Affinity Equine Protection Insurance

Underwritten by: Liberty Specialty Markets

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About Affinity Insurance Brokers

Affinity Risk Partners (Brokers) Pty Ltd trading as Affinity Insurance Brokers (ABN 15 091 944 580) (AFS Licence No. 241185) ("Affinity") is a wholly owned subsidiary of Aon Holdings Australia Limited ABN 33 000 435 218 ("Aon") and forms part of the Aon group of companies. Affinity has long standing relationships with many thousands of businesses, groups, associations and private individuals. Affinity sources insurance products from many of Australia's and the world's leading insurance companies.

Affinity and Liberty Specialty Markets are parties to an Intermediary Agreement in which Liberty Specialty Markets authorises Affinity to issue this Equine Protection Insurance Policy on Liberty Specialty Market's behalf.

What We do

Affinity offers a total customer service centre that manages all aspects of Affinity's clients' insurance requirements. This includes:

- Identifying and meeting industry-based customer needs through innovative approaches to tailored products and services;
- Strong and effective strategic alliances with suppliers and industries;
- Utilising Affinity's extensive network to offer the same consistent personal service to national and local clients; and
- Utilising a national customer service centre, providing a seamless service for all of Affinity's customer needs.

Our company profile

Affinity was founded on a simple philosophy of providing quality and innovative insurance solutions for the benefit of members of groups, associations, affinity bodies and private individuals. Affinity strives to provide its clients with competitive cover and security backed by fast, efficient and fair claims management services.

Affinity's staff are experienced and well trained to respond to our customers' needs. Our membership of the National Insurance Brokers Association of Australia ("NIBA"), means that we are supportive of the only body in Australia representing professional Insurance Brokers. NIBA has more than 500 member firms who handle over 90% of all Premiums transacted by licensed Insurance Brokers in this country.

Important information about Affinity's services, including advice

The financial services provided by Affinity in connection with **Your Policy** are provided in accordance with Affinity's Australian Financial Services Licence for and on behalf of the product issuer, Liberty Specialty Markets. Please refer to the Financial Services Guide ("FSG") Affinity will give you for details about the types of financial services Affinity provides.

Any financial product advice provided by Affinity relating to this **Policy** is general, and does not take into account **Your** financial situation, needs and objectives. For this reason, before **You** act on Affinity's advice, **You** should consider the appropriateness of the advice taking into account **Your** financial situation, needs and objectives.

Before You make any decisions about whether to acquire this **Policy**, Affinity recommends that **You** read this PDS and the FSG carefully.

This PDS is important

Preparation date: 17 October 2019. This Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) contains two parts:

- Important Information contains general information about Your insurance Policy; and
- Policy Wording contains terms and conditions of Your insurance Policy.

Please read this PDS before applying for insurance. If **We** accept **Your** application for insurance, **You** will receive a **Schedule of Insurance** that sets out details of the insurance **You** have taken out.

If You need more information about this PDS or Your Policy, please contact Affinity:

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Important Information

The purpose of this PDS

The PDS has been prepared to assist **You** in understanding **Your** Affinity Equine Protection Insurance **Policy** and making an informed choice about **Your** insurance needs.

This PDS sets out important information about the insurance and the terms and conditions and limitations of the **Policy**. The **Policy** terms and conditions are set out in this PDS under the heading 'Policy Wording'.

To determine if this insurance is appropriate for **You**, it is important that **You** read this PDS and **Policy** Wording carefully as it contains terms, conditions, definitions and exclusions which affect the coverage that **We** are providing **You**. If **You** do not fully understand anything which is in this **Policy**, please contact Affinity and **We** will clarify the situation.

The **Policy** provides some covers which may be provided to **You** as a retail client under the Corporations Act 2001 ("the Act") depending on **Your** circumstances. Only the parts of this **Policy** relevant to cover provided to **You** as a retail client and any other documents **We** tell **You** are included, make up the PDS for the purposes of the Act.

In this PDS, the Insurer and Affinity are referred to as We, Us, or Our where the context permits.

Who is the insurer?

Liberty Specialty Markets is a trading name of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Australia Branch (ABN 61 086 083 605) incorporated in Massachusetts, USA (the liability of members is limited) ("Liberty"). Liberty operates in Australia as a branch and is authorised by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority ("APRA") to write general insurance business in Australia.

Liberty Mutual AGM

Liberty is a branch of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company ("LMIC"), a stock insurance company incorporated in Massachusetts USA. LMIC is an indirect subsidiary of Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc. ("LMHC"), a Massachusetts mutual holding company. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of LMHC is held on the second Wednesday in April of each year at ten o'clock in the morning, local time, at LMHC's office at 175 Berkeley Street, Boston, Massachusetts USA.

This notice is for members of LMHC only. One becomes a member of LMHC by virtue of being a policyholder of LMIC. Membership rights terminate when one ceases to be a policyholder of LMIC. Members of LMHC may request a copy of LMHC's annual financial statements, which are posted on Liberty Mutual's website at www.libertymutual.com, or by writing to Liberty Mutual Holding Company Inc., 175 Berkeley Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

Liberty's Contact Details

Website: https://www.libertyspecialtymarkets.com.au/

Location: Level 38, Governor Phillip Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000

Tel: +61 2 8298 5800

Electronic Communications

We may communicate with you electronically via email, text or SMS at the contact details you have provided to Us.





Binder Disclosure

This insurance **Policy** is sold, marketed and administered by Affinity.

In arranging this **Policy**, Affinity is acting under binding agreement from Liberty. When acting under a binder, Affinity will be acting under an authority given to it by Liberty and will be effecting the insurance contract as agent of Liberty and not as **Your** agent. Affinity's binder arrangement with Liberty is such that Affinity will remain **Your** agent in the handling of any claim.

Remuneration

Affinity receives remuneration from Liberty when Affinity issues, renews or varies a Policy that Affinity or an intermediary has arranged, or which has been referred to Affinity. The type and amount of remuneration varies and may include commission and other payments. If **You** require more information about remuneration Affinity may receive or pay to its intermediaries, **You** should ask Affinity.

Applying for cover

When **You** apply for this insurance, **You** will need to complete a proposal form. **We** will use and rely on the information supplied by **You** to decide the terms of cover **We** will provide. **We** provide cover to **You** on the terms contained in this document and the **Schedule of Insurance** that **We** issued to **You**.

