



## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION - ONE WITH THE HORSE

United States Equestrian Federation, Inc., the National Governing Body for equestrian sport, supports adherence to humane treatment of horses in all competitions under its jurisdiction.

### **USEF IS COMMITTED TO:**

- Upholding the welfare of horses, regardless of value, as a primary consideration in all activities.
- Requiring that horses be treated with the kindness, respect and compassion they deserve and never subjected to mistreatment.
- Ensuring that owners, trainers and exhibitors or their agents use responsible care in the handling, treatment and transportation of their horses as well as horses owned and placed in their care for any purpose.
- Providing for the continuous well-being of horses by encouraging routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals and competition officials to achieve the highest possible standards of nutrition, health, comfort, sanitation and safety as a matter of standard operating procedure.
- Continuing to support scientific studies on equine health and stress-related issues.
- Increasing education in training and horsemanship practices.
- Requiring owners, trainers and exhibitors to know and follow their sanctioning organization's rules, and to work within industry regulations in all equestrian competitions.
- Reviewing, revising and developing competition rules and regulations that protect the welfare of horses.