

Members' Code of Conduct

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

All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.

Before Arrival

- All horses are to be vaccinated according to current BRC requirements.
- Do not attend if you or your horse have been known to be in contact with an infectious disease.
- Do not overestimate your riding abilities. Attend lessons that are within you and your horses' capabilities & experience before moving on to the next level. 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 need to retire from the group.
- Check the safety of your tack and equipment before attending. You must wear a BRC approved riding hat and safe footwear. A BRC approved body protector (2018/ turquoise tag) and non-fixed peak hat are required on all XC rallies. No 2009 body protectors can be used at cross country rallies.
- When attending a rally alone have details of a contact person in your windscreen in the event of an accident. If you have a medical condition it might be useful to include this also.
- 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.

On Arrival

- On entering the venue keep your speed to under 5mph.
- Park courteously and give enough room for unloading & ideally for tying up.

- Close all access gates & avoid blocking any gates.
- Most venues ask us not to tie hay nets outside trailers or lorries.
- Clean up after your horse in the parking area. Fines can be incurred.
- Don't leave your horse tied to your vehicle unattended
- Kites Nest parking is restricted. 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.
- Follow standard and venue specific fire safety procedures.

During the Lesson

- 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 session. Don't assume they will remember.
- Be courteous & encouraging to others in your group- pass left to left & give all horses space.
- Be courteous to instructors and listen carefully to them you are there to learn. 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.
- Do not attempt to move anyone who has fallen from a horse and is unconscious or is unable to move. SEEK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IMMEDIATELY.
- Take care of and show respect to your horse.
- Refrain from any form of bullying or harassment of others.

After the lesson

- Hopefully there will be a helper to clear up after your horse in the arenas – make sure they know if your horse has pooped in case they can't see it. If there is no helper make sure the arena and carpark are clear of poo.
- Do not criticise anyone including Officials, Coaches, Volunteers, venue owners or Members, in person, or on social networking sites or by the use of text messages / emails.
- If you have feedback or comments on the lesson contact a Committee member privately.

Helpers

- Be on hand in the arena to help the instructor.
- Generally one helper for flat lessons to poo pick etc & 2 for jumping to help the instructors with poles. No one else other than an official photographer