The **Schedule of Insurance** will contain important information relevant to **Your** insurance including the **Period of Insurance**, **Your Premium**, details of **Your** property, the excess(es) that will apply to **You** and others and whether any standard terms have been varied by way of endorsement.

All of these make up **Your** "**Policy**" with **Us**. **You** need to keep these documents in a safe place together with receipts and other evidence of ownership and value of items **You** insure.

Before expiry, We will send You a renewal notice which tells You whether We will renew and on what terms.

Summary of cover and other significant matters

Equine Protection Coverage

By way of summary, the principal covers available are:

Section 1 - Mortality

Death or **Humane Destruction** of the **Horse**, or loss of **Horse** by theft or straying. Cover is provided Australia wide including whilst in transit.

Section 2 – Public Liability

Cover for damages, claimant's costs and expenses that **You** become legally liable to pay as compensation, which has resulted from **Bodily Injury** or property damage caused by or arising in connection with the **Horse** described in the **Schedule of Insurance**. **We** will also pay costs and expenses incurred with **Our** written consent.

Section 3 – Veterinary Fees

Cover for veterinary costs incurred following injury, illness or disease being suffered by the insured **Horse**. **We** will pay up to \$7,500 in total per **horse** during the **Period of Insurance**.

Section 4 – Harness, Saddlery and Tack

Provides cover for **accidental** loss or damage, including theft, of harness, saddlery and tack up to the nominated sum insured which appears on the **Schedule of Insurance**. A limit of \$2,500 per item applies, unless otherwise specified in the **Schedule of Insurance**.

Significant risks

You need to make sure that the cover provided by this insurance is appropriate for Your requirements. We only provide cover up to the amount(s) and the limit(s) and sum(s) insured specified in Your Schedule of Insurance and Policy, subject to the Policy terms, conditions and exclusions.





An excess may apply when **You** make a claim. An excess is the part of a claim **You** must pay first and it is payable for each occurrence covered by this insurance in respect of which a claim is made. When an excess applies **We** will either reduce the amount **We** pay for a claim by the amount of the excess, or **We** will ask **You** to pay it before **We** make a claim payment. Any excess(s) that apply will be shown in **Your Schedule of Insurance**.

We only cover Your interest in the insured property unless We specifically include cover for the interest of a third party.

We may refuse to pay or reduce the amount We pay under a claim in certain circumstances, including:

- where an exclusion applies (refer to each insured section for full details of when cover is NOT provided, these can be found under the heading "Exclusions" in each insured section, and Section 7 "General Exclusions")
- if You do not comply with the terms and conditions of Your Policy
- if You do not comply with Your duty of disclosure or make a misrepresentation; or
- if You make a fraudulent claim.

We may also cancel **Your Policy** in certain circumstances permitted by law, for example, if **You** fail to comply with a condition or breach **Your** duty of disclosure.

Cost of the insurance

The insurance provided is subject to **Your** payment of the **Premium We** require by the agreed time. In order to calculate **Your Premium We** take various factors into consideration, including:

- the type of cover requested
- the sum(s) insured; and
- Your previous insurance and claims history.

Your Premium also includes amounts that take into account **Our** actual or estimated obligation to pay any relevant compulsory government charges, taxes or levies (for example Stamp Duty, GST and any Fire Services Levy where applicable) in relation to **Your Policy**. **We** will tell **You** when **You** apply what **Premium** is payable, when it needs to be paid and how it can be paid. If **You** buy this **Policy**, the amounts due will be clearly set out in **Your Schedule of Insurance**.

Your duty of disclosure

What You need to tell Us

You must tell **Us** everything that **You** know, or should know, could affect **Our** decision to insure **You** and/or the terms on which **We** insure **You**. **You** must do this when **You** apply for a **Policy**, or when **You** renew **Your Policy** and when **You** change or reinstate **Your Policy**. When **We** ask **You** specific questions, **You** must answer these questions truthfully and in a way that a reasonable person in the circumstances would answer them. It is important that every person who will be insured by the **Policy** answers all the questions in this way. These requirements are set out in the Insurance Contracts Act 1984.

What You do not need to tell Us

You do not need to tell Us anything that:

- reduces Our risk;
- is of common knowledge;
- We know, or Liberty should already know;
- We tell You that We do not want to know.

What will happen if You do not tell Us

If **You** withhold relevant information or **You** do not answer **Our** questions in the way **We** have described, **We** may reduce the amount **We** pay for **Your** claim, or **We** can cancel **Your Policy**. If **Your** failure to tell **Us** is fraudulent, or **Your** answers are untruthful, **We** can treat **Your Policy** as if it never existed.





Cooling off period

After **You** purchase this **Policy**, **You** have cooling off rights. **You** can return **Your Policy** by notifying **Us** in writing within 21 days of cover commencing and **We** will refund the **Premium** paid unless something has occurred for which a claim may be payable. Even after this cooling off period ends, **You** still have cancellation rights (see Section 5 – General Conditions).

How to make a claim

Before **We** pay any claim, **We** require evidence of **Your** ownership of any items insured under the **Policy** and the evidence as to the extent of loss or damage. Please ensure that, where possible, **You** keep any photographs or other documentation in respect of loss or damage to make the process as easy as possible.





General Insurance Code of Practice

The objectives of this Code are:

- to commit Us to high standards of service;
- to promote better, more-informed relations between **Us** and **You**;
- to maintain and promote trust and confidence in the general insurance industry;
- to provide fair and effective mechanisms for the resolution of Complaints and disputes between **Us** and **You**; and
- · to promote continuous improvement of the general insurance industry through education and training.

We have adopted and support the Code and are committed to complying with it. Please contact Us if You would like more information about the Code.

How to provide feedback or resolve a complaint or dispute

Your Feedback

We value **Your** feedback. Whether it's a compliment or a complaint, **We** are continuously seeking to learn from **Your** experience and enhance **Our** service. Similarly, if **You** have any suggestions or general feedback about **Our** products, policies and procedures and what **We** could do better, **We** would like to hear from **You**.

What to do if You have a complaint

We take complaints seriously and have a process to help You if You wish to make a complaint or have a dispute managed.

