

**New Zealand Polocrosse  
Council (Inc.)**



**Guidelines**  
**for**  
**National**  
**Fixtures**

## New Zealand Polocrosse Guidelines for National Fixtures

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## **POLICY: National Fixtures**

### **National Fixtures:**

There are three National fixtures each year held at dates set by the Board.

#### **Juniors and Intermediate Inter-Association Championships**

#### **Roke and Rockwood Competition**

#### **Inter-Association Championships**

### **Purpose:**

A National Fixture is a chance to showcase Polocrosse in New Zealand to a wide audience and is a prestigious event, often attended by sponsors and national funders, which needs to be run professionally by the Association that is hosting the event, in order to promote the growth of the sport in New Zealand.

These fixtures allow the Board and Host Association to encourage, organise and promote the entry of teams at National events; providing a range of competition at different levels for players of all abilities, ages and genders to take part in.

These fixtures are to be run in conjunction with the relevant By-Laws, Procedures and Codes of Conduct.

- 1. Entry dates** – Juniors & Intermediates – 1 day prior to event; Roke & Rockwood and Inter Association Championships – 14 days prior to event.
- 2. Entry fees** – are to be set by the host and approved by the Board.
  - 2a.** The Board will set a levy each year for National Fixtures
- 3. Number of Teams and Divisions** – refer to each individual event – 3.2, 4.1, 5.4, 5.5 and 2.17
- 4. Budgets and Balance Sheets** - are to be presented to the Board by the Association hosting the event - 2.11
- 5.** The Organiser will look to recoup their expenses at all National run fixtures, and will endeavour to receive some form of income where possible - 2.10
- 6.** The hosting Association can consult with the Board re funding and / or assistance that may be required from the Board to run the fixture to the standard required by the Board.

## **Guidelines for Hosting National Fixtures:**

Please refer to relevant By-Laws (eg. 2.1) or *Procedures* for further information.

1. Calls for expressions of interest in hosting National fixtures will be called for by the Board Secretary, prior to the setting of the new seasons playing calendar.
2. All nominations to host a National fixture must be in to the Board Secretary by the nominated date complete with all required information.
3. Associations seeking to host a National fixture must be able to run the event to the standards set down by the Board refer *Standards for Grounds and Venue and Standards for Prize giving at National Fixtures*.
4. Host Associations must have a sound understanding of the Board, and Board appointed representatives, responsibilities (*New Zealand Polocrosse Board Responsibilities at National Fixtures; Disputes Committee; Seeding Committee*) and of their own responsibilities (*Host Association Responsibilities at National Fixtures*).
5. To have a sound knowledge and understanding of the By-Laws in relation to National Fixtures – 2.1 to 5.6.
6. To liaise regularly with the Board over the organisation and running of the event, with all relevant, or requested, information being sent to the Board as required.

**PROCEDURE: Applying to Host a National Fixture**

Expressions of interest in hosting a National fixture must be in writing to the Board Secretary by the nominated date complete with the following information...

1. The date, and a second choice of date, that would best suit the hosting Association to hold the event, unless the Board has already set this date.
2. The name of the grounds and venue where the event will take place.
3. A guarantee that the grounds will be available, and playable, at the stated times. If there are alternative grounds available if need be.
4. Description of the grounds – number of playing fields, pens, parking, amenities etc.
5. Information on the venue for prize giving, with reference to the number of people that can be seated, bar facilities, amenities etc.
6. A proposed budget for the running of the event (2.11)
7. The name of person to be responsible for liaising with the Board.

**PROCEDURE: Standards for Grounds and Venue at National Fixtures**

**Grounds:**

1. The grounds must be of a suitable standard that will enable play to proceed under adverse weather conditions over the whole competition.
2. Sufficient permanent fencing, yards and / or approved temporary steel pens must be used at all National run fixtures. Allowing for a maximum of 8 horses per team competing. Use of tape is not allowed.
3. New Zealand Polocrosse safety signs, OSH or any other relevant safety signs to be displayed in appropriate places.
4. Any serious hazards to be clearly identified or made inaccessible.
5. Adequate parking, and camping area if required, is available for the number of people expected to attend the event.
6. An adequate number of toilets, of a clean standard, to be available over the entire length of the competition. Shower facilities to be provided if camping on the grounds is to be expected.
7. Satisfactory water supply for horses.
8. SPARC banners to be on display along with any other major sponsors signs or products as approved by the Board.

