



**Document Name: Dealing with Breaches of Stallion Containment**

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1.0	10 March 16	Executive Group as per delegated by MC in February 2016	New policy designed to provide ACA guidelines on how to attend to breaches of the newly implemented NCCA Stallion Containment Rule.
1.1	11 August 2018	Management Committee at the meeting 11 August 2018	Paragraph removed under 'Policy Position' as per Resolution
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## Purpose and Objectives

To provide Members of ACA with a clear and defined processes, education and expectation concerning breaches of the rules relative to the securing of stallions at ACA events.

To outline the policy position of ACA concerning breaches of the rules relative to the securing of stallions at ACA events.

To outline what actions could be taken against a Member stallion owner or handler in the event of lack of compliance to the requirements concerning stallions.

## Policy Scope/Coverage

This policy is for stallion owners or handlers to understand the requirements for stallions at ACA events.

## Policy Statement

All stallions in attendance at ACA events must be secured as per the requirement outlined in the COR012 General Information Competition Rules and Guidelines. This document can be found on the ACA website or by contacting the ACA Office.

It is the stallion owner's/handler's responsibility at all times to ensure the stallion is secured as per the requirements.

## Background

Over recent times ACA has experienced an increase in the reporting of stallions not being properly secured at ACA events. This lack of responsibility demonstrated by stallion owners or handlers has caused ACA to introduce the ability to restrict a stallion from attending an ACA event where it is demonstrated the owner/handler cannot meet the required actions of securing the stallion.

ACA understands the value that stallions attending events adds to events and understands the economic worth that a stallion can provide to its owner by competing at ACA events.

ACA has a responsibility to ensure that the safety of its Members and the public who attend events is also taken into consideration. Where a stallion owner/handler is unable to meet the requirements of stallion restraint, then ACA must be afforded the ability to action such situations to protect the Members and the public.

## Process for Disciplinary Action

It is the desire of ACA that the taking of disciplinary action is not required however, where a stallion owner/handler refuses or does not address the request of a Committee or a Management Councillor to secure a stallion properly they can be reported to the ACA.

Stallion owners/handlers may be afforded two (2) reports of lack of action concerning stallion restraint before action will be taken against them by ACA. These two (2) reports must be within a twelve (12) month period of each other for action to be taken.

A report can be tabled by a Management Councillor or a Committee and must be forwarded to the ACA Office within seven (7) days of the event. The report should outline the horse involved, owner/handler and a summary of the situation.



When a report is received to the ACA Office, the ACA Office Team will write to the owner/handler informing them of the requirements concerning stallion restraint and the situation regarding the number of reports against the owner/handler.

### Possible Action

Where an owner/handler receives two (2) reports concerning lack of stallion restraint, ACA may send the owner/handler notice affording them the opportunity to explain their position on the matter.

Depending on the outcome of the investigation, there are a range of disciplinary actions that could be considered by the Management Committee of ACA. This could range from no action taken; a stallion being suspended from competition for a period of time, to a stallion and owner/handler being suspended from competition for a period of time.

### Summary

It is the aim of this policy that Members of ACA and the public are afforded safety when it comes to attending ACA events. The restraint of stallions are an important aspect of safety that owners/handler should commit to.