Step 1. Please talk to Us

Please contact Affinity on +61 3 8587 7777. Your complaint will be fully investigated and a response issued within 10 working days provided Affinity has all the necessary information we need to complete any investigation required. If Affinity is unable to resolve Your complaint to Your satisfaction within 10 working days or, if the complaint is complex, other period agreed with You, then Affinity will refer you to, or you may request to have your complaint referred to, Liberty's Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) function for an independent internal review of Your complaint.

Step 2. Have Your complaint reviewed by Liberty's Internal Dispute Resolution team

If **We** are unable to resolve **Your** complaint, or if **You** are dissatisfied with the response **We have given You**, **You** may ask for the matter to be escalated for an independent review in accordance with Liberty's IDR Process. **You** can email details of **Your** complaint directly to Liberty at complaintsAP@libertyglobalgroup.com. If **Your** concerns are complex, **You** may be asked to put them in writing.

Liberty's IDR team will review **Your** dispute and provide **You** with a decision within 21 business days of the date the complaint was escalated to the IDR function, provided all necessary information has been received and investigation is complete. If more time is required to investigate and respond, **You** will be contacted to advise **You** of an alternative timeframe and to keep **You** informed of the progress.

Step 3. Have Your complaint reviewed by the Australian Financial Complaints Authority

If the complaint can't be resolved to **Your** satisfaction within 21 days of the date the complaint was escalated to Liberty's IDR function, **You** have the right to refer the matter to The Australian Financial Complaints Authority ("AFCA"). AFCA can be contacted as follows:

The Australian Financial Complaints Authority
GPO Box 3

Melbourne Vic 3001

Phone No: 1800 931 678 (Freecall)

Fax: (03) 9613 6399 Email: info@afca.org.au Website: www.afca.org.au





How We Protect Your privacy

In this Privacy Statement the use of "We", "Our" or "Us" means Affinity and Liberty, unless specified otherwise.

In this Privacy Statement the use of "personal information" includes sensitive information. **We** are committed to protecting the privacy of the personal information **You** provide to **Us**.

The Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) contains the Australian Privacy Principles which require **Us** to tell **You** that **We** collect, handle, store and disclose **Your** personal and sensitive information for the specific purpose of:

- deciding whether to issue a policy;
- determining the terms and conditions of Your Policy;
- · compiling data to help develop and identify other products and services that may interest clients; and
- · handling claims.

Personal information is information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable:

- a) whether the information or opinion is true or not;
- b) whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.

Sensitive information includes, amongst other things, information about an individual's racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, membership of a political organisation, religious beliefs or affiliations, philosophical beliefs, membership of a professional or trade association, membership of a trade union, sexual orientation or practices, criminal record, health information about an individual, genetic information, biometric information or templates.

You have given Us Your consent to collect, use and disclose Your personal and sensitive information in order to provide You with the relevant services and/or products. When You give Us personal information about other individuals, We rely on You to have made or make the individual aware that You will or may provide their personal information to Us and the types of other parties and service providers We may provide it to, the relevant purposes We and the other parties and service providers will use it for, and how they can access it. If You have not done or will not do either of these things, You must tell Us before You provide the relevant personal information to Us.

We disclose personal information to other parties and service providers whom We believe are necessary to assist Us and them in providing the relevant services and/or products. For example, in handling claims, We may have to disclose Your personal and other information to other parties and service providers such as Our claim management partner(s), other insurers, reinsurers, loss adjusters, external claims data collectors, investigators and agents, facilitators, assessors or other parties as required by law. We limit the use and disclosure of any personal information provided by Us to them to the specific purpose for which We supplied it.

We may disclose **Your** personal information to **Our** insurers, reinsurers, related entities and service providers overseas, including but not limited to New Zealand, Singapore, United Kingdom, the Philippines, the European Union and the United States of America.

If You do not provide the personal information requested and/or do not provide Us with Your consent to the use and disclosure of Your personal information as set out in this Privacy Statement, Your insurance application may not be accepted, or We may not be able to administer Your Policy, or You may be in breach of Your duty of disclosure, or the Duty of Utmost Good Faith.

If **You** wish to gain access to or correct **Your** personal information, make a privacy complaint, or if **You** have any query about how **We** collect or handle **Your** personal information, please contact:

Liberty

Telephone: 02 8298 5800

Email: privacy.officer.ap@libertyglobalgroup.com

Mail: The Privacy Officer, Locked Bag 18, Royal Exchange, NSW, 122

Liberty will respond to your query or complaint as soon as possible and will try to resolve any complaint within 20 business days. If this is not possible, Liberty will contact you within that time to advise you further regarding the resolution of your complaint. To view Liberty's privacy policy, please browse Liberty's website (www.libertyspecialtymarkets.com.au).

Affinity

Telephone: 03 8587 7777

Mail: Privacy Officer C/ PO Box 601 Moorabbin VIC 3189

Email: equine@affinityib.com.au





Your complaint can be lodged over the phone, via mail or email or You may wish to make an appointment with our Complaints Officer at a convenient time and location. To view Affinity's privacy policy, please visit:https://www.affinityequineinsurance.com.au/legal-information/privacy-policy/

Confirming transactions

You may contact **Affinity** in writing or by phone to confirm any transaction under **Your** insurance if **You** or **Your** advisor do not already have the required **Policy** confirmation details.

Financial claims scheme

You may be entitled to payment under the financial claims scheme in the unlikely event that Liberty Specialty Markets becomes insolvent. Access to the scheme is subject to eligibility criteria. Information about the scheme can be obtained from: http://www.fcs.gov.au

Updating this Product Disclosure Statement

Information in this PDS may need to be updated from time to time where required and permitted by law. You can obtain a paper copy of any updated information without charge by calling **Affinity** on the contact details provided in this document. If the update is to correct a misleading or deceptive statement or an omission that is materially adverse from the point of view of a reasonable person deciding whether to acquire the **Policy**, **We** will provide **You** with a new PDS or a Supplementary PDS.

Policy Wording

Your Policy

Your Policy is a contract of insurance between You and Us. Your Policy includes information on the following:

- when You are insured
- what You are covered for
- what Your Policy does not cover
- how **We** pay claims.

