

Peel Valley Team Penning Association Rules

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Code of Conduct

As a member of the Peel Valley Team Penning Association, you are accepting your commitment and adherence to the Code of Conduct

Honesty

Honesty is being truthful, sincere and direct in intentions and actions through transparency and sharing information. It involves acting lawfully and with integrity

Fairness

Fairness is demonstrated through inclusiveness and equity. All members of the Association have a right to expect, and a duty to give, fair treatment through clear expectations and a consistent approach

Accountability

Accountability is taking ownership of all actions or inactions within our control. Accountability involves behaving professionally and being proactive

Respect

Respect is valuing oneself and others and involves the considerate treatment of people, animals and property. Respect is displayed by being courteous and kind, listening, demonstrating good sportsmanship, communicating openly, and recognising and valuing the importance of knowledge and experience. It means valuing others' ideas and contributions, recognising the importance of diversity and difference and promoting a respectful and collaborative culture that does not tolerate bullying or harassment

Constitution

Peel Valley Team Penning Association Inc adopts the Model Constitution under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009

Social Media

The same high standards of conduct and behaviour outlined on the above code of conduct are expected of members when participating online through social media. Online participation should reflect and uphold the values, integrity and reputation of the Association

Members must behave in a way that does not call into question their commitment to the positive promotion and growth of the Association. It is important that the reputation of the Association is not placed at risk by comments that members make

Members need to be aware that content published online and on social media is, or may become publicly available, even from personal social media accounts. We expect you to take reasonable steps to ensure that any social media use or public comment you make, including online, falls within the following parameters

- don't make comments that are unlawful, obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, discriminatory or hateful to, or about; the Association, members, or our Association partners (including venue owners)
- don't make comments that are, or could be perceived to be made on behalf of the Association
- don't criticise the Association, our partners, other members, volunteers or local business
- don't make comments prejudicial to the integrity or good reputation of the Association

A failure to comply with these Rules may constitute a breach of the Rules, and may result in further action being taken in line with the Constitution

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Such comments, by members or non-members with access to social media deemed to be inappropriate, will be removed and reported to the Committee. The committee reserve the right to remove block such persons from Associations social media platforms

Animal Welfare

This Animal Welfare Policy applies to any event held by Peel Valley Team Penning

Humane Treatment

- The Association will not tolerate inhumane treatment of a horse, or any other animal
- No member or non-member will treat any horse or animal in a cruel or inhumane manner
- Inhumane treatment includes but is not limited to all relevant animal welfare legislation and Association rules
- The welfare of horse/s and cattle is the primary consideration at all times
- Association members must comply with all relevant animal welfare legislation and rules
- An individual is absolutely responsible for the horse/s condition and treatment that they own, lease, or, borrow

Prohibited Conduct

- Forcing a beast to make contact with the arena fence or the pen, or another animal
- Hitting a beast broadside under pressure
- Knocking a beast down
- Forcing a beast too hard into the mob
- Riding into the mob at excessive speed or chasing a beast at excessive speed
- Excessive attempts to work a beast showing signs of distress

No person on the grounds, including but not limited to yards, arenas, stables, pens or practice areas can treat a horse in a manner that includes, but is not limited to

- Continuous and/or relentless pressure from the bit, legs or spurs
- Placing an object, other than a legal bit, in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress
- Placing a legal bit in a horse's mouth in an abnormal manner
- Leaving a bit in a horse's mouth for extended periods of time so as to cause undue discomfort or distress, broken skin and/or bleeding
- Tying a horse's head up (above the withers), back, or around in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress. The horse must be able to hold its head comfortably in a "normal" position
- Tying a horse in a stall or to a vehicle/fence/truck/float without access to food or water for an extended period of time
- Use of excessive training techniques such as striking a horse's legs
- Excessive spurring or whipping
- Excessive spinning (defined as more than eight (8) consecutive turns in either direction)
- Continuing to work or exhibit a horse which appears to be sullen, lethargic, emaciated, dehydrated, depressed, drawn or overly tired
- Breaking the skin and causing bleeding from the spur, bit or any other equipment
- Riding or training in such a way that the horse is subject to periods of mental or physical distress
- Exhibiting a horse that has an open wound and/or shows traces of blood
- Using prohibited equipment (listed below)

