

Victorian Pinto Society Risk Management Policy. *Updated 1.1.09*

Rules and Regulations

Before addressing the principles and strategies of Risk Management, we need to first deal with the issue of the rules and regulations that govern our sport.

It is a vital part of any risk management procedure that any rules and regulations are strictly adhered to and it is imperative that all concerned are fully aware of the requirements.

The Victorian Pinto Society rules and regulations are available on the web at www.vicpintosociety.net

In addition to the above, each show hosted by this Society will also carry its own set of sub rules which will be printed in the schedule of each event.

The rules in place to ultimately reduce risk are included in this policy.

Each member will be issued with a society constitution, rules & regulations.

Each member will be required to read and sign the following before a membership application / renewal will be processed.

HORSE SPORTS ARE A DANGEROUS ACTIVITY.

In consideration for being permitted to participate in any way in horse sport activities, I the undersigned, understand acknowledge and accept that: Horse sports are a dangerous activity and horses can act in a sudden and unpredictable (changeable) way, especially if frightened or hurt. There is a significant risk that serious INJURY or DEATH may result from horse sport activities.

I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown and I voluntarily PARTICIPATE at my OWN RISK and assume sole responsibility for any injury, death or property damage I may suffer that arises from my participation in horse sport activities. I understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind altering drugs before and during the activity and I take full responsibility for any loss or damage associated with their consumption. I agree not to drink alcohol or take drugs prohibited by law before or during these activities.

I agree to follow the directions of any event organizer or official and that any misconduct or refusal by me to follow any direction of any organizer or official can result in the CANCELLATION of my participation in these activities. I agree to wear a helmet at all times whilst mounted, in accordance with the VPS Rules & Regulations and agree that I am solely responsible for ensuring that I comply with the VPS Rules & Regulations and take sole responsibility for my actions.

I agree that whilst participating and/or riding should I have an accident, an ambulance may be called and this will be at my expense.

Show Event Rules.

1. All entries must be in writing on the official entry form supplied by the VPS, and each competitor must sign the entry form acknowledging that they have read and understand the rules.
2. All stallions and colts of any height that are 1yr of age and older, must be shown mouthed in a bitted bridle, and must be ridden and handled by persons 18yrs of age and over, at all times.
3. All animals competing under saddle must be 3yrs of age or older
4. It is a condition of entry that all competitors and spectators whether actually engaged in or competing in an event or not, do so at their own risk, and no liability of any kind attaches itself to the Society, Its Officials, Committee or Members of any kind what so ever.
5. Australian Safety Approved helmets must be worn whilst mounted at all times by all riders regardless of age, including any Costume, Western, or Fancy Dress classes.
6. Exhibitors must conform to the directions of the stewards.
7. All stallions and colts of any height must be stabled, double tied or secured in a float or truck when not competing or being held by a person 18yrs of age and over. Double tied means with one leadrope attached to a headcollar and another leadrope attached to a collar. Secured in a float or truck means that the rear tailgate or divider must be closed and secured.
8. Appropriate covered footwear is to be worn at all times by all persons.
9. All competitors must not use or carry a whip exceeding 75cm in its entirety (including the tassel) when leading, riding or holding a horse or pony.
10. Cross country obstacles at any ground must not be used / jumped
11. Riding of horses bareback is prohibited
12. Riding of rugged horses is prohibited
13. Any person may lead a maximum of two horses at any time, including mounted or not.
14. Dogs must be on a leash at all times
15. Bicycles are not permitted in the competition area
16. Power leads must not cross roads or track at any time
17. Horses must not be kept in tape yards
18. Alcohol must not be consumed in the arena
19. Naked flames are not permitted in any stable areas.
20. No chairs will be permitted in any indoor arena, and competitors, spectators & strappers will not be allowed to sit on the ground near the competition area.
21. All horses must be exercised in the designated warm up area
22. No Rider shall warm up in the indoor without supervision
23. No lungeing permitted in the indoor area or within the float parking area.