If **We** accept **Your** application for insurance, **You** will receive a **Schedule of Insurance** that sets out details of the insurance **You** have taken out as described in this **Policy**.

Our agreement with You is made up of Your current Schedule of Insurance and this Policy, as well as any endorsements We send to You.

Together, they make up Your insurance contract with Us. Read them carefully and consolidate them together in a safe place.

We recommend that You keep receipts for any major items You purchase.

When You are insured

Your insurance begins when **We** accept **Your** application. The commencement date of **Your** insurance will be shown on the **Schedule** of **Insurance We** will send **You**.

The insurance applies for the period for which **You** have paid **Affinity** (or agreed to pay **Us**) the **Premium**. **You** may pay **Your Premium** by cash, cheque, or credit or debit card. If **Your** cheque or credit card is dishonoured by **Your** financial institution, **You** are not insured.





Definitions

In **Your Policy** some of the words have special meanings wherever they appear (where expressed in the singular or the plural) and **We** define them below. They are shown in bold in the **Policy**.

"Accident" or "Accidental" means a sudden, unexpected, unusual and specific event which occurs at an identifiable time and place during the **Period of Insurance**.

"Alternative Treatment" means the following treatments that are considered to be alternative treatment for the purpose of this Policy: physiotherapy, ultra sound, faradism, infra-red, magneto pulse, laser treatment, back manipulation, corrective farriery, osteopathy, chiropractic, nutraceutical, alternative medicine, herbalist, homeopathy and acupuncture. If cover is extended to include these they are only covered for specific conditions diagnosed by, and prescribed on the recommendation of, a Veterinarian, whether administered by a Veterinarian or not.

"Bodily Injury" means any physical or mental injury, illness or disease.

"Certificate of Death Report" means the examination of the Horse after its death and the preparation of a written report, which does not require a full Post-Mortem examination, made by a Veterinarian establishing the identity, the cause of death or the reason for the Humane Destruction of the Horse.

"Cyber Incident" means:

- a) the use of any application, process, software, code or programme in connection with any electronic equipment (such as a computer, mobile phone, tablet or internet capable electronic device) regardless of whether such use is unauthorised or malicious, or an error, omission or an accident.
- b) a computer virus or computer-related hoax. any physical or mental injury, illness or disease.

"Fair Market Value" means the price at which ownership of the Horse would change between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of relevant facts.

"Horse" means the whole or part interest of the Horse or horses specified in the Schedule of Insurance.

"Humane Destruction" means:

- a) that the **Horse** incurs an injury or is afflicted with an excessively painful disease, and a **Veterinarian** appointed by **Us** shall first have given a certificate that the suffering of the **Horse** is incurable or so excessive that immediate destruction is imperative for humane reasons; or
- b) that the **Horse** incurs an injury or is afflicted with an excessively painful disease and a **Veterinarian** appointed by **You** shall first have given a certificate that the suffering of the **Horse** is incurable or so excessive that immediate destruction is imperative for humane reasons without waiting for the appointment of a **Veterinarian** by **Us**.

"Insured", "Insured Person", "You" and "Your" means the person or persons named in the Schedule of Insurance as being insured under this Policy, or a section of this Policy.

"Period of Insurance" is the period during which the Policy provides cover.

"Policy" means this document, the current Schedule of Insurance and any other endorsement or notice We give You in writing, which together form Our agreement with You.

"Post-Mortem" means a post-mortem, which shall include a necropsy examination made by a Veterinarian including, but not limited to establishing the identity, the cause of death or the reason for the Humane Destruction of the Horse.

"Premium" means the amount You have to pay Us (including all government charges) for Your Policy.

"Schedule/ Schedule of Insurance" means the attachment which forms part of this Policy and shows Your Policy number together with other important details of Your cover.

"Veterinarian/ Veterinary Surgeon" means a veterinarian or veterinary surgeon experienced in equine practice and permitted by local law to practice veterinary medicine, who is not Insured under this **Policy**.





Section 1 - Mortality

The cover

We will insure You for death, including death following Humane Destruction of Your Horse(s) occurring during the Period of Insurance stated in the Schedule of Insurance. We will pay a sum not exceeding the Fair Market Value of Your Horse(s) at the time of death or the sum insured shown in the Schedule of Insurance whichever sum is lower.

Additional cover

Subject to the above clause **We** will also insure **You** against loss of **Your Horse**(s) which occurs during the **Period of Insurance** directly from:

- Theft or straying of **Your Horse**(s) provided that:
 - a) as soon as possible after the theft or straying which may give rise to a claim on the **Policy You** must give notice to the Police and advertise at **Your** expense the loss of **Your Horse**(s)
 - b) We will only pay a claim if the Horse(s) has been missing for 90 days or more
 - c) if Your Horse(s) is recovered and We have paid Your claim, You must immediately refund to Us the amount paid.
- The destruction of **Your Horse**(s) whilst on board an aircraft in transit on a recognised air route anywhere in Australia; such destruction being carried out by or on the order of the responsible authority at the time, and confirmed by a sworn statement that in their opinion the **Horse**(s) was/were so uncontrollable as to be a danger to the safety of the aircraft, crew passengers or cargo
- The death of **Your Horse** if **Your Horse**(s) dies within ninety days of the expiry of the **Period of Insurance**, resulting directly and solely from an injury, illness, or disease occurring during the **Period of Insurance** and which would have constituted a claim under this **Policy**. It is a condition of this cover that **You** notify **Us** as soon as the injury or disease occurs.

Conditions

The following specific conditions must be complied with. If they are not, **We** may have no liability or may reduce **Our** liability to make any payment to **You** under this insurance.

1. It is a condition of this **Policy** that at the commencement of this **Policy** the **Horse** is, with the exception only of those conditions known to **You** which have been completely and accurately disclosed to and accepted in writing by **Us**, in sound health and free from any illness, disease, lameness, injury or physical disability whatsoever of which **You** are aware or of which a reasonable person in the circumstances could be expected to be aware of.

This condition shall also apply in respect of:

- a) any additional sums insured on the Horse already insured; and/or
- b) any Horse added to this Policy; and/or
- c) any other extension of or addition to coverage.

In any of the above cases (a), (b) or (c), this condition must be satisfied as of the date of such increase, addition or other extension of or addition to coverage.

