



The Victorian Arabian Horse Association Inc.

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ABN: 77 115 844 880



Membership Application 2024 (1/7/24 – 30/06/25)

Name (s)	
Postal Address	
Email	
Phone Number	
AHSA Membership No (If applicable)	
EA Membership No. (If applicable)	

Do you wish for the above details to remain confidential? Yes No

New Membership

Renewal of Membership

(please indicate)

*Single Membership	\$45.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Junior Membership (5-17years) – No voting rights	\$30.00 per child	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Family Membership – 2 Voting right (2 Adults & 2 Children 5-17years max)	\$90	<input type="checkbox"/>
* International Membership (No voting rights)	\$50 (AUD)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pensioner - 1 Voting right (Must provide a copy of the pension card)	\$35	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stud Membership - 1 Voting Right	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/>

I agree to abide by the rules of The Victorian Arabian Horse Association Inc. I agree that the information I have provided is true and correct. Please note it is the right of VAHA to reject any application for membership.

All persons involved in Youth events organised by VAHA must have a current working with children's check.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please find a Cheque/Money Order enclosed for \$

If paying by Direct Deposit please use "membership" and your last name as reference. Complete the membership form and Insurance waiver (One for each listed individual on the membership) and email or post to VAHA Inc on the details listed above.

Account name: The Victorian Arabian Horse Association Inc.

BSB 633 000 Account 176455756



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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being permitted to participate in horse sport activities, I understand, acknowledge and accept the following;

- Horse sports are a dangerous recreational activity, and horses can act in a sudden and unpredictable way, especially if frightened or hurt.
- There is a significant risk that serious injury or death may result from horse sport activities.
- I voluntarily participate in these activities at my own risk, and I assume sole responsibility for any injury, death or property damage I may suffer that arises from my participation in horse sport activities.
- I understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind-altering drugs before and during the activity and I take full responsibility for any injury, loss or damage associated with their consumption.
- I agree to follow the directions of any event organiser or official and that any misconduct or refusal by me to follow any direction of any organiser or official can result in the cancellation of my participation in the event and my immediate removal from/with my horse no matter where that may occur.

I understand that any such non-compliance may result in injury, death and/or permanent disability and I agree to indemnify "The Victorian Arabian Horse Association Inc" against all claims made by any person because of my failure to comply.

- I agree to wear an approved helmet at all times whilst riding and agree that I am solely responsible for ensuring that I wear a suitable helmet at all times while riding and take sole responsibility for my actions.
- I agree not to sue the "The Victorian Arabian Horse Association Inc" and/or their office bearers, officials, volunteers, coaches, other participants, sponsors, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the activities (all of whom are referred to as "Releasees") with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.
- Effect of this Document - I have had sufficient opportunity to read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without inducement of any kind. I understand that my signature to this document constitutes a complete and unconditional release of all liability of the Releasees, to the greatest extent allowed by law in the event of me and/or the children under my care, suffering injury or death.

Members Name : _____ Signatory of Member : _____

Dated: _____

For Participants of Minority Age (Under 18 years) - This is to certify that I, as a parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, acknowledge, understand and accept all of the above and consent and agree to his/her release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities arising from my minor child's involvement or participation in horse sport activities organised by "The Victorian Arabian Horse Association Inc".

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Dated: _____



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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE VICTORIAN ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION INC

This Code of Conduct document outlines the standards, principals and expectations required of all members, trainers, participants, judges, officials, volunteers and supporters of the Victorian Arabian Horse Association Inc. It is designed to foster respect, fair play, sportsmanship and a positive environment within our organization. By following this code, we will create a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable experience for everyone involved with the Arabian breed here in Australia.

1. Respect and Fairness

- a) Treat all individuals with respect, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, or ability.
- b) Avoid any form of discrimination, harassment, or bullying, both in the show ring, general grounds where a VAHA Inc event, and/or meeting is being conducted.
- c) Show appreciation for fellow competitors, judges, officials, staff, volunteers, and spectators, irrespective of the outcome of competition or ruling.

2. Sportsmanship and Integrity

- a) Compete with integrity, following the intent and rules and spirit of the event.
- b) Accept victory with humility and defeat with grace, avoiding unsportsmanlike conduct or harassment.
- c) Refrain from any behaviour that undermines the integrity of the sport including, but not restricted to, doping and animal welfare conduct.

3. Safety and Well-being

- a) Prioritise the safety and well-being of all participants and livestock during training, competition, and events.
- b) Report any concerns regarding animal welfare and the safety or well-being of others to the appropriate authorities.
- c) Follow all guidelines and protocols provided by VAHA Inc to ensure a safe environment.
- d) Ensure interaction with persons under the age of 18 years is appropriate and that unaccompanied and unobserved activities are avoided wherever practical.



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4. Positive and Supportive Atmosphere

- a) Encourage a positive and supportive atmosphere for all members, competitors, and officials.
- b) Provide constructive feedback and avoid public criticism that could harm and individual's confidence, morale, or integrity of competition involving the Arabian Horse.
- c) Celebrate efforts and achievements, both big and small, to foster a culture of encouragement and motivation.

5. Compliance, Policies and Regulations

- a) Comply with all policies and regulations set out by VAHA Inc.
- b) Familiarise yourself with the rules within the different competitions involving the Arabian Horse in Victoria and ensure you act and compete within the defined boundaries of each sport.
- c) Abide by the guidelines regarding eligibility, registration, and qualification for competitions and events.
- d) Do not use your involvement with VAHA Inc to promote your own beliefs, behaviours and practices where there are inconsistencies with those of the association.

6. Spectators and Parents

- a) Accept and respect the policies and rules of VAHA Inc and any of its committees while attending an event. Do not abuse, threaten or intimidate, use crude language, or show unnecessary obvious dissent, displeasure, or disapproval towards and official, member or event volunteer.
- b) At all times comply with any condition of entry and follow the directions of committee representatives and/or other duty officials.

7. Alcohol, Drugs, and Substance Abuse

- a) Refrain from consuming alcohol or using illegal substances during training sessions, competitions, and official events.
- b) If consuming alcohol at a VAHA Inc event or approved VAHA Inc event, do so responsibly and in a respectable manner.
- c) Avoid any behaviour that may compromise your ability to perform safely and effectively.



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8. Social Media and Public Communication

- a) Exercise caution and responsibility when using social media, avoiding offensive, harmful or defamatory content.
- b) Do not use the name VAHA Inc for any reason personally or on social sites etcetera without written consent from VAHA Inc.

9. Reporting Violations

- a) Report any breaches of this Code of Conduct to the designated authorities within VAHA Inc.
- b) Cooperate with any investigations related to alleged violations.
- c) It is encouraged to report breaches to the VAHA Inc Code of Conduct in a written format by either email or written letter, stating persons involved and events that occurred. Complaints can be addressed to VAHA Inc committee, whereby an Investigating Officer may be appointed and in the case of Affiliated events to an office bearer of that Affiliate.

Consequences of Violation

Violation of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, which can include warnings, fines, suspensions, or in severe cases, expulsion from VAHA Inc. The severity of the sanction will depend on the nature and frequency of the violation.

Acknowledgement

By participating in any capacity with VAHA Inc, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agreed to abide by this Code of Conduct. Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action.

The Victorian Arabian Horse Association Inc is affiliated with Equestrian Victoria and is insured with Equestrian Australia. For further information contact the VAHA secretary.