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PURPOSE

Members of ATHRA’s Executive Board work without payment for the advancement of the Association. Notwithstanding the volunteer nature of the role, Board members are required to meet certain standards of conduct in the execution of their duties.

The purpose of this Policy is to define the expected standards of conduct associated with holding a position on the Executive Board.

SCOPE

This Policy applies to all elected members of the ATHRA Executive Board (“Management Committee”) and any sub-committee members as may be appointed by the Board from time to time.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- A Board Member must act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the organisation as a whole
- A Board Member has a duty to use due care and diligence in fulfilling the functions of committee and exercising the powers attached to that position
- A Board Member must use the powers of office for a proper purpose, in the best interests for the organisation as a whole
- A Board Member must recognise that the primary responsibility is to the organisation’s members as a whole but should, where appropriate, have regard for the interests of all stakeholders of the organisation
- A Board Member must not take improper use of information acquired as a Board Member
- A Board Member must not take improper advantage of the position of Board Member
- A Board Member must not allow personal interests, or the interests of any associated person, to conflict with the interests of the association
- A Board Member has an obligation to be independent in judgment and actions, and to take all reasonable steps to be satisfied as to the soundness of all decisions taken by the Board Members
- Confidential information received by a Board Member in the course of the exercise of Board duties remains the property of the organisation from which it was obtained and it is improper to disclose it, or allow it to be disclosed, unless that disclosure has been authorised by the Association, or the person from whom the information is provided, or is required by law
- A Board Member should not engage in conduct likely to bring discredit upon the organisation
- A Board Member has an obligation, at all times, to comply with the spirit, as well as the letter of the law and with principles of this Code of Conduct.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

I, _____ am an elected member of the ATHRA Management Committee/ member of a sub-committee appointed by the Board (*delete as appropriate*).

I declare that I have read and understood the Code of Conduct for Executive Board members as outlined above, and agree to abide by its provisions during my service to the Australian Trail Horse Riders Association.

Board Member’s Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Witness Signature _____