**Venue:**

1. The venue must be of a size able to comfortably cater for the number of people expected at the event.
2. The venue must be waterproof and be able to stand up to any adverse weather conditions.
3. There must be adequate, suitable seating and tables for a “sit-down” evening meal, on the day of prize giving – if this is required.
4. Suitable bar facilities should be available – if required.
5. An adequate number of clean toilet facilities to be available.
6. To have a suitable area for the draw committee to work from (or have a caravan or similar available).
7. A screen and a horse float must be readily available at all times for the destruction of horses as per the Destruction Process included.

## **PROCEDURE: Standard of Prize Giving at National Fixtures**

In view of the direction that the New Zealand Polocrosse Board is taking to promote the sport of Polocrosse, the Board expects that any National fixtures be run in a way that promotes the sport and provides an event that members of New Zealand Polocrosse are proud to invite local sponsors and national funders to.

1. The venue to be used for prize giving is to be of a standard as set out in the *Standards for Grounds and Venue at National Fixtures*.
2. Prize giving is to take part at the conclusion of play. It is the Board's preference, that in the case of the Inter Association Championships, that prize giving takes place at the conclusion of dinner, on the evening of the last day of play.
3. A meal is to be provided, with suitable seating for any invited dignitaries, sponsors (both local and national) as stated in the *Standards for Grounds and Venue at National Fixtures*. It is highly recommended by the Board that tickets for meals should be "pre-sold".
4. An adequate sound system is to be set up for use at prize giving – this should allow for all people to be able to hear the proceedings.
5. Tables for the display of prizes etc to be available.
6. Ribbons – there are to be runner up as well as winner sashes – these will be provided by the Board.
7. Prizes are to be obtained by the hosting Association.
8. If bar facilities are operating, a bar manager is to be appointed as per By-Law 2.23. and all relevant bar rules to be abided by.
9. The bar, if operating, shall be closed for the duration of prize giving.
10. If a meal is being provided, that there is sufficient food, of a reasonably high standard, for all in attendance, at a reasonable cost.
11. A programme is to be put out before the event, advising of the meal available, cost of such meal, notifying of the standard of dress required (formal dress – blazers etc.) and any other relevant information, along with the standard information needed in regard to the competition.

**PROCEDURE: Cancellation of Play at National Fixtures**

It is the Boards expectations that play should not be cancelled at any National fixture with the exception being due to life or property threatening circumstances. In this case the following shall apply...

- The decision to cancel play, due to life or property threatening circumstances, will be made by a committee consisting of the New Zealand Polocrosse President (or his / her appointee) plus 3 Board members, the Chief Umpire plus two other members of the Umpires Committee and the property owner or representative.
- The New Zealand Polocrosse President is to chair the meeting and will hold the casting vote if required.

**PROCEDURE: New Zealand Polocrosse Board  
Responsibilities at National Fixtures**

**Board:**

- To provide stopwatches, score pads, umpires shirts.
- Flags for fields.
- White coats for officials to wear during finals.
- Ribbons for prizewinners.

**President:**

- Select suitable persons to choose the best 1, 2, 3 and pony in each division.
- Commentators.
- Conduct prize giving and distribute prizes and ribbons (assisted by suitable dignitaries).

**Secretary:**

- Provide Draw Committee with cardboard etc for use on the draw and in caravan.
- Accept names of players in teams 1 hour prior to commencement of play.
- Check all names of players to see that they are affiliated to Council.
- Assist President with prize giving.

**Disputes Committee:**

- Settle any disputes as deemed correct, following correct procedures.

**Seeding Committee:**

- All National Fixtures are to be seeded by the seeding committee with the power to review and make changes if required. (Always remembering rule 3.1 Inter-Association Championships, and rule 5.2 Roke & Rockwood). The seeding for the Inter-Association Championships is to be based on results from the previous season.

**Draw Committee:**

- To do draw and run same for weekend.
- To allocate two Associations to time keep and goal judge finals.

**PROCEDURE: Host Association  
Responsibilities at National Fixtures**

**Host Association**

- Provide sufficient fields, equipped with goal posts and marked in the appropriate manner.
- Provide trophies and prizes for winners etc. of an appropriate standard. This should include an embroidered cover for the “Best Pony” in each section.
- Provide bells, seats and umbrellas for each field.
- Provide caravan (building etc) suitable for the draw committee to work from.
- Provide speaker system that is loud enough to cover the whole complex and especially the camping and horse pen areas.

