Safe Work Procedure
RIDE ON MOWER

**DO NOT** use this machine unless you have been instructed in its safe use and operation and have been given permission.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

- Foot protection must be worn
- Eye & hearing protection must be worn
- Sunscreen must be worn
- Protective clothing must be worn

**PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS**

- Locate and ensure you are familiar with all machine operations and controls.
- Ensure all guards are fitted, secure and functional. Do not operate if guards are missing or faulty.
- Ensure that seat belt, if fitted, is in sound condition.
- Ensure cutting blades are sharp, secure and in good condition.
- Ensure any pneumatic and hydraulic mechanisms are in sound condition.
- Ensure all electrical switches (including dead mans switch if fitted) are functioning.

**OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS**

- Be sure the transmission is out of gear and the mower blade clutch disengaged before starting.
- Keep clear of moving machine parts.
- Drive at speed slow enough to keep control over unexpected hazards.
- Travel up/down slopes rather than across, taking extra care when ascending or descending steep slopes.
- Take care when refuelling to avoid spilling fuel onto hot motor or exhaust.
- Before making adjustments, bring the machine to a complete standstill and isolate.
- Watch for ejected material. Ensure no person or animal is endangered when operating equipment.

**ENDING OPERATIONS**

- Park on even ground.
- Stop the ride on mower and shift the gear selector to park position.
- Raise and secure the cutting blades.
- Lock the parking brake.
- Stop the engine and remove the keys.

**CLEANING UP**

- Remove any foreign material from in and around engine and catcher parts.
- Keep the work area or implement shed in a safe, clean and tidy condition.

**POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND INJURIES**

- Rapidly rotating cutting blades.
- Noise.
- Eye injuries.
- Ejected material and flying debris.

**DON’T**

- Do not use faulty equipment. Report suspect machinery immediately.
- Never carry passengers.

This SWP does not necessarily cover all possible hazards associated with this equipment and should be used in conjunction with other references. It is designed as a guide to be used to compliment training and as a reminder to users prior to equipment use.