

Thoroughbred Owners of California

Code of Ethics

As Thoroughbred owners, we adhere to the following general principle: Every action we take, every decision we make shall be based first and foremost upon the desire to act in the best interests of the horse, for the good of the horse.

We shall conduct our business so as to protect and promote the health, welfare, and safety of our horses.

We shall act in an honest and ethical manner in our dealings with other Thoroughbred owners, and with those professionals we select to care for our horses, including but not limited to trainers, vets, farriers, grooms, hotwalkers, and riders.

We shall ensure – to the best of our abilities – that the care and treatment provided to our horses is performed with compassion and humanity.

We shall not condone any activity that undermines the integrity of this sport or does not promote fair competition.

We shall encourage the adoption of new technologies that improve racing surfaces and safety conditions for horse and rider.

We shall advise our representatives of these ethical considerations, making clearly known our expectations and these high standards.

Our demeanor and actions must clearly demonstrate that we accept ultimate responsibility for the care and treatment of our Thoroughbreds.

We view this Code as applicable to all Thoroughbred owners.

Join us in this effort among Thoroughbred owners to promote a Code of Ethics that encourages the industry to act whenever and wherever possible...

For the good of the horse