## **BY-LAWS RELATING TO NATIONAL FIXTURES:**

### **2. National Fixtures:**

#### **2.1 Team Organisation –**

That names of players in playing order, and reserve players be given to Board Secretary at the caravan one (1) hour prior to play commencing on the first day of competition.

#### **2.2 Teams in Wrong Order –**

In the event of a team playing in the wrong order they lose that game be default. The game to go full time. The team continues in the competition playing as originally nominated.

#### **2.3 Reserves and Reserve Horses –**

- a) Before the commencement of a National Fixture each team name their reserve player on the score sheet (as 2.1 above). All reserve players must be ready to go on to the field at any time.
- b) In the event of a reserve horse being required only a bonafide horse from the appropriate club or association can be used.
- c) Where no more horses are available the team must have the Disputes Committees approval for any horse brought in.
- d) Once a team is eliminated from championship play they may use their reserve player.
- e) Any player wishing to change a horse between games must get authority from the Disputes Committee.

#### **2.4 Sashes –**

There will be runner up as well as winner sashes. Reserve ribbons will be ordered at a later date as necessary.

#### **2.5 Balls –**

That 3 Polocrosse balls be on each field at all finals at National Fixtures. Each team to supply a ball for all other games. ie. 2 balls for each game.

#### **2.6 Umpires –**

- a) Umpires committee to appoint umpires for finals.
- b) Umpires are to be in appropriate dress when umpiring, eg white trousers and riding boots, umpires shirts as provided. Umpires must wear helmets.
- c) The Chief Umpire to convene a meeting of all umpires immediately before National Fixtures if at all practical.

- 2.7 Goal Umpires, Time Keepers and Scorers –**
- a) The official timekeeper and scorekeeper be allocated a defined area.
  - b) Two timers to be used – one official and one back up timer.
  - c) Two score sheets to be used – one official and one unofficial.
  - d) Two Official persons for each game – one to be official time-keeper and unofficial score; the other to be unofficial time-keeper and official scorer.
  - e) Goal Umpires and Time Keepers for finals to be appointed by the Draw Committee.
  - f) Liaison Officers are required to submit the names of goal umpires and time keepers to the Draw Committee prior to commencement of the game, they have been appointed to officiate at.

**2.8 Alcohol**

The drinking of alcohol before and during play by players and game officials will not be tolerated and action will be taken.

**2.9 Liaison Officers**

Each Association is to name their liaison officer at each National Fixture. He/she is responsible to inform their Association umpires and teams of when and where they are required to umpire or play.

**2.10 Division of Profits –**

The Board will look to recoup its expenses at all National Fixtures.

**2.11 Budgets and Balance Sheets –**

An Association or Club hosting a National Fixture is required to present a budget of income and expenditure to the NZ Board prior to the setting of entry fees. A balance sheet is to be presented at the earliest opportunity following the event.

**2.12 Organising Venues –**

The Board will call for applications regarding National Fixtures. When applications are called for the Board is to ensure even distribution of venue is taken in account.

**2.13 Transfer of Players –**

- a) A polocrosse player registered with one club and wishing to transfer to another, must notify his/her club and Association three weeks (21) days prior to the transfer being effective, ie being eligible to represent their new club or Association in

the Roke & Rockwood Trophies, or the Inter-Association Championships.

- b) Only in special circumstances will dispensation be granted for transfer and not less than five days prior to the competition.
- c) Approval for transfer will be given by the NZ Polocrosse Board subject to approval from the Club the player is leaving.
- d) The club and Association into which the player is transferring shall be responsible to notify the Board three weeks (21) days prior to the transfer being effective.
- e) A transfer fee, to be set by the Board annually, is to be paid with application for transfer during the playing season.
- f) The Board may waive this fee if a player registers with one club/Assn but has not represented that Club/Assn during the season prior to transferring to a new club/Assn.
- g) The Board may waive this fee if the transfer is to assist in the formation of a new Club which promotes the growth of the sport.

#### **2.14 Selecting Special Prizes –**

There are to be two selectors from different Associations for selecting the Best 1, 2, 3 and pony in each division.

#### **2.15 Policy for Defining Best Loser –**

- a) In the first instance the closest margin loser goes forward. If the difference be the same for more than one losing team, then the highest scoring losing team of those teams goes forward.
- b) The best loser comes forward with equal rights of any other team. Where possible the best loser plays the top seed, unless they have already played, then they play the second highest seed.
- c) On the losing side of the draw the Draw Committee, at its discretion, ensures that the teams do not play each other twice.

