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1. Purpose

This Code defines the professional, ethical, and welfare standards expected of all IASF members. Its purpose is to protect horses, clients, and the integrity of the global saddle fitting profession.

2. Scope

This Code applies to all IASF members, regardless of membership category or country of practice. It governs conduct in all professional, educational, and public contexts related to saddlery fitting.

3. Core Professional Standards

- Prioritise the welfare, comfort, and health of every horse.
- Operate with honesty, integrity, and objectivity in all professional dealings.
- Conduct assessments safely, following recognised welfare and biomechanical principles.
- Maintain professional boundaries with clients and colleagues.
- Never knowingly act in a way that may cause harm or distress to a horse.
- Decline or withdraw from any fitting where welfare may be compromised.

4. Confidentiality & Data Protection

- Protect all client, horse, and business information in accordance with GDPR and relevant data laws.
- Only share information when required for welfare, legal, or professional reasons.
- Do not misuse membership data or client information for personal or competitive gain.

5. Professional Communication

- Treat all clients, colleagues, and other professionals with respect.
- Communicate findings clearly, factually, and without bias.



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- Avoid criticism of other professionals or brands that could damage reputations.
- Maintain a respectful presence in public and online platforms when representing the IASF.

6. Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

- Complete annual CPD as required by IASF standards.
- Engage with new research, attend training, and apply evidence-based practice.
- Participate in peer learning and mentoring where possible.

7. Conflict of Interest & Commercial Integrity

- Declare any personal, financial, or commercial interest that could influence fitting advice.
- Provide independent, horse-first recommendations regardless of brand or sponsorship.
- Avoid accepting gifts, payments, or incentives that may compromise professional judgement.

8. Advertising & Public Representation

- Represent IASF and personal credentials truthfully.
- Use the IASF name, logo, and accreditation marks only while in good standing.
- Avoid misleading advertising, exaggerated claims, or comparisons that undermine others.

9. Breach of the Code

Any breach will be managed through the IASF Disciplinary and Complaints Procedure. Members are entitled to fair investigation, confidentiality, and the right of appeal. Disciplinary outcomes may include formal warning, suspension, or removal from membership.

10. Declaration

All members must acknowledge and agree to this Code upon joining or renewing membership. Adherence to this Code is a condition of IASF membership and accreditation.