



## Northern Nsw Rabbit Hopping and Companion Club General Rules and code of ethics:

- The purpose of this club is to create a respectable and caring, learning environment through supervised competitions and practices. We want to see that all our members enjoy being a part of the NNRHCLUB and therefore poor sportsmanship of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Rabbits must be healthy. New rabbits will be checked by the club founders for any health issues. Established rabbits may be checked at any time. Any rabbit found to not be healthy will not be allowed to participate.
- Rabbits that have had surgery (eg. Spay/neuter) must wait at least 14 days before they may participate. Members must notify organizers of the date the surgery took place to ensure proper recovery time.
- Rabbits must be in possession of the handler for a minimum of 1 month (30 days) before attending any NNRHClub event or practice.
- Rabbits must have a suitable harness to be on the course. Suitable harnesses are H style. Other types will only be allowed with founder approval. For rabbit safety and others an attached leash is a must at this stage.
- Rabbits **must have** crates that **open from the top** NOT the ones that open from the side or front. Cages that open from the side or front will NOT be permitted at rabbit events.
- Only rabbits that are from the same household and get along together may be crated together. This is to prevent the spread of any disease and prevent fighting
- Rabbits may not be left unattended outside of their pen or cage at events and practices. The handler is responsible for anything their rabbit may do while unattended or attended. Cages or pens should be secure to prevent escaping.
- Ask owner before you pet, feed, handle or otherwise interact with other members rabbits. Ask each time for permission.
- **Do not** allow the public to handle any rabbits.
- Rabbits must be at least 4 mths old to come to any practise. Rabbits may not do more than 4 poles in Jumps until at least 9 months of age for the safety of the rabbit. Rabbits must be between 6 mths of age and 5 years old to compete at events

- All rabbits shall be treated with respect. They shall not be picked up by the scruff of the neck; all carrying should be done so that the rabbit is fully supported.
- A maximum of 2 rabbits are allowed to be on the course at any practises or warm-ups.
- Rabbits will not be directed with the feet of the handler or any other object except hands.
- **Rabbits must have** suitable food and water available at all times.
- Rabbits will not be over run and will be given breaks when needed.
- Any handler caught abusing or mishandling their rabbit will be asked to leave the club! No Exceptions!
- Rabbits in training are recommended to be housed indoors at home. This is for the safety of the rabbit as well as limiting the spread of disease and parasites.
- The club uniform consists of black pants/jeans (shorts may be worn weather permitting), proper footwear (No open toed, slip ons eg. crocs or thongs). Shoes should be non skid i.e. trainers or boots. The official uniform of the NNRHCLUB is dark green polo shirt with club logo. If a member does not wear the uniform, at competitions/events they will not be allowed to compete. The club logo/uniform shall not be altered.
- All members represent the NNRHCLUB, any foul or abusive language to members, officials, the public or bunnies will NOT be tolerated!
- Members may not invite non-members into the course without prior permission from the club founder. This includes friends, family and members of the general public.

**Respect the equipment. If you break something, you are responsible for the costs to replace it.**

- Handlers are responsible for the cleanup of their bunnies on course (and off) accidents!
- At events, event times are generally posted, be back in time for your rabbit to compete. If in doubt, ask the announcer to confirm.
- Members are required to attend 3 NNRH club practises before they can attend public events or demos. Anyone who does not meet the expectations of the club will not be allowed to attend.

- Any club member who is under the age of 18 shall have a parent or guardian with them at all events and practises. **The NNRHCLUB organizers will not be responsible for unsupervised minors.**

- Attendance: Members who do not attend any club activities for 3 months must attend 1 practise before participating in any events as a refresher for them and their rabbit.

- The NNRHCLUB shall not be held responsible for any breeding that may occur and any event or practises

**-NNRHClub will Never allow breeding at events, practises or demos . if found breeding weather on purpose or by accident action will be taken on the parties involved.**

**- The sale of any rabbit/s or item/s that is not of the club IS NOT PERMITTED at any practises, events or demos etc. Only club material ,harnesses and jumps are permitted for sale at these events.**

If any Club rules or code of ethics are broken a 4 month probationary period applies, with the option to extend this time at Committee discretion. The Northern Nsw Rabbit Hopping and Companion Club **does not** endorse the term "registered breeder". Our Club recognises breeders that exhibit on a regular basis and abide by club code of conduct and BRC breed standards.

Northern Nsw Rabbit Hopping and Companion Club reserve the right to decline membership to any person/organisation.

### **CODE OF ETHICS.**

Each member, upon signing an application for membership of the nnrh club and being duly appointed to general membership of the nnrhclub, shall in addition to agreeing to be bound by the Articles, Rules and Regulations of the nnrhclub, be also bound by the NNRHClub Code of Ethics relating to responsible rabbit ownership including the keeping, welfare, breeding, selling and disposal of rabbits by members to the effect of terms and conditions set out:

- a)** I shall ensure, that at all times, all rabbits under my care are properly housed, fed and watered and receive proper health attention if and when required.
- b)** I shall not knowingly allow any rabbit under my care to become loose, thus placing it in danger or creating a public nuisance.
- c)** I shall enhance the reputation of Rabbit Hoppers by endeavoring to ensure that my rabbits are not a nuisance by way of odour or noise.
- d)** I shall breed for the purpose of improving the quality of my exhibition stock and not specifically for the 'pet market' yet I retain the right of free trading, to advertise directly and sell rabbits not kept for breeding purposes.
- e)** I will be responsible in my breeding programmes in that I will not use deformed stock and will only use the stock necessary to improve the quality of the breed. I will show concern for my breeding does by not mating them before adulthood or too frequently.