# Ethics and Standards of The Equine Facilitated Learning Provider

## **AS AN EQUINE FACILITATED LEARNING PROVIDER:**

* I will identify my level of competence to the best of my ability and will not misrepresent my qualifications, expertise, or experience.
* I will clearly communicate the terms and expectations of the education process. This will include what I promise to provide for the client and what I will not promise.
* I will create a supportive learning environment for the authentic expression of ideas and feelings of my client(s).
* I will dedicate appropriate time to educate participants in how to stay safe in the process of collaborating with horses.
* I will engage the horse as a respected guide, as opposed to a tool or prop that is manipulated through activities.
* As an Equine Facilitated Provider I will not condone or engage in discrimination or refuse professional service to anyone based on race, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, socioeconomic or marital status, and will make reasonable efforts to accommodate clients who have physical disabilities.
* I will not coach or consult client(s) or horses when I am under the influence, or the client is under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
* I will maintain appropriate professional boundaries and appropriate relationships with client(s) or client’s spouse, parents, guardians, carers, or partner.
* I will not exploit my client(s) trust. I will not use my professional relationship with my client(s) to further my own interests and will discuss with my client(s) any potential conflict of interest that may arise at the outset or during the education process.
* I will refer client(s) for other services beyond my own competence as determined by my education, training, and experience (e.g., psychotherapy, business development, legal advice, etc.).
* I have a responsibility to maintain confidentiality about my client(s) concerns, not revealing any information about my client(s) to other parties, except where permission is given in writing.
* I will gain written permission from each client and or parent/guardian before releasing their names and contact information for reference purposes.
* I will make reasonable efforts to store, transfer and dispose of client records in ways that protect client confidentiality.
* I will not teach other professionals the Equine Facilitated Learning process until I am deemed competent and certified to do so.

## **PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND INTEGRITY**

* I will maintain the highest standards of professional competence and integrity.
* My actions are aligned with the concerns of my clients and the welfare of my horses.
* I will seek appropriate consultation for my personal and professional development and, when there is a need, supervision to maintain a high standard of professional coaching service.
* I will remain abreast of developments in my field. Specifically, I will keep abreast of the advancements in the field of Equine Facilitated Learning by taking a minimum of **12 hours per year of continuing education** or **12 points as per the AEFL Provider Membership.**

**RESPONSIBILITY TO MY COLLEAGUES**

* I will treat colleagues with respect, courtesy, fairness, and good faith, and cooperate with colleagues to promote the welfare and best interests of the client and horse.
* I will respect the confidences of colleagues that are shared during their professional relationships.
* When advertising I will accurately represent my competence, education, training, and experience relevant to my professional practice.

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

* I understand using AEFL's trademark, patent, copyright, or design without its permission is known as *Intellectual Property infringement,* this could result in legal action.

## **FINANCIAL Agreements**

* I will not financially exploit my clients. I will fully disclose my fees, including charges for cancelled or missed appointments and any interest to be charged on unpaid balances, at the beginning of coaching and give reasonable notice of any changes in fees or other charges.
* I will respect financial agreements (Term’s & Condition’s) made with clients and/or employing organisation/ referring organisation, respecting all parties, and honouring all agreements.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF UNETHICAL BEHAVIOuR**

In the event a complaint is made regarding unethical behaviour by an AEFL certified EFL Provider then AEFL Pty Ltd will research and review the complaint, producing a report on the matter. If AEFL Pty Ltd substantiates the complaint, and thereby deems an EFL Provider to have engaged in unethical behaviour or unprofessional conduct, that person may lose certification and endorsement by AEFL Pty Ltd.

I have read in full the above Ethical Standards for certified Equine Facilitated Providers, and I agree to abide by these standards.

Signature of

EQUINE FACILITATED PROVIDER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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