#### **2.16 Umpires Horses –**

At all National Fixtures each team is to supply one suitably experienced Umpires horse to be saddled, bridled and lead onto the ground ready to umpire.

Clubs or Associations may supply their own Umpires horse but must notify the Umpires Committee of this half an hour prior to the start of the game.

### **2.17 Composite Teams –**

Composite teams are allowed at National fixtures. Composite teams will be made up of players who have missed selection from Association teams based on merit, and from Associations with insufficient numbers to mount a team. Composite players are to be placed into teams by the Board. A composite team entered into a National Fixtures is to be seeded by the Seeding Committee.

### **2.18 Dogs –**

All dogs are banned from National Fixtures and it is recommended that all clubs follow this example.

### **2.19 Seeding –**

All National Fixtures are to be seeded by the seeding committee with the power to review and make changes if required. (Always remembering rule 3.1 Inter-Association Championships, and rule 5.2 Roke & Rockwood).

The seeding for the Inter-Association Championships is to be based on results from the previous season.

### **2.20 Policy for Refunds –**

There is to be no refunds for teams withdrawing from National Fixtures unless notification is received 10 days prior to the event. This By-law may be waived under exceptional circumstances on application to the Board.

### **2.21 Entry Fees –**

Generally no entry is to be accepted (for National Fixtures) without entry fees, but the Board is empowered, if it is in the interest of a particular competition, to make exception.

### **2.22 Late Teams –**

If any team is more than 5 minutes late at any National Fixture it forfeits the game. The decision to be made by the Disputes Committee. Any team may apply to the Disputes Committee 5 minutes prior to the starting time for an extension of time.

### **2.23 Bar Managers –**

At all National Fixtures the Bar Manager is to be instructed that he/she is responsible for ensuring that the patrons of the bar conduct themselves responsibly and comply with the bar closure times set out in the Liquor Licence.

### **2.24 Trophy Donors –**

People who have donated trophies are to be sent a courtesy letter re National Fixtures. (This should be noted as the Secretary's duty.)

**2.25 Round Robin Competition –**

In a Round Robin Competition if the game ends in a draw play should continue until the extra goal is scored.

The game is recorded as a draw and the extra goal is noted and used in a goal count back if required.

**2.26 Policy for Defining Winners Where Play has Been Abandoned –**

Where play has had to be abandoned at the Juniors & Intermediates and Inter-Association championships there will be no prize giving.

Inter-Assn Championships, any seeding results will be carried forward to the following year.

**2.27 At all NZ Polocrosse Championship events the Board have complete authority over who comes on the property.**

**2.28 Late Entries**

Late entries should be accepted for Board Run Fixtures. The close off time for late entries should be 7 days prior to the first day's play. Late entries should be set at double the cost of entries received by the due date set by the Board.

**2.29 Disputes Committee**

A disputes committee of (3) will be appointed by the Board annually.

**BY-LAWS RELATING TO INTER-ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

**3. Inter-Association Championships.**

**3.1 Promotion and Relegation –**

The Board has the power of authority of relegation and promotion of teams for the Inter-association Championships.

**3.2 Number of Teams and Divisions –**

There will be open division/s and ladies division/s.

## **BY-LAWS RELATING TO JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE INTER-ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

### **4. Junior and Intermediate Inter-association Championships:**

#### **4.1 Eligibility –**

- a) The age of a junior is under 16 years on the first day of January in that year.
- b) The age of an intermediate is 16 years and under 21 years on the 1st day of January in that year.
- c) Dispensation may be granted by the Executive to allow a Junior to play as an Intermediate.
- d) Any team not complying with the rules regarding age limits are to be excluded from the competition.

#### **4.2 New Zealand Junior and Intermediate Squads –**

NZ Junior and Intermediate Squads are to be selected at the Championships each year, and teams are to play a game if at all practicable.

#### **4.3 Pony Club Members**

At the Junior and Intermediate Championships a bonified registered pony club player be considered as an affiliated member of the New Zealand Polocrosse Council with proof of registration.

## **BY-LAWS RELATING TO ROKE & ROCKWOOD COMPETITION:**

### **5. Roke and Rockwood Trophies:**

#### **5.1 Dispensation Committee –**

The dispensation Committee for the Roke and Rockwood is to be the Board.

