



### **Code of Conduct for Competitors**

The following requirements must be met by competitors during any activity held or sanctioned by Ontario Equestrian (OE) and/or Equine Canada, or as a rider/participant in any activity held by or under the auspices of the organization provincially and nationally:

- Abide by the principles of the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow riders, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators.
- Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow riders and competitors.
- Care for and respect the equipment/apparel provided to you as part of the competition/event.
- Be frank and honest with your team coach/chef concerning illness and injury and your ability to train fully within the competition/event requirements.
- Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality, be courteous, kind and always set a good example in dress and behaviour. Remember, you are representing OE and your province.
- Maintain high personal behaviour standards at all times.
- Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the official, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision.
- Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Cooperate with coaches and staff in development of programs to adequately prepare you for competition at the highest level.
- Practice clean sport at all times. Refrain from the use of illegal substances on yourself and equine partner. Speak to your team coach and/or chef relating to any medical injections, treatment and supplements.

- Refrain from using alcohol at athletic events (Athletics and other sport activities) or in victory celebrations at the competition site.
- Refrain from using profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language in the context of the activities of Athletics.
- Address fellow athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, event organizers, spectators and others associated with Athletics in a courteous and respectful manner.
- Avoid providing alcohol to under age individual.
- Respect an individuals' dignity; verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable.
- Ensure the safety of others when taking part in your Athletics activity.

Individuals declaring as Team Ontario athletes of OE are advised that by doing so they are agreeing to adhere to this and other policies, rules, regulations, by-laws and constitution of OE.