

# Code of Conduct for ASHS Competitors

## CORE VALUE STATEMENT

- The Australian Stock Horse Society exists to:
- promote the development and acceptance of the Australian Stock Horse as an equine breed of excellence and importance;
- provide service to all facets of the Australian Stock Horse industry;
- guarantee that the welfare of the Australian Stock Horse is protected at all times; and
- ensure that all individual members of the Society, and those who serve as Directors, Breeders, Competitors, Coaches, Judges, Stewards and Volunteers act with honesty and integrity in all of their dealings with the Society, other members, clients and the public at large.

## UNDERTAKINGS

- Members of the Australian Stock Horse Society who participate in competitions undertake that they will act in accordance with the Core Value Statement at all times.
- Members of the Australian Stock Horse Society who participate in competitions undertake to compete only on animals that are suitable to the level of competition, to present themselves and their horses properly prior to and upon entering the ring, to know the rules of the competition and those of the Australian Stock Horse Society and to behave at all times in a sportsmanlike manner and properly and respectfully to Judges, Show Officials and fellow competitors.
- Members of the Australian Stock Horse Society who participate in competitions acknowledge that they accept the individual responsibilities attendant to participating in competitions and to competing only at a level to which they are qualified.
- Members of the Australian Stock Horse Society who participate in competitions will at all times abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

## UNDERSTANDING

Persons who compete in Australian Stock Horses competitions are a most critical component of the industry. These are the persons who present the image of the Society to the public. By undertaking to accept the Core Value Statement and the Undertakings, competitors commit to continue the practice of the majority of current participants who present themselves and their horses in an exemplary manner, who possess the right attitude and who know and abide by the rules.