

B&DRC Rally Etiquette

Please take a moment to read the following which outlines what is expected of riders & helpers when attending rallies to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all.

Safety Measures

- Vaccinations- all horses attending rallies are to be vaccinated according to current BRC requirements.
- Do not attend a rally significantly beyond your or your horses' capabilities & experience. We all have problems at times, that is one of the reasons for attending rallies. The instructor will do their best to help but if they consider the situation to be dangerous or if it is causing significant detriment to the rest of the group you may be asked to leave.
- The club does have next of kin details but for speed of contact when attending a rally alone have details of a contact person in your windscreen in the event of an accident.
- Riders should regularly check the safety of their tack and equipment. You must wear a BRC approved riding hat and safe footwear. A BRC approved body protector and non fixed peak hat is required on all XC rallies.
- Access & parking- on entering venue keep speed to under 5mph. Park to give enough room for unloading & tying up.
- Close all access gates.
- Don't leave your horse tied to your vehicle unattended
- If your horse is known to kick put a red ribbon in its tail and inform the instructor and other participants.
- If you have a relevant medical condition or any fitness/health issues inform the instructor at every rally you attend. Don't assume they will remember.
- Be courteous to others in your group- pass left to left & give all horses space.
- Listen carefully to instructions. It's nice to chat but sometimes it's best left until after the rally.
- Don't jump until the instructor has made it clear it's ok to do so.
- If there is a loose horse anywhere stand still and if needed dismount.
- Follow standard and venue specific fire safety procedures.

Venue Information

- Droppings: Clear up after your horse in the arenas and the parking area. This may incur a fine.
- Haynets: Most venues ask us not to tie nets up outside trailers or lorries. Again this can incur a fine.
- Kites Nest parking is restricted, so parking for 1st & 3rd sessions will be in front of the stables/indoor school (avoid blocking the gates, the muck heap or the large double doors).
Parking for the 2nd hour will be nearer the house. Follow the drive straight on & the parking area/yard is to the left of the house. Please avoid blocking the gates.
- Dogs ideally should be left at home. If you have to bring one it must be kept on a lead and is not allowed in the arena. Kites Nest & Prestige have 'NO DOGS' policies.

Helpers

- Generally one helper for flat rallies to poo pick etc & 2 for jumping to help the instructors with poles.
- If you would like to watch but aren't needed to help you are welcome but stay out of the arenas.
- Please help with gates where you can.