions taken are to be recorded.  
Incident reports and reviews are to be retained for a minimum of seven years.
7. Insurance advice is that many claims arise three or more years after an accident, and the incident report can provide invaluable evidence of what occurred. Names and addresses of witnesses are also important.
8. Committees should develop a set of processes that address the issue of a participant or member of the public failing to comply with a reasonable direction, the intention of which is to prevent possible injuries or accidents
9. All Committees should endeavour to develop a culture of continuous improvement, through the use of staff and volunteer training, event reviews, activity reviews review of incident report statistics to improve the safety and enjoyment of staff competitors, horses and spectators.

### **General**

1. Since campdrafts can include a range of non-horse related activities that may impinge on the safety of participants and spectators, an additional set of requirements has been included to address these risks.
2. All areas must have their surfaces flat and clear of obstacles, rubbish, potholes and similar dangers.
3. Where steel fencing is used as a barrier, it must be correctly assembled and securely fastened in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.
4. Where star droppers or posts are used for temporary fencing they must be capped with plastic caps.
5. Electrical cables, hoses, ropes or similar items must not be laid on the ground in areas accessible to the public, or in walkways used by horses.
6. Walkways and passageways must be free from obstructions and be kept clean. Horse droppings are to be removed from internal walkways as soon as possible.

### **Horses**

1. At all times, horses must be either under control (e.g. being led or ridden) or stabled / contained whilst at a campdraft event.
2. All riders should not engage in, or be knowingly involved in, cruelty to a horse.

### **Committees**

1. Where adverse environmental conditions occur a 'grounds officer' must decide on changes to the program, to ensure activities can continue without significantly increasing the risks of

injuries to either horses or riders. E.g. Temperatures over 40°C or below 5°C, Dust storms, fog, or rain sufficiently heavy to cause the surface to become slippery with standing water.

2. Each event must have a judge responsible for control of horses and cattle in the arena and for determining questions or disputes arising from conduct in the arenas or for the condition of the arenas

#### **Other Requirements**

1. Each event should appoint a risk manager to evaluate the risks to the event and institute appropriate measures to control the risks. (Using the requirements in this Code as a starting point).
2. Each event must appoint a 'security officer' who is responsible for ground, property and personal protection.
3. The organizer is responsible for establishing, promulgating and training staff in procedures for handling unruly or intoxicated persons.
4. Organizers must institute a responsible service of alcoholic beverages and comply with the liquor licensing laws.
5. Organizers are responsible for establishing, promulgating and training staff in procedures related to fire control and evacuation.
6. Dogs must either be excluded from the event or kept on a leash or securely tied up at all times.
7. All exits from buildings are to be clearly signposted and remain unobstructed.
8. All electrical wiring or installations must be carried out by a licensed electrician and comply with AS/NZS 3000 and AS/NZS 3002.
9. All electrical boxes on poles or posts in arenas and marshalling areas are to be fenced off.
10. Where designated horse washing areas are used, the public must be excluded from the area.
11. For all Campdraft events and associated activities St John Ambulance Officers or similar must be in attendance at all times whilst events are in operation.
12. Free and unobstructed access to the site must be available for emergency vehicles.

## **NATIONAL CAMPDRAFT COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY**

### **1 Policy statement**

The National Campdraft Council of Australia is committed to providing a sport and work environment free of harassment. We believe that anyone who works for us or represents us, and everyone with whom we deal, has the right to be treated with respect and dignity. The National Campdraft Council of Australia will not tolerate harassment in our Organisation. We will take all complaints of harassment seriously, and will ensure they are dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively, and confidentially. Disciplinary action can be taken against a person who is found in breach of this policy.

### **2 Application of**

This policy applies to all Campdrafters, Instructors, employees, administrators, officials, volunteers, and members of the National Campdraft Council of Australia. This policy applies to behavior occurring both within and outside the course of the National Campdraft Council of Australia's business, activities and events, when the behavior involves individuals associated with the National Campdraft Council of Australia and negatively affects relationships within our sport and work environment. This policy applies to harassment occurring between any participants in the National Campdraft Council of Australia. The Chairman of the National Campdraft Council of Australia accepts that the elimination of harassment leads to a more stable, productive, and successful Sport of Campdrafting under The National Campdraft Council of Australia.

### **3 Confidentiality**

The National Campdraft Council of Australia management and officers responsible for implementing this Member Protection Policy will keep confidential the names and details related to abuse, discrimination and/or harassment complaints, unless disclosure is necessary as part of the disciplinary or corrective process.

### **4 Responsibilities**

The National Campdraft Council of Australia is responsible for taking all reasonable steps to prevent harassment in our Sport of Campdrafting and for ensuring our policy is well known throughout all Associations affiliated with the National Campdraft Council of Australia. This means we will take whatever steps necessary to ensure that everyone associated with the National Campdraft Council of Australia knows:

- what harassment means
  - that it is against the law
  - that it will not be tolerated.

While the National Campdraft Council has ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the sport of Campdrafting is free of harassment, each Affiliated Campdraft Association will accept day-to-day responsibility for implementing this policy.

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