

# **ARENA RULES**

- 1. Horses cannot be exercised for more than 1.5 hours (even non-consecutive) during every daily session; the stewards will use a mobile application and a NFC tag on the bridle number to ensure the correct time counting, rest horse time, even during drag operations, will not be counted. The daily session goes from 06:00 to 24:00 but can be changed by the Show Manager.
- 2. Horses cannot be longed for more than 20 minutes; the stewards will secure the correct time counting, rest horse time will not be counted. Horses can be longed only in the designated areas.
- 3. Horses must be at all times at a walk outside the competition areas. Horses can be taken with a lead rein to graze in the meadows but not in the flowerbeds.
- 4.Only AQHA & APHA approved equipment is allowed in the whole venue. The use of nosebands is permitted; the use of flash nosebands is not permitted.
- 5. Every abusive maneuver on the horse mouth is forbidden, example: tugging.
- 6. The unconsidered and abusive use of spurs on horses is not allowed.
- 7. Covering the horse sides with bands, spray (coloured or not), sand etc. is forbidden at all times in the whole venue.
- 8. The abusive use of the reins or whips on the horses is forbidden.

All arenas are video monitored.





## **PENALITIES**

Any breach of the rules will be penalised as follows:

1. Verbal warning/first warning

Yellow card/second warning
 Red card/third warning/direct call

The stewards are the guarantors of the regularity of the competition and have full authority to issue penalties. Participants must accept the decision of the stewards, whether they are ordered to stop to rest the horse or to return to the stables because they need more time for the horse to rest.

Failure to comply with the stewards' instructions/indications may result in immediate exclusion from the competition.

## **BRIDLE NUMBERS**

Each horse must have its own number attached to the bridle throughout the entire event, whether it be during exercise sessions, during competitions or any other activities on the ground (in this case, the groom/rider can carry it). Any horse that is stopped with a bridle number different to its own and/or which has been tampered with will be automatically excluded from the competition.

## **EXCLUSION FROM THE COMPETITION**

Exclusion decided by the Jury President from the competition for any reason whatsoever does not entitle the participant to any reimbursement.





## CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES OF CONDUCT

All participating riders/breeders/owners/trainers/instructors are required to assume an ethical responsibility which requires serious and honest conduct and handling of horses. Therefore, all participants must abide by the following rules, the signing of which implies that they have never been convicted and/or there are no ongoing proceedings for unlawful acts against animal welfare.

## **RULES OF CONDUCT**

1. Comply with current legislation on animal welfare (Directive 98/58/EC)

2. Always act according to the criteria of good manners and behave respectfully towards people, animals and the environment

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3. Apply the rules of good horsemanship and respect for equines, both in mounted and ground work

4. Provide truthful information about horses from their stud or otherwise owned by them

5. Anyone committing acts of ill-treatment, coercive actions, punishments or causing damage to the animals in any way will be expelled from Tenuta Elementa at the unquestionable judgment of the Veterinary Commission, in addition to incurring in possible sanctions that may be imposed, following the relative disciplinary procedure by the F.I.S.E. - the Italian Federation of Equestrian Sports and/or affiliated Associations.

6. Grooms and those responsible for stabling the equines must scrupulously observe the rules of correct management in the following areas

- adequate and well rationed feeding and watering

- clean and abundant bedding

- cleanliness and orderliness of the environment in which they are stabled

- protection of the animals' health

7. All those handling equines both during the competitions and when moving around inside Tenuta Elementa must be attentive to visitors in order to avoid damage to people, animals and belongings. It is not possible to go with equines in the forbidden areas.

8. It is absolutely forbidden, under the penalty of immediate expulsion and sanctions as provided for in the regulations for the protection of equines, to use instruments, harnesses or any other means or substances that may in any way alter the performance of the equines, modify their behaviour or conceal health problems. A Veterinary Commission is available to assist in the event of health problems or accidents of any kind.

9. The animals must go through their dedicated areas as indicated by Tenuta Elementa, respecting the access times and the rules for the use of the facilities made available to move

and work the equines.

10. It is forbidden to hold practical demonstrations and/or exhibitions and/or to go outside the permitted areas that are not included in the established calendar.

11. The Veterinary Service can request a horse visit any time they deem it necessary.

12. In case of any problem, it is compulsory to contact the Veterinary Service, which will in turn contact the competition stewards.

13. For anything not specified herein, please refer to the Code of Ethics adopted by the Italian Federation of Equestrian Sports: <a href="https://www.fise.it/federazione/norme-federali.html">https://www.fise.it/federazione/norme-federali.html</a>.

Entry and participation in the event imply full acceptance of all the rules listed in this form.