2. Our acceptance of a veterinary certificate, or declaration of health where such declaration has been accepted by Us as a satisfactory substitute for a veterinary certificate, submitted in connection with Your application for this Policy or any extension of or addition to coverage on the Horse shall neither remove nor reduce the requirement of full compliance with Condition 1 in respect of the Horse. However, if We have accepted a veterinary certificate, or declaration of health where such declaration has been accepted by Us as a satisfactory substitute for a veterinary certificate, then the burden of proving that the Horse was not in sound health or free from any illness, disease, lameness, injury or physical disability whatsoever at the commencement of cover for the Horse under this Policy shall be upon Us.





- 3. It is a condition of this **Policy** that, at the commencement of this **Policy**, or on any increase, addition or other extension to coverage, and during this **Policy**, **You** are the sole owner of the **Horse**. This **Policy** shall cease to cover the **Horse** immediately when **You** sell the **Horse** or part with any interest in the **Horse**, whether temporarily or permanently.
- 4. If during the **Period of Insurance You** elect to have the **Horse** castrated, **You** must notify **Us** of **Your** election to do so prior to the **Horse** being operated upon for castration or spaying. **We** may upon receipt of this notification charge **You** an additional **Premium** for the surgery and for the change in risk.

5.

- a) It is a condition of this **Policy** that prior to the commencement date of this **Policy** there has been no theft or attempted theft of **Your** equine property or threat against **You** or **Your** equine property whether insured hereunder, insured elsewhere or uninsured
- b) It is a condition of this **Policy** that **You** shall not pay or promise to pay a ransom or give similar assurances of any such nature to any third party.
- c) In the case of a mare, no coverage is afforded for any embryo within the mare or for any of her foals unless such embryo or foal is separately insured under this **Policy**
- 6. In the event that at any time during the **Period of Insurance** the **Horse** is entered but not sold in a public auction and the Sum Insured specified in the **Schedule of Insurance** exceeds the highest amount bid in such public auction for **Your** interest in the **Horse** as specified in the **Schedule of Insurance**, **You** shall within five (5) days thereafter inform **Us** in writing and shall substantiate to **Our** satisfaction the said Sum Insured so that **We** may determine whether **We** will cancel this insurance, in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 3(b).
- 7. The Horse must remain within the Geographical Limits stated in the Schedule of Insurance during the whole Period of Insurance.

Exclusions

We will not cover You for any claim You may make which arises from:

- 1. Your Horse being used for or taking part in professional thoroughbred racing or harness racing of any kind.
- 2. The intentional slaughter of the **Horse** whether by or under the order of any government or public or local authority or any person or body having or claiming jurisdiction in the matter or otherwise.

We will not invoke this exclusion:

- a) Where **We** shall have expressly agreed to the destruction of the **Horse**; or
- b) In the case of Humane Destruction
- 3. Death or **Humane Destruction** directly or indirectly caused by, happening through, in consequence of or contributed to by one or more of the following:
 - any surgical operation unless conducted by a Veterinarian and certified by said Veterinarian to have been necessitated solely by Accident, injury, illness or disease occurring during the Period of Insurance resulting in injury, illness or disease and to have been carried out in an emergency attempt to save the Horse's life; or
 - b) the giving of any medication unless by a Veterinarian, or experienced personnel directed by the said Veterinarian, and certified by that Veterinarian to have been of a preventative nature or necessitated by Accident occurring during the Period of Insurance resulting in injury, illness or disease. In this Policy, medication includes any drug, hormone, vitamin, protein or other substance other than unadulterated food or drink; or





- c) malicious or wilful injury or criminal or intentional acts or omissions by **You**, **Your** family, representatives, agents, employees, **Veterinarian**s, bailees or other persons who have care, custody or control of the **Horse** or who have acted with **Your** consent; or
- d) failure by **You**, **Your** family, representatives, agents, employees, bailees or other persons who have care, custody or control of the **Horse** to provide proper care and attention to the **Horse** at all times, including failure to vaccinate against disease endemic to the area where **Your Horse** is located and failure to isolate **Your Horse** from the remaining herd upon discovery of a contagious or infectious disease; or
- e) the use of the Horse for any purpose other than that specified in the Schedule of Insurance.

In any claim, and in any action, suit or proceeding to enforce a claim for death or **Humane Destruction** under this section of this insurance, the burden of proving that the death or **Humane Destruction** does not fall within exclusion 3(a), (b), or (c) shall be upon **You**.

- 4. Any loss directly or indirectly arising from mysterious disappearance, escape or voluntary parting of possession of or title to the **Horse** as a result of **You**, or other persons who have care, custody or control of the **Horse** being induced by fraud, trickery or similar false pretences.
- 5. Any **Horse** which is aged under 24 hours or over 20 years.





Section 2 - Public Liability

The cover

We agree that, subject to the following terms, conditions and exclusions of the **Policy**, We will indemnify **You** against liability at law for damages and claimant's costs and expenses in respect of:

- a) Bodily injury or death;
- b) Loss of, or damage to, tangible property,

which occurs anywhere in the Commonwealth of Australia or New Zealand during the **Period of Insurance** as a result of an Accident caused by or arising in connection with the **Horse** as specified in the **Schedule of Insurance**.

Our liability for damages under this section shall not exceed the limit of liability on the Schedule of Insurance in respect of any one occurrence.

We will treat as though the **Insured** in this section, any person who with **Your** permission is riding or has custody or control of the **Horse** as specified in the **Schedule of Insurance**, provided that such person shall observe the terms of this **Policy** so far as they can apply.

Costs

We will also pay all costs and expenses incurred by **You** with **Our** written consent and relating to any claim that may be the subject of indemnity under this section. Such costs and expenses payable by **Us** are in addition to the applicable limit of liability. If a payment in excess of the limit of liability available under this section is made to dispose of a claim, then liability for costs and expenses will be limited to the proportion that the limit of liability bears to the claim payment.

Conditions

The following are specific conditions and must be complied with. If they are not, **We** may have no liability or may reduce **Our** liability to make any payment under this section of the **Policy**.

