



The *Eagala Code of Ethics* serves as a standard of ethics, professionalism and integrity in the conduct of business and practice for all Eagala members. We agree to adhere to Eagala's high standards of integrity to establish and instill confidence in recipients of Eagala Model services, our fellow professionals, and our communities. The Eagala Code of Ethics is, first and foremost, based on providing for the fundamental, overall safety and well-being of the recipients of Eagala Model services and horses. Ethical decisions and conduct should always be consistent with the letter and spirit of this Code. Failure to act in accordance with the Code may result in loss of status within the Eagala organization and the revocation of professional certification. It is therefore required that all practitioners maintain the utmost standards of ethics, professionalism and integrity.

1. The Eagala member will provide the highest quality of service and care in supporting and assisting recipients of Eagala Model services in personal growth and learning.
2. The Eagala member will respect and honor the value and dignity of all, and protect the safety, welfare, and best interest of recipients of Eagala Model services and horses.
3. The Eagala member will always consider both physical and emotional safety concerns. This includes physical safety utilizing horses and proper maintenance of a safe facility. Therapeutic approaches will be implemented in a respectful manner, maintaining the emotional safety, privacy, and rights of confidentiality of all recipients of Eagala Model services, and never abusing power through sexual or inappropriate relationships with such recipients.
4. The Eagala member will continually evaluate the progress of recipients of Eagala Model services, and will promptly refer them to other professional services, if and when this is in the best interest of such recipients.
5. The Eagala member will treat other members and professionals with courtesy and respect their views, ideas, and opinions.
6. The Eagala member will share information, experiences, and ideas that will benefit, strengthen, and improve the effectiveness of the Eagala Model and the field of equine-assisted psychotherapy and personal development in general.
7. The Eagala member will regularly evaluate their own professional strengths and limitations and will seek to improve themselves, and the profession, through ongoing education and training.
8. The Eagala member will not misrepresent themselves by claiming or implying professional certification, qualifications, education, experience, or affiliations not possessed by the member.
9. The Eagala member will follow all state/country laws and guidelines pertaining to the scope of their practice and limitations of business. Each member of the Eagala Team will commit to abide by the Mental Health Professional's Code of Ethics as defined by state licensure regulations or statute.
10. The Eagala member will not participate in, condone, or be associated with dishonesty, fraud, deceit, illegal activities, or misrepresentation.
11. The Eagala member will not engage in personal conduct which adversely affects the quality of professional services rendered, nor cause harm to the reputation of the profession.
12. The Eagala member will maintain the highest standards of professional integrity.