



DANGEROUS EQUINE POLICY

A. DEFINITION

“Dangerous equines” are those that have on at least one occasion, exhibited actions or behavior that unreasonably threatens to endanger the rider, handler, other persons, or other equines as determined by a written opinion determined by a majority vote issued by the ride manager, judges and rules interpreter.

B. PROCEDURE

1. At any time following an incident that the ride manager feels is unsafe or dangerous, it is at their discretion to either remove the horse from their event or permit the horse to complete the competition. This may be based on incidents at the current event or on past actions that ride management is aware of.
2. For conduct deemed repetitively and/or patently dangerous to property, volunteers, participants, or by-standers, the ride manager or a judge may recommend an immediate ban of that horse to the executive committee using the Dangerous Equine Report form. For less urgent situations, a warning and notification system is used:
 - 1st Offense:** The rider / handler / owner (if not the same as rider) will be given verbal notice by the ride manager preferably with one or more of the judges or rules interpreter in attendance. The Dangerous Equine Report form(s) will be sent to the NATRC office within three days following the event, preferably including the signature of rider / handler / owner. The rider, handler, and owner will be sent a written notice by certified mail and copies of the Dangerous Equine Report form(s) within an additional 10 days. Said warning and written notice will include details of the reported incident and advise the rider/handler that the animal’s behavior is unacceptable, and that it could be subject to further disciplines or restrictions.
 - 2nd and Final Offense:** The rider / handler / owner will be given verbal notice by the ride manager preferably with one or more of the judges or rules interpreter in attendance. The Dangerous Equine Report form(s) will be sent to the NATRC office within three days following the event, preferably including the signature of rider / handler / owner. The rider, handler, and owner will be sent a written notice by certified mail and copies of the Dangerous Equine Report form(s) within an additional 10 days.
3. For either the 1st or 2nd offense, if due to injury the details of the dangerous equine behavior cannot be reported at the event, a Dangerous Equine Report form can be sent to the NATRC office within 30 days of the details becoming known, not to exceed one year. The rider, handler, and owner will be sent a written notice and copies of the Dangerous Equine Report form(s) within an additional 10 days.
4. The executive committee will:
 - a. Review the Dangerous Equine Reports and a rebuttal, if submitted within 10 days of notice, by the rider / handler / owner.
 - b. Decide if the horse is dangerous and if it should be banned seasonally or permanently in any capacity from the sport.
 - c. Render a written decision to the executive director within 14 days of the rebuttal deadline or rebuttal receipt, whichever is sooner.
5. The executive director will notify the rider / handler / owner of the decision within 10 days. During the review period, the executive committee can temporarily declare the equine ineligible to attend NATRC events.

C. APPEAL

The rider / handler / owner of an equine determined to be dangerous may appeal the decision by filing a formal appeal along with a fee of \$50.00 pursuant to those appeal procedures further outlined in Section 8.D.6 of the NATRC Rule Book. The national board of directors will hear the appeal.

D. REINSTATEMENT OR WAIVER OF OFFENSE

The rider / handler / owner, after a period of one (1) year from the date of the final decision, may request the offense be expunged, or the ban be lifted. Reasons to lift the ban could include but not be limited to additional training, correction of a physical condition that led to the behavior, maturity of the now older equine, or other relevant reasons. The request will be submitted to the executive director by filing a formal request along with a fee of \$50.00, pursuant to those appeal procedures further outlined in Section 8.D.6 of the NATRC Rule Book. The national board of directors will hear this request. The national board is under no obligation to waive any offense or lift any ban for any reason nor give reason for their decision. The owner / handler may resubmit their request on an annual basis.



DANGEROUS EQUINE REPORT

**TO BE FILLED OUT BY WITNESSES, RIDE MANAGER, JUDGES, RULES INTERPRETER,
AND RIDER / HANDLER / OWNER OF EQUINE**

Date of Event / Ride: _____ Time of Incident: _____

Name of Event / Ride: _____

Location Address: _____

Give a description of incident and why equine is considered dangerous (use other side or another sheet if needed): _____

Name of equine: _____

Was an Accident Report completed? Yes No

Was the rider / handler informed of incident at the event? Yes No Two Witness' Initials _____

Was the rider / handler informed the unacceptable behavior could lead to disciplinary actions and restrictions including the banning of the equine from all NATRC events? Yes No

Other information you consider important (use other side or another sheet if needed): _____

I have been informed that a serious safety incident occurred involving the above named equine and a Dangerous Equine Report is being submitted to NATRC. I understand I can file a rebuttal.

Rider / Handler / Owner:

Name: _____ Date: _____ x _____

Rebuttal attached? Yes No (may be submitted to NATRC office within 10 days)

Is the equine dangerous?

Witness: Yes No NA* RIB**

Name: _____ Date: _____ x _____

Ride Manager: Yes No NA* RIB**

Name: _____ Date: _____ x _____

Veterinary Judge: Yes No NA* RIB**

Name: _____ Date: _____ x _____

Horsenamship Judge: Yes No NA* RIB**

Name: _____ Date: _____ x _____

Leisure Judge: Yes No NA* RIB**

Name: _____ Date: _____ x _____

Rules Interpreter: Yes No NA* RIB**

Name: _____ Date: _____ x _____

* NA = Not Available or Applicable ** RIB = Recommend Immediate Ban x = Signature (print also if needed)

WITHIN 3 DAYS OF INCIDENT, SEND THIS FORM TO THE NATRC™ OFFICE

Making false or misleading statements on this form may lead to sanctions up to and including a permanent ban from membership and NATRC events.