- 1. Every letter, writ, claim, summons, legal process or other document received by **You** shall be immediately forwarded to **Us** by **You** unanswered.
- 2. No admission, offer, promise, payment or indemnity shall be made or given without Our written consent.
- 3. We shall be entitled to take over and conduct in **Your** name the defence or settlement of any claim, or to prosecute in **Your** name for **Our** own benefit any claim, for indemnity or damages or otherwise and shall have full discretion in the conduct of any proceedings and in the settlement of any claim.
- 4. In connection with any claim, or series of claims, **We** may at any time pay **You** the amount of the limit of liability, after deduction of any sum(s) already paid as compensation, or any lesser amount for which such claim(s) can be settled; and upon such payment being made **We** shall relinquish the conduct and control of, and be under no further liability in connection with, such claim(s) except for the payment of costs and expenses recoverable or incurred prior to the date of such payment.





Exclusions

We will not cover You for any liability You may have for any claim for damages or compensation for:

- 1. Any rider of the **Horse** as specified in the **Schedule of Insurance**.
- 2. You or any member of Your family ordinarily residing with You or with whom You ordinarily reside.
- 3. Death or **Bodily injury** sustained by any person under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **You**, when such death or **Bodily injury** arises out of or in the course of that person's employment by **You**.
- 4. Loss of or damage to property belonging to or in the care, custody, or control of **You** or **Your** employees.
- 5. Liability arising directly or indirectly by, through, or in connection with, the ownership, possession or use by **You** on **Your** behalf, of any mechanically propelled vehicle, aircraft or watercraft.
- 6. Liability arising directly or indirectly by, through or in connection with, the ownership, possession or use by **You** on **Your** behalf, of any **Horse** float, gooseneck or trailer.
- Loss or damage to fences or growing crops caused by the Horse as specified in the Schedule of Insurance whilst being ridden, driven or led.
- 8. Liability arising directly or indirectly by the hiring out of any insured Horse by You or its use by any riding establishment;
- 9. Liability attaching to **You** solely by reason of an express term of any contract unless the liability would attach to **You** even in the absence of such an agreement.
- 10. Liability arising directly or indirectly from Your trade, business or profession.
- 11. The serving or attempting to serve a mare by a stallion.
- 12. The amount of any excess under this section of the Policy specified in the Schedule of Insurance.
- 13. Liability arising directly or indirectly out of the organisation of any event (which includes but is not limited to the organisation of indoor and outdoor gatherings, exhibitions, displays, expos, shows or sales) by **You** or on **Your** behalf.
- 14. Any claim arising out of the playing of polo
- 15. Any claim arising out of the participation in or training for a Horse race of any kind.
- 16. Your participation in or training for any activity in a Professional Capacity.
- 17. Any claim arising out of a breach of a professional duty by **You** or any person for whose breach of such duty **You** are legally liable.





Section 3 - Veterinary Fee Cover

The cover

We will indemnify You for Veterinarian fees incurred up to the amount stated in the Schedule of Insurance the event of the Horse sustaining an injury as a result of an Accident, or an illness or disease occurring during the Period of Insurance.

Conditions

You are responsible for the first \$500 of Veterinarian fees for any individual Accident, injury, illness or disease.

The most **We** will pay, is the sum insured shown in the **Schedule of Insurance** or \$ 7,500 in total per **Horse** in any **Policy** year whichever is the lesser.

Requirement for Veterinary treatment must be advised to **Us** during the **Period of Insurance** in accordance with part 2(d) of section 6 of the **Policy**.

Veterinary treatment will only be paid for costs incurred within 12 months of the Accident or the onset of the injury, illness or disease.

We will not pay for **alternative treatment** or stabling at a Veterinary hospital. **We** will only pay 25% of costs incurred for MRI and Scintigraphy.

Exclusions

We will not cover You for any claim that You make which directly or indirectly arises out of or is as a consequence of or is contributed to by:

- 1. Veterinary treatment unless performed by a **Veterinary Surgeon**.
- 2. **Veterinarian** costs incurred in connection with routine preventative treatment such as inoculations or vaccinations. Dentistry, spaying, castration, hereditary or congenital complaints or foaling risks are not covered unless complications arise.
- Any cost incurred as a result of euthanasia and post mortem, carcass disposal or cremation unless extended on the Schedule of Insurance.
- 4. Husbandry costs, livery expenses or transportation costs, cost of horse walker or specialist exercise regime including spa
- 5. **Veterinarian** costs arising out of injury, illness or disease contracted within the first 14 days after inception of this **Policy** or 14 days from the date of the **Horse** being added to this **Policy**.
- 6. **Veterinarian** costs for conditions not notified to **Us** during the **Period of Insurance**.
- 7. **Veterinarian** costs incurred more than 12 months after the onset of the injury, illness or disease.
- 8. Alternative Treatment costs unless agreed by Us.
- Costs incurred for alternative medicine and treatment, including but not limited to osteotherapy, physiotherapy, acupuncture, hydrotherapy and the like, unless authorised by Us and Our advising Veterinarian in writing prior to the commencement of treatment.
- 10. The proportion of costs incurred for hospitalisation following surgery which relates to livery.
- 11. Costs incurred in preparing **Veterinarian** reports or claim forms.
- 12. Referrals carried out as a second opinion, or referrals to a specialist veterinary centre or hospital, unless it has been recommended by the attending **Veterinarian** and a veterinary report to this effect is submitted prior to the referral, or in the case of any urgent referral, verbal advice must be given to Affinity Insurance Brokers.
- 13. Behavioural problems unless established and certified by **Your Veterinarian** to have resulted from injury, illness or disease consequent upon an **Accident** during the **Period of Insurance**.
- 14. Vices.
- 15. Routine costs for pregnancy and/or foaling.
- 16. Wolf teeth
- 17. Any Horse which is aged under 30 days or over 15 years.





Section 4 - Harness, Tack and Saddlery

The cover

We agree that, subject to the following terms, conditions and exclusions of the Policy, We will indemnify You in respect of the market value at the time of loss, not exceeding the amount specified in the Schedule of Insurance, for Accidental physical loss or damage, including theft, occurring during the Period of Insurance to harness saddlery and tack belonging to You.

We will pay the market value up to the sum insured specified in the **Schedule of Insurance**. Proof of purchase (receipts and invoices) will be required.

