



# SA Barrel Horse Association Inc – Child Safe Commitment Statement



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SA Barrel Horse Association Incorporated (SABHA) is strongly committed to providing Barrel Racing events that are safe, supportive and friendly for children.

We are committed to working with all involved in Barrel Racing so that children can enjoy the sport and feel safe, valued and encouraged.

Child safety must be embedded in every Australian sporting organisation's culture, reflected in their policies and procedures, and understood and practiced at all levels of the sport. This includes within SABHA's own organisation where children come to participate and watch Barrel Racing.

SABHA takes seriously its responsibility to provide an environment that is caring, encouraging and safe for children.

### **We are committed to keeping children safe**

- Through our Child Safe Policy, we document our clear commitment to keeping children safe from harm.
- We communicate our commitment to all stakeholders and provide them access to this commitment statement.

### **We promote equity and respect diversity**

- We give all children access to information, support and complaints processes.
- We consider the needs of all children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children with a disability, LGBTQI children and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

### **Our Committee, contractors and site users know the behaviour we require**

- We ensure that each person involved within our sport and its committee understands their role and the behaviour we require in relation to keeping children safe from harm and risk of harm through application of our Child Safe Policy.
- We have Child Safe Practices that outline our expectations for behaviour towards children.

### **We minimise the likelihood of recruiting a person who is unsuitable**

- We have appropriate measures in place to minimise the likelihood persons who are unsuitable to work with children are not voted onto the committee.
- We will meet the requirements of the relevant South Australian Child Protection Legislation.



### **Induction and training is part of our commitment**

- We provide all new committee members and financial members of the organisation with information about our commitment to Child Safety including our Child Safe Policy, Child Safe Practices and Procedures for Handling Harm or Risk of Harm.
- We encourage ongoing education and training for our volunteers to ensure child safe information is provided and updated as required.
- All new SABHA committee members are provided an induction pack with access to all Child Safe Policies and documents and the job description for that specific role as well as a link to the Mandatory Notification Booklet ([https://dhs.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/103179/CSE-Mandatory-notification-information-booklet.PDF](https://dhs.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/103179/CSE-Mandatory-notification-information-booklet.PDF)).
- all new committee members must obtain a Working With Children Check (WWCC), if they do not already hold one, and provide proof of currency as a matter of priority and in any event, within one (1) month of their appointment to the Committee

### **We encourage the involvement of children and their families**

- We involve and communicate with children and their families in developing a safe, inclusive and supportive environment. We promote child and youth safety via our website and social media platforms and ensure documentation is accessible to members via our website.
- We provide information to children and their families about:
  - our commitment to keeping children safe and communicating their rights.
  - the behaviour we expect of our volunteers and themselves.
  - our policy about responding to child abuse.
- We seek their feedback and have a process for responding.
- We have processes for encouraging two-way communication with children and families by providing information via our website and having documentation available at competitions for all attendants.
- We respect diversity and seek to facilitate effective communication and involvement.

### **Our Committee and contractors understand their responsibility for reporting harm or risk of harm to a child or young person**

- Our Child Safe Policy requires employees and contractors to:
  - report any allegation, disclosure or concern regarding child or youth harm or risk of harm to a committee member as soon as possible.
  - meet any legislated mandatory or other jurisdictional or industry reporting requirements.
- We document any allegation, disclosure or concern regarding harm or risk of harm to a child or young person and monitor responses to all allegations, disclosures or concerns.

### **We maintain and improve our policies and practices**

- We are committed to maintaining and improving our policies, procedures and practices to keep children or young person's safe from harm or risk of harm.



- We have assigned responsibility for maintaining and improving our policies and procedures to our association President and Secretary.
- We monitor our committee volunteers to ensure appropriate practice, behaviour and policies are followed.
- We require our committee members to disclose investigations, convictions or charges affecting their suitability to work with children and we review Working with Children Checks periodically.
- We have formally reviewed our service delivery to identify and document potential risks to Children.
- We undertake an annual risk assessment to identify and document potential risks to Children associated with our service delivery.

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