#### **5.2 Seeding –**

Due to these being challenge trophies, the holders of the Roke and Rockwood Trophies have automatic right to top seed. (Note National Fixtures By-law 2.19)

All other clubs are to be seeded by the seeding committee.

#### **5.3 Venue –**

The holders of the Roke Trophy have the right to host the Roke and Rockwood Trophies for the following year.

#### **5.4 Roke Trophy Rules –**

- a) The Trophy is to be played for between the first team of each club.
- b) If sufficient numbers are entered there will be a Roke 2<sup>nd</sup> division.

#### **5.5 Rockwood Trophy Rules –**

- a) Teams are to be made up of players who are not in the first six in their club.
- b) If there are less than 16 bona fide teams entered, weaker clubs may apply to the Executive for dispensation up to the time of the closing date for entries.
- c) Any club entering a team can only play it's own registered players.
- d) If the current holder complies with the above rules they have automatic right to defend the trophy.
- e) Participation rules –
  - i) All entries are to be submitted from clubs direct to the Board Secretary by the closing date set down each year.
  - ii) If sufficient numbers are entered there will be a Rockwood 2<sup>nd</sup> division.
  - iii) The decision of the Board regarding seeding is final.
  - iv) Other than for the rules provided, the competition shall operate in accordance with normal Board operating and/or regulations.
  - v) It is desirable that before any major additional rules are added or rule changes made, the situation be discussed with the donor or his representative.

#### **5.6 Roke and Rockwood Carnival**

All teams playing at this weekend to forward prepaid entries.  
This carnival weekend to be administered solely by Board.

## **DRUG POLICY:**

New Zealand Polocrosse has adopted the **Sports Anti-Doping Rules (2007)** made under the Sports Anti-Doping Act (2006), of which a full copy can be viewed or downloaded from the below link...

<http://www.drugfreesport.org.nz/site/drugfree/files/PDF/2007%20ANTI-DOPING%20RULES.pdf>

## **DESTRUCTION PROCESS OF INJURED HORSES:**

The most distressing of all activities that take place at any event is the destruction of an injured horse. It is important that the veterinary surgeon take whatever time is required to reach the correct conclusion. High excitement, bountiful ill-informed comment and undue haste may be of detriment to the incident.

The veterinary surgeon must be sure, after thorough examination, that the horse is beyond recovery, and that to prolong the horses life would be to unnecessarily prolong its suffering. If there is any doubt, then the opinion of another surgeon must be sought or the horse referred to a suitable equine clinic after appropriate first aid and support to the injury.

### **If the horse is to be euthanased note the following:**

1. The veterinary surgeon is responsible for making the decision and for managing the assisting personnel.
2. Once a decision to euthanase is made, this should be carried out as expeditiously as possible. If the owner or rider are there, consult with them and obtain their permission, but with a catastrophic injury do not delay. (see Animal Welfare Act1999)
3. Remove the horse from the competition arena or course prior to euthanasia only if it is possible to do so without causing stress to the horse. A float needs to be supplied for this purpose. A salvage splint may generally facilitate this process.
4. If moving the horse is not possible, screens must be used. The organising committee is responsible for providing the screens or like, and delivering them to where the horse is.

5. Euthanasia will ideally be carried out by intravenous injection. If an intravenous injection has been used ensure that whoever removes the body is aware that the carcass must not be used for pet food.
6. The use of “humane killers” or firearms of any sort are not recommended during events.
7. The owners or people responsible for the horse or the insurance company may require a post mortem examination. The show veterinary may be able to assist with this procedure.
8. The horse may be insured so record the markings and brands.
9. In consultation with the horse owner / rider organise the removal of the horse from the venue.

**Check List for the Injury / Destruction of a Horse:**

- Horse Float and towing vehicle
- Vet contact numbers
- Salvage splint
- Screens or tarpaulins
- Post mortem examination forms
- Forms for recording markings
- Contact for local Hunt or Huntsman (for disposing of horse)

**ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (1999):**

Refer page 23



**We all agree that our team values will reflect the ethics of tolerance, non-discrimination, generosity and respect for others and as positive role models we will:**

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
2. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
3. Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, our actions.
4. Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age. Our words and actions are the example.
5. Not use your involvement with NZ Polocrosse Board to promote our own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of NZ Polocrosse Board.

