Earphones/buds continue to be a significant safety concern. Riders using them cannot maintain sufficient awareness of their surroundings, leading to collisions or near-collisions. A significant enough percentage of riders continue to willfully disregard the safety of others in this aspect, making it imperative to prohibit their use in the interest of safety of horses and riders.
9. The unsafe use of electronic devices, as determined by the competition steward in their sole discretion, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise, and while lungeing horses on competition grounds. *Earphone(s)/Earbud(s) are prohibited in all areas designated for schooling & exercise.*