



MILLARVILLE RACING AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

EQUINE PARTICIPATION CODE OF CONDUCT

MRAS is committed to responsible animal care and treatment. We are building an animal care program that follows guidelines for animal care at public events developed by the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFE). This Code of Conduct outlines what is expected of riding members and activity participants with respect to the handling and use of horses involved in activities at MRAS facilities.

This code has been developed to meet the following three objectives:

1. To ensure the health and well-being of all horses at MRAS
 2. To demonstrate an accurate and responsible animal care message to the public.
 3. To maintain the integrity of all equine activities.
- Horses must be transported to and from MRAS facilities in accordance with all humane transport regulations and standards. More information can be found at: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/humane-transport/livestock-and-poultry-transport-in-canada/eng/1363748532198/1363748620219>
 - Loading and unloading must be undertaken using proper equipment and procedures.
 - All horses must be treated and handled in a responsible manner. The well-being of the horses shall take precedence over the demands of owners, organizers, sponsors, and officials.
 - The care of all horses must be as consistent as possible with their normal schedules and standards. Adherence to the equine code of practice in areas of nutrition, health, sanitation, environment, and safety must be met all times. Please see the following code of practice, <https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/equine>. All handling, housing and veterinary treatment must ensure adequate animal care.
 - Horses should be prepared with proper training, fitting, and grooming prior to the activity. Excessive discipline of horses at the activity is unacceptable.
 - Riding members are expected to provide adequate training for anyone handling their horses. Untrained individuals, including MRAS personnel and visitors, should not be permitted to handle horses or equipment.
 - Riding members should take every opportunity to enhance public awareness, education and appreciation of proper horse management and handling practices.

There will be no tolerance of any mistreatment of horses. Any unacceptable conduct will be subject to action, including possible elimination from the activity at the discretion of the Animal Care Committee.

No animal suffering from a contagious infectious disease will be allowed on the MRAS grounds.

Rider's Name – please PRINT

Rider's Signature (or Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Date

Witness Signature