## **Code of Conduct for ASHS Judges**

## **CORE VALUE STATEMENT**

The Australian Stock Horse Society exists to:

- promote the development and acceptance of the Australian Stock Horse as an equine breed of excellence and importance;
- provide service to all facets of the Australian Stock Horse industry;
- guarantee that the welfare of the Australian Stock Horse is protected at all times; and
- ensure that all individual members of the Society, and those who serve as Directors, Breeders, Competitors, Coaches, Judges, Stewards and Volunteers act with honesty and integrity in all of their dealings with the Society, other members, clients and the public at large.

## **UNDERTAKINGS**

- Members of the Australian Stock Horse Society who act in the capacity of Judges undertake that they will act in accordance with the Core Value Statement at all times.
- Members of the Australian Stock Horse Society who act in the capacity of Judges undertake to conduct themselves in a manner fitting and proper to those who are accorded the honour of officiating as ASH approved Judges.
- Members of the Australian Stock Horse Society who act in the capacity of Judges will endeavour to give totally honest, fair and unbiased opinions at all times, to set exemplary standards in behaviour by being polite and courteous and to award prizes according to the type of class and the performance of horses on the day.
- Members of the Australian Stock Horse Society who act in the capacity of Judges will at all times be totally conversant with the description of an Australian Stock Horse type as laid down in Rules and Regulations of The Australian Stock Horse Society.

## UNDERSTANDING

It is the opinions of Judges which eventually set the standard for the Australian Stock Horse Breed, just as it is their behaviour which sets the standard of conduct for competitors, volunteers, other officials and eventually the public perception of the Australian Stock Horse Society. Judges therefore have certain responsibilities and obligations to the Society that must be maintained at all times. It is understood that the Rules and Regulations of the Society as are adopted for competitions, and the behaviour of Judges, will establish the means for ensuring Judges' compliance with the Core Value Statement and the Undertakings.