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Prohibited Equipment

- Any type of head check, standing martingale, draw reins, bosals or tie downs
- Running martingales (rings) without rein stoppers and neck strap or breastplate
- Saw tooth bits
- Curb straps with tack/rivets or tack hackamores
- War bridles or like devices
- Riding in a curb bit without a curb strap
- Wire or solid metal curb straps, with or without padding
- Wire cavesson
- Bumper bits
- Metal lunging hackamores
- Chambons; headstalls made of metal, with or without padding
- Excessively tight nosebands
- Side reins (direct from bit to girth or surcingles)
- Any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the horse's tail
- Any appliance or equipment, which results in any bleeding
- Any other equipment deemed by the judge and/or committee to be inhumane or abusive

Penalties and Restrictions

The committee shall have the power to enforce best practice Animal Welfare in line with this Policy. Any person found in violation of these rules, can be disqualified, disciplined, suspended, fined, denied Association privileges (including entry to future events), disqualified, expelled from the grounds, and/or expelled from the Association

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General Rules

Attire

Suitable riding attire must be worn including a long sleeved collared shirt and a brimmed hat or helmet. In the event that a rider's hat comes off during a run, this is not considered an infraction of the dress code

Stallions

Stallions are only to be handled and ridden by persons 18 years and older.

Minimum Stallion Containment Requirements

- a) Stallions to be double tied during daylight hours when not in contained within b)
- b) Stallions can be free to roam inside a panel area when an exclusion perimeter is erected by way of electrified tape around the panelled area to exclude any possible interactions between the stallion and another horse or human

Only 1 horse is allowed per enclosure

Panels must be a minimum of 1500mm in height

Panels must be constructed using an equivalent of 4 bars of 25mm box or pipe equivalent as a minimum. Panels must be anchored securely to a solid object i.e. truck, post or tree

Alcohol & Antisocial Behaviour

Excessive use of alcohol is banned and antisocial behaviour will not be tolerated. A request to vacate premises by the committee must be adhered to. Failure to do so will result in the authorities being called and disciplinary action in line with the Model Constitution 2009

Fees and Prizemoney

Membership Fees (calendar year)

\$90 Family (2 Adults, 2 Children u18 in same household)

\$50 Open

\$25 Youth (13 & u18)

\$25 Junior (u13)

\$20 Non-competitor or volunteer

Entry (Nomination) Fees

Open \$14/run

Youth \$10/run

Junior \$7/run

Prizemoney

Where Association funds permit, prizemoney (per team) is as follows

Open: 1st - \$210, 2nd - \$180, 3rd - \$150

Youth: 1st - \$150, 2nd - \$120, 3rd - \$90

Junior: 1st - \$105, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$45

On occasion the committee may utilise prizes of equal or greater value as a substitute for prizemoney

At least one member of the placing team must be present at the presentation to collect prizemoney or prizes for the team. If no member of the team is present, prizemoney or prizes will be forfeited

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- G1. The fall of a horse and/or rider shall not eliminate the entry, however any attempt by a dismounted rider to work cattle before remounting will result in automatic disqualification. Outside assistance for a dismounted rider will result in disqualification
- G2. If any animal leaves the arena either through or over the fence the team can either be disqualified for unnecessary roughness, given time on their remaining cattle, or be given a rerun at the Judge's discretion
- G3. Once committed to cattle a team is completely responsible for the animal/s. It is the team's responsibility before working the cattle to pull up and call for a Judge if, in their opinion, there is an injured animal in their assigned cattle. Depending on results of inspection of the animal, it will be at the Judge's discretion whether the team will get a rerun or disqualification
- G4. In the event of a mechanical or official error deemed by the judge, the participating team shall get a rerun
- G5. No stock whips can be carried into the arena
- G6. The Association Rules (these rules) apply to all events. Breaches to the rules, at the Judge's or Committee's discretion, will result in disqualification and possibly further action in line with the Model Constitution 2009
- G7. Judge's decision is final
- G8. Herds of cattle will be changed every 10 runs, or at the discretion of the Judge or committee
- G9. All riders under the age of 18 must wear a securely fastened Australian Standard AS3838 riding helmet. Helmets are encouraged for all competitors
- G10. Caps are not to be worn under helmets
- G11. If a rider is unable to attend a substitute can be used provided, they are a member. It is the responsibility of the remaining original team members to find a substitute and pay the total required run fee.
- G12. If a team fails to show without at least 3 days notice (ie. 72 hours), or a reason which the committee accepts, they will be charged full entry fees. This fee must be paid in full prior to being able to compete again
- G13. The committee reserves the right to alter or cancel the program due to; cattle availability, weather, competitor safety or animal welfare without notice
- G14. Divisions - a competitors age is the age they are on the date of the event. Open: 18 years and over, Youth: 13 and under 18 years, Junior: 12 and under

