

Young Eventhorse Series (YES!) CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Young Event Horse Series (YES!) is committed to providing the best possible environment for all people involved in sport. YES! stewards will insist upon appropriate behaviour from all Exhibitors and others participating in any of the activities at our qualifiers and will not tolerate inappropriate behaviour. YES! also has a duty to care for volunteers working on behalf of the organisation. YES! expects appropriate behaviour from all Riders, Owners, trainers, parents and others participating at any YES! qualifier/venue.

- Mutual respect between competitors, judges, stewards and the general public is of paramount importance at the YES! qualifiers. Any deviations from this may result in elimination and/or expulsion from the qualifier showgrounds. The Organisers rulings in these matters are final.
- Any act of discourtesy, disobedience or trying to influence an official or Judge, Steward, or to any qualifier Official on the part of the competitor groom, rider, driver or agent of an animal/s, will, at the discretion of the Chief Steward, disqualify that animal/s from being judged, in which case, entry fees, qualifying positions and charges will be forfeited. Competitors are reminded of their responsibility for the actions of others within their party.
- The Chief Steward has the authority to exclude any animal deemed unmanageable from competition. If the competitor is directed to leave the competition ring they must do so immediately.
- Any exhibitor/competitor currently involved in a dispute of whatsoever nature may, at the discretion of the Chief Steward, not be permitted to compete in qualifiers until the said dispute has been resolved. YES! Organisers reserves the right to refuse an entry into any YES! qualifiers from any person(s) including, but not limited to, those who have been banned/disciplined by any YES! / DHS qualifier.
- Exhibitors/riders/owners/producers shall be deemed to have consented to all the provisions thereof by submission of an entry to the relevant YES! qualifier.

Responsibility of Exhibitors at qualifiers:

- Be respectful to judges, stewards and fellow competitors at all times. No competitor, or their representative, shall conduct themselves in a manner, or be guilty of behaviour, which is derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of YES! and, in particular no competitor or representative, shall behave in an offensive, abusive or unpleasant manner to any person at any qualifier.
- Riders or their representatives, shall not ill-treat their animals at any time, whether by, misuse, or excessive use of a whip or bit, or in any other way.
- Riders are responsible for the actions of any member employed by them, assisting, representing them, or acting on their behalf. Any action or conduct of such person which would be a breach of the rules, were they a rider, and shall constitute a breach of the rules by the member responsible for them.
- Exhibitors must not make a false declaration or misrepresent a fact regarding themselves or their exhibit. An exhibitor is liable to disqualification and/or forfeit of qualification as deemed necessary by the qualifier Chief Steward.
- Exhibitors accept that the Judge's decision is final. Queries are to be raised in a respectful manner with the YES! secretary.
- **ONLY a YES! steward may approach the judge, timekeeper, scorer or official concerned in respect of any query or objection/query.**
- Failure to observe any of the rules may result in disqualification of the animal concerned and the instigation of disciplinary proceedings, against the person breaking the rules in accordance with the disciplinary procedure (see below).

Queries and Appeals

- The onus is on the rider to ensure that their results have been accurately recorded on the official score records. Only the rider is entitled to raise queries or lodge appeals. Queries must be made as soon as is reasonably possible after the incident which gave rise to them. This is to allow the Scoring Team and Chief Steward (C.S.) the necessary time to investigate the matter.
- Preliminary results become absolute and final 30 minutes after the Final results are published on Equipe on competition day. Queries lodged outside the above timeframe will not be considered.
- ONLY the designated YES! Steward may approach the judge, timekeeper, scorer or official concerned in respect of any query/complaint. Following investigation, the YES! Steward shall revert with the decision.
- IF unsatisfied with this response, the RIDER may lodge a formal objection on **Official YES! Objection Form** (available from the Secretary's office) accompanied by €50 deposit (refunded if sustained).
- Any rider is free to appeal the result on the basis that:
 - The stated rules were not applied, or
 - The stated rules were improperly applied.
- The Jury of Appeals will consist of:
 - YES! Chief Steward
 - YES! Secretary
 - Suitability Judge – Jumping Phase

Their considered decision will be absolute and final.