

## **Mile Hi Disciplinary Action/Policy**

**Participation in Mile Hi Barrel Horse Association (Mile Hi) events is a privilege, not a right.**

**Behavior which is damaging to Mile Hi, its membership, or our attendees whether a member of Mile Hi or not will not be tolerated. Violation of any of the following provisions may subject an individual to disqualification from Mile Hi events, being denied entry to Mile Hi events, loss of points, suspension, or complete banning from Mile Hi and/or its events.**

### **1. Applicability**

Any act or behavior in connection with a Mile Hi sanctioned and/or produced event in violation of this section by a member of the family may be deemed to have been committed by the participating individual and subject him or her to penalties.

### **2. Suspension**

Any behavior which is prejudicial to the best interests of Mile Hi may result in the suspension of participation from Mile Hi events, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Moving or attempting to move markers at any time.
- b. Use of electronic and/or remotely controlled devices to alter the outcome of a run.
- c. Abuse of a horse in any way.
- d. Competing while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- e. Misidentifying a horse in any competition.
- f. Other conduct that is not in the best interest of Mile Hi, its members and/or attendees.
- g. Mile Hi Show Management at their sole discretion shall have the authority to disqualify or deny entry to any horse they deem dangerous to the rider, or to other individuals, animals or property.

### **3. Suspension for Outstanding Financial Obligations/Returned Checks**

Any member, participant, family member, or attendee who fails to make good on a financial obligation or returned check to Mile Hi or to any vendor which has a cooperative agreement with Mile Hi on returned checks will be charged a \$30 returned check fee and will be suspended until the financial obligation (and related fees) is paid in full. Further, no points will be granted or awarded for the show(s) that were entered. Upon full payment, reinstatement will be automatic.

### **4. Permanent Suspension/Ban**

Behaviors or acts which are prejudicial to the best interests of Mile Hi may result in the permanent suspension and/or banning from Mile Hi events, include but are not limited to:

- a. Using abusive or intemperate language.
- b. Attempting to threaten, bribe, influence or harass any contestant, sponsor, vendor, show official or Mile Hi official.
- c. Any remarks made with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of a Mile Hi official or show official.
- d. Violent or aggressive behavior.

### **5. Ineligible List**

Mile Hi may immediately suspend any person who violates these policies. Following suspension, Mile Hi shall notify the person in writing of the effective date of suspension, the reason or reasons for suspension, the term of the suspension, and any requirements for reinstatement. The ineligible list of competitors who are suspended will be updated on a monthly basis and available upon request.

### **6. Appeals**

A person who has been suspended, disqualified, or denied entry under this section may appeal to a Disciplinary Action Committee comprised of Mile Hi's President and two other members of Mile Hi appointed by the President. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the President at the address on record for Mile Hi. The date, time, and location of the appeal meeting will be scheduled within 30 days of receipt of the appeal and the appellant will be notified in writing. The decisions of the Disciplinary Action Committee shall be final and binding upon the parties.

***Effective as of October 1, 2011. This policy may be changed at any time***