**These philosophies are best shown in our behaviour by:**

1. Being aware of and maintaining an uncompromising adherence to NZ Polocrosse standards, rules, regulations and policies.
2. Operating within the rules of the sport including the national and international guidelines which govern NZ Polocrosse.
3. Refraining from any behaviour that may bring New Zealand Polocrosse into disrepute.  
Alcohol consumption (please refer to Appendix One for more detail)
  - Drugs – both illegal and performance enhancing
  - Gambling on Equestrian Sports
4. Observing the laws of New Zealand and those of competition countries if travelling abroad.
5. Treating all personal information as confidential.
6. Refraining from any form of harassment including:
  - sexual harassment (please refer to ESNZ sexual harassment guidelines)
  - bullying
  - gossip / innuendo
10. Providing a safe environment for the conduct of the activity:
  - awareness of any individual medical needs
  - knowledge of event medical setup
11. Understanding the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour.

## **Appendix One: Alcohol – Team Management**

1. There is to be no alcohol consumed at any time when team management are on duty.
2. If team management could be expected to operate a vehicle, outside of when they are responsible for riders but within their team management role, then they must comply at all times with both New Zealand and host country laws that apply to driving and the consumption of alcohol.
3. The consumption of alcohol must not impair the performance of management at any time, this includes hangovers.
4. Management will not encourage excess drinking:
  - Alcohol should not be involved in “team bonding”
  - Excessive alcohol consumption will not be encouraged as a means of celebrating success

NZ Polocrosse wishes to acknowledge the NZ Alcohol Advisory Council’s (ALAC) values in the creation of our alcohol guidelines.



### **NEW ZEALAND POLOCROSSE OFFICIALS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR:**



In addition to the General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct in any activity held or sanctioned by NZ Polocrosse and in your role as an appointed official.

1. Place the safety and welfare of the riders/horses above all else.
2. Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
3. Be impartial.
4. Declare any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.
5. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion, feedback and interaction.



In addition to the General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements when competing at NZ Polocrosse sanctioned events, attending a NZ Polocrosse squad training or competing as a member of an NZ Polocrosse team:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow competitors, coaches, officials and spectators.
2. At all times avoid intimate relations with team officials.
3. Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
4. Be frank and honest concerning illness, injury and you or your horse's ability to train or compete.
5. Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the official, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision.
6. Respect the support and effort offered to you by the membership and volunteers of NZ Polocrosse and represent their interests professionally at all times.

## **ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (1999):**

Destruction of injured or sick animals (other than marine mammals)---

**1.** If an inspector, auxiliary officer, or a veterinarian finds a severely injured or sick animal (other than a marine mammal), and in his or her opinion, the animal should be destroyed because reasonable treatment will not be sufficient to make the animal respond and the animal will suffer unreasonable or unnecessary pain or distress if it continues to live, he or she must, as soon as possible,---

**(a)** Consult with the owner of that animal, if that owner can be found within a reasonable time; and

**(b)** If the owner asks for a second opinion from a veterinarian as to whether that animal should be destroyed, allow the owner to obtain that second opinion.

**2.** If---

**(a)** The owner of a severely injured or sick animal cannot be found within a reasonable time; or

**(b)** The owner of a severely injured or sick animal---

**(i)** Does not, on being found, agree to the destruction of the animal; and

**(ii)** Does not obtain within a reasonable time a second opinion from a veterinarian as to whether the animal should be destroyed,---

the inspector, or auxiliary officer, or veterinarian, as the case may be, must, without delay, destroy that animal or cause it to be destroyed.

**3.** If the owner of a severely injured or sick animal is found and consulted under subsection (1), and agrees that the animal should be destroyed,---

**(a)** The inspector, auxiliary officer, or veterinarian, as the case may be, must, without delay, destroy that animal or cause it to be destroyed; or

**(b)** The owner of that animal must, without delay, destroy that animal or cause it to be destroyed.

**4.** If the owner obtains a second opinion under subsection (1) (b), and the other veterinarian agrees that the animal should be destroyed,---

**(a)** The inspector, auxiliary officer, or veterinarian as the case may be, must, without delay, destroy that animal or cause it to be destroyed; or

**(b)** The owner of that animal must, without delay, destroy that animal or cause it to be destroyed.

**5.** Where, under this section, an inspector, auxiliary officer, or veterinarian destroys an animal or causes it to be destroyed, he or she may dispose of the carcass in such manner as he or she thinks fit.