NB. Junior teams may have a committee assigned protection rider. The protection rider is to provide no interference or assistance. Interference or assistance other than for safety reasons will result in disqualification

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Team Penning Rules

- TP1. A team consists of three (3) riders
- TP2. The team will start from the pen end of the arena
- TP3. When the nose of the first horse crosses the start/foul line, which will be designated by markings on either side of the arena, the teams' time will start. The announcer will advise the team of their assigned cattle by calling the assigned coloured collar
- TP4. Each Open team has a 90 second time limit in which to cut their three assigned cattle from the mob and pen them (2 minutes for Youth & Junior Teams). A 30 second warning bell will be given prior to the end of the allotted time. The whistle will be blown to indicate the end of the teams run
- TP5. To call time one of the riders must ride into the gateway of the pen with their arm raised, after some or all of the assigned cattle have been penned. The nose of the horse must pass through the gate entry but no more than the front of the saddle should enter the pen
- TP6. A team member may NOT enter the pen to extract any unassigned cattle before calling for time. Any unassigned cattle can only be removed by riding to the rear of the pen and hunting them out. You must NOT enter the pen
- TP7. A team may call for time with only one or two of their assigned cattle penned. However teams penning three head of cattle will place higher than those penning two, and two head of cattle will place higher than one, regardless of the time recorded
- TP8. At the time a team decides they will only pen one or two head of their assigned cattle, the remaining assigned cattle automatically become unassigned cattle and must be returned over the start/foul line to the mob end of the arena before calling for time
- TP9. If time is called when there is any portion of a beast (cattle) on the pen side of the start/foul line disqualification will result. All three riders and their horses must be on the pen side of the start/foul line the moment time is called or disqualification will result
- TP10. If there are any more than three head of cattle or any unassigned cattle in the pen when time is called, disqualification will apply
- TP11. Any more than five (5) head of cattle crossing the start/foul line into the pen end of the arena at any time will cause disqualification
- TP12. Once all 3 cattle of your assigned colour have crossed the start/foul line on to the pen side of the arena the team is "COMMITTED". This means, if an assigned best breaks away & crosses over the start/foul line, it cannot be retrieved. If an assigned beast breaks back over the start/foul line the team can continue & pen their remaining 1 or 2 assigned cattle. If a rider chases a COMMITTED beast back over the line the team will be disqualified
- TP13. Mobs of cattle will be identified using neck collars. A colour band of approximately 100mm wide will be attached around the neck of the 30 beast mob. Each collar may be made up of no more than two colours
- TP14. Places are determined by the most number of cattle penned (ie. 3, 2, 1), then by the fastest time in the event of equal placing

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Arena Sorting Rules

- AS1. There will be 12 head of cattle numbered 0 to 9, with 2 spares to hold the mob
- AS2. 3 riders will enter the arena
- AS3. The judge will call a number between 0 and 9. Example: the judge might call number 7, this will become your first beast then you must follow on in order. For example: your order would be 7, 8, 9, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- AS4. You must put the cattle through the gate in that order. If the wrong number goes through the gate out of sequence, this will result in disqualification
- AS5. If a beast with no number gets through the gate, this will result in disqualification
- AS6. If a beast that has been drafted correctly through the gate, then gets back to the mob, this will result in disqualification
- AS7. Time will be taken from when the last beast passes through the gate
- AS8. Each Open team has a 90 second time limit and a 2 minute time limit for Youth & Junior teams. A 30 second warning bell will be given prior to the end of the allotted time. The whistle will be blown to indicate the end of the teams run (or disqualification)
- AS9. Places are determined by the most number of cattle sorted, then by the fastest time (in the event of equal placings). In the event of equal placings when less than 10 sorted, places will be allocated on the lap time of the first beast out