Tack and saddlery for the purposes of this section is defined, as saddles, leathers, irons, bridles, harnesses and other riding tack, and restricted specifically to those items normally attached to the **Horse** whilst being used for the activities as stated in the **Schedule of Insurance**.

Exclusions

We will not cover You for any claim under this section for loss related to:

- 1. The amount of the excess specified in the **Schedule of Insurance** section of the **Policy**.
- 2. Any clothing or personal effects.
- 3. Rugs.
- 4. Damage caused by moth, vermin, wear and tear, gradual deterioration or atmospheric conditions.
- 5. Damage to or deterioration of any article caused by the actual process of dyeing, cleaning, repair or renovation.
- 6. Damage resulting from riding school use except by **You** as a pupil.
- 7. Theft other than from a totally enclosed and secure building, the doors of which are locked by a deadlock and the windows are securely locked. Large immovable metal containers suitably attached to the ground by heavy duty bolt/rivet or shipping containers are also covered, providing the locking requirements are met. Such theft must be occasioned by violent and forcible entry to the building or where there has been a threat of immediate violence or violent intimidation. Any loss by theft must be reported to, and recorded by the police and a written report obtained.
- 8. Theft from any riding school or commercial premises with more than ten (10) **Horse**s, unless privately owned and stored in an alarmed tack room.
- 9. Theft from a motor vehicle, trailer or float except when such theft is occasioned by violent and forcible entry to the vehicle trailer or float, or where there has been a threat of immediate violence or intimidation.





Section 5 - General Conditions

The following specific conditions must be complied with. If they are not, **We** may have no liability or may reduce **Our** liability to make any payment to **You** under this insurance.

1. Reasonable precautions

You must, at all times, take reasonable precautions to prevent any Accident, loss, destruction or damage which may result in a claim under this **Policy**. If not this may affect any claim that **You** make.

2. Insured's agreement

You agree to adhere to all of the terms and conditions of this **Policy** and agree that failure to satisfy any terms and conditions of this **Policy** or make any claim knowing the same to be false or fraudulent, as regards amount or otherwise may, subject to the provisions of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 or amendment thereto permit **Us** to:

- a) Refuse to pay, or otherwise reduce **Our** liability, in respect of a claim
- b) Cancel this **Policy**.

3. Cancelling this Policy

- a) Once the Cooling Off Period has ended, You can cancel this Policy or any section at any time by telling Us in writing that You want to cancel it. Cancellation by You will be effective when We receive Your request.
 We will subtract from any Premium You have paid Us an amount to cover the Period of Insurance that We have already insured You for. We will then return the rest of the Premium to You.
 If the amount of the refund is \$20 or less, We may not return the Premium to You.
- b) We may cancel this insurance by giving You notice and in accordance with the law, including where You have:
 - i) made a misrepresentation to **Us** before this **Policy** was entered to;
 - ii) failed to comply with Your Duty of Disclosure;
 - iii) failed to comply with a term or condition of this Policy, including failure to pay the Premium;
 - iv) made a fraudulent claim under this **Policy** or any other insurance during the time this **Policy** has been in effect;
 - v) failed to notify **Us** of a specific act or omission as required by this **Policy**;
 - vi) altered the circumstances of the risk during the Period of Insurance.

If **We** cancel **Your Policy**, **We** will advise **You** in writing and cancellation will take effect at whatever is the earliest of the following times:

- c) when another contract of insurance is taken out by You to replace this Policy; or
- d) at 4.00pm of the third business day after the day notice was given to **You**.

After cancellation and subject to **Your** cooling off period rights (see Important Information Section – Cooling Off Period) **We** will subtract from any **Premium You** have paid **Us** an amount to cover the **Period of Insurance** that **We** have already insured **You** for. **We** will then return the rest of the **Premium** to **You**.

If the amount of the refund is \$20 or less, **We** may not return the **Premium** to **You**.

4. Change of circumstances

This **Policy** is based on the details that **You** gave **Us** when purchasing this **Policy**. If those details change during the **Period of Insurance**, to make sure that **You** are still covered, **You** must tell **Us** as soon as **You** can.

Examples of changes that **You** must tell **Us** about include any alteration of risk relating to **You** including change of residence or usual occupation as stated in the **Schedule of Insurance**.





5. Obligations of third parties covered by this Policy

Any other person entitled to cover under this **Policy** is bound by the terms of this **Policy**.

6. Transfer of interest in this Policy

No interest in this Policy can be transferred without Our written consent.

7. Other insurance

You must notify **Us** in writing if other insurance is effected which covers any matter covered by this **Policy** in whole or in part.

To the extent permitted by law, when other insurance applies to a covered loss, **We** will only pay in excess of the other insurance, limited to the indemnity being provided under this **Policy**, unless that other insurance was specifically written to be excess over the indemnity provided by this **Policy**.

Section 6 - Claims

The following specific conditions must be complied with. If they are not, **We** may have no liability or may reduce **Our** liability to make any payment to **You** under this insurance.

What You must do when making a claim:

1. You must advise Affinity by telephone or in writing as soon as practicable after You, Your insured property, or Horse suffers loss, damage or injury. You can contact Affinity at:

Phone: +61 3 8587 7777 Fax: +61 3 8587 7700

Location: Level 1/1265 Nepean Hwy, Cheltenham Vic Australia 3192

Postal: Po Box 601 Moorabbin VIC 3189 Email: equine@affinityib.com.au

2. It is a condition of this **Policy** that:

- a) in the event of any illness, disease, lameness, injury, Accident or physical disability whatsoever of or to the Horse, You shall immediately, at Your own expense, employ a Veterinarian and, if required by Us, allow removal of the Horse for treatment;
- b) if **You** have coverage for veterinary fees under this **Policy You** should keep any original bills, receipts or invoices **You** are asked to pay and submit them to **Us** for consideration;
- c) in the event of death or **Humane Destruction**, as soon as possible, and at **Your** own expense, **You** must arrange for a **Veterinarian** to produce a **Certificate of Death Report** to confirm the identity of the **Horse** and the cause of death (or in the case of **Humane Destruction**, the reason why **Humane Destruction** was necessary); and
- d) We may require a full **Post-Mortem** examination to be performed on the **Horse**. However, the cost of the **Post-Mortem** will be met by **Us**. In the event that the attending **Veterinarian** is not able to categorically determine the cause of death a full **Post-Mortem**, or a **Post-Mortem** of the region of interest will always be required; and in the event of either (a) or (c), **You** shall immediately give notice to Affinity, **We** will decide if **We** wish to instruct a **Veterinarian** on **Our** behalf.
- 3. After receiving permission from Affinity, **You** shall arrange for the removal and disposal of the remains of the **Horse** at **Your** own expense.
- 4. It is a condition of this **Policy** that **You** shall file with **Us** a completed claim form and release within sixty (60) days after the **Accident**, death, or **Humane Destruction** of the **Horse**.
- 5. You should send Affinity:





- a) full details in writing; and
- b) any communication or court documentation received.
- 6. If **You** do not make a claim within a reasonable time of the loss, **We** may reduce what **We** pay to **You** to allow for any financial prejudice **We** may have suffered because of the delay.
- 7. **You** must take all reasonable steps to stop any further loss from occurring.
- 8. You must not repair or replace any damaged property without Our consent.
- 9. You must advise the nearest police station if Your property is lost, stolen or maliciously damaged.
- 10. You must not pay or promise to pay or offer payment or admit responsibility for a claim.
- 11. You must keep the property that has been damaged so We can inspect it.
- 12. You must provide Affinity with all the information We require including valuations, receipts, proof of ownership and statutory declarations if requested.
- 13. You must provide Affinity with all the information and cooperation that We require including access to any person(s), and promptly forward to Us all correspondence received by You concerning the Accident, event, claim, damage or loss.
- 14. You, Your family, representatives, agents, employees or other person(s) having care, custody or control of the Horse submitting to examinations under oath, if required by Us.
- 15. You must notify Us of any other insurance that also provides cover whether in whole or in part.
- 16. All certificates, information and evidence to support a claim shall be provided at **Your** own expense and shall be in a form that **We** will tell **You**.
- 17. Every letter, writ, claim, summons, legal process or other document received by You shall be immediately forwarded to Affinity by **You** unanswered;
- 18. No admission, offer, promise, payment or indemnity shall be made or given without Our written consent;

When We agree to pay a claim

- a) We will reduce the amount We pay by any applicable excess or We will ask You to pay it. We will also reduce the amount We pay by any premium due to Us
- b) We will not pay You more than the sum insured or relevant limit applicable unless otherwise stated in the Schedule of Insurance; and
- c) We have the right to exercise Our legal rights to conduct, defend, or settle any legal or recovery action that We consider necessary and to do so in Your name. You must fully co-operate and provide Us with any documentation that We require.

Total loss

If **We** pay a claim for total loss then the **Horse** or insured property as specified in the **Schedule of Insurance** is treated as having come to an end and a new cover must be effected.

A new **Policy** must be effected for a new **Horse** or insured property. **We** will not refund any **Premium** or, relevant government charges.





How the Goods and Service Tax affects Your claim

Where **We** make a payment under this **Policy** for the acquisition of goods, services, or other supply, **We** will reduce the amount of the payment by the amount of any input tax credit that **You** are, or will be, or would have been entitled to under A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 in relation to the acquisition, whether or not that acquisition is actually made.

Where **We** make a payment under this **Policy** as compensation instead of payment for the acquisition of goods, services or other supply, **We** will reduce the amount of the payment by the amount of any input tax credit that **You** would have been entitled to under A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 had the payment been applied to acquire such goods, services or other supply.

Claim payment examples

These Claim payment examples show **You** how a claim settlement may be calculated based on some practical scenarios. Any actual claim settlement amount will depend upon the facts of each case. For the purpose of the scenarios **You** are not registered for GST.

Claim Example 1

Section 1 - Mortality

Sum insured of Horse is \$5,000, fair market value is \$4,500.

Your Horse is injured as a result of an Accident and dies as a result.

We will pay You the Fair Market Value of \$4,500

Claim Example 2

Section 3 - Schedule of Insurance Fee Cover

Excess \$500

Your Horse is injured and requires Veterinarian treatment.

The cost of Veterinarian treatment is \$2,500.

An excess of Excess \$500 applies

We pay **You** \$ 2,500 less \$500 excess totalling \$2,000. (\$2,500 - \$500 = \$2,000)

Claim Example 3

Section 4 – Harness, Tack and Saddlery

Excess \$250.

Theft of Your harness saddlery.

The market value of Your harness saddlery is \$1,500.

An excess \$250 applies.

We pay **You** the market value of the harness saddlery of \$1,500 less \$250 excess totalling \$1,250. (\$1,500 - \$250 = \$1,250)





Section 7 - General Exclusions

We will not cover You for any claim that You may make which directly or indirectly arises out of or is as a consequence of or is contributed to by:

- 1. An injury, illness or disease caused by a malicious act, deliberate injury, or gross negligence caused by **You** or a member of **Your** immediate family or anyone living with **You**.
- 2. Your failure to take all reasonable precautions to protect the Horse from aggravating or prolonging any injury, illness or disease.
- You acting or behaving unlawfully, and being held liable for fines or penalties, including punitive, aggravated or exemplary damages.
- 4. You breaking any Australian laws or regulations including those relating to animal health and importation.
- 5. The confiscation, nationalisation or requisition by or under the order of any government or public or local authority or any person or body having or claiming jurisdiction in the matter.
- 6. War, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation or nationalisation or requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.
- 7. Any act(s) of terrorism that is directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from, or arising out of or in connection with biological, chemical, radioactive, or nuclear pollution or contamination or radioactive or nuclear explosion. Terrorism is any act or preparation is respect of any action which may, or may not, involve the use of, or threat of, force or violence where the purpose of the act is to further a political religious or ideological aim or to intimidate or influence a government (whether lawfully constituted or not) or of any section of the public.
- 8. The use, existence or escape of nuclear weapons material or ionising radiation from, or contamination by, radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel.
- 9. **We** will not provide any benefit under this insurance to the extent of providing cover, payment of any claim or the provision of any benefit where doing so would breach any sanction, prohibition or restriction imposed by law or regulation.
- 10. Any Cyber Incident.
- 11. Avian Influenza or any mutant variation.