

Bluegrass Pleasure and Walking Horse Association  
Code Of Conduct

**Objective:** The objectives and purpose of this Association shall be to sponsor and promote the showing and exhibiting of the Tennessee Walking Horse to promote the best interests of such shows and of the exhibitors and sponsors who make them possible, to promote good fellowship and the highest standards of sportsmanship among its members, to protect and promote the welfare of the breed, and to abide by the Horse Protection Act.

**Unacceptable Behaviors:** Any behavior that would not promote the Tennessee Walking Horse, such as poor sportsmanship, failure to promote family values, any violation of the Horse Protection Act.

**Procedure For Possible Violation of The Code of Conduct**

Any proposed violation of the Code of Conduct must be presented to the BPWHA Secretary/Treasurer in writing (including any supporting documentation) within 30 days of the alleged violation. The BPWHA Ethics Committee shall review the complaint and determine any disciplinary actions. Any person/persons who might be disciplined by the BPWHA Ethics Committee for a Code of Conduct violation shall have the right of appeal to the Board of Directors. Any appeals must be presented to the BPWHA Secretary/Treasurer in writing within 15 days of the official notice of disciplinary action levied. Any ruling by the Board of Directors shall be final.

**Penalty Structure**

The BPWHA Ethics Committee shall have the ability to penalize any person/persons at their discretion depending on the severity of any violation.

**First Violation:** The member/members shall receive an official letter of warning including a detailed description of the violation as well as what is expected of the member moving forward.

**Second Violation:** The member/members shall be suspended from attending as well as any of members/members horses from participating in 1 (one) BPWHA show.

**Third Violation:** The member/members shall be suspended from attending as well as any of members/members horses from participating in 3 (three) BPWHA shows.

**Fourth Violation:** The member/members shall be suspended from participating in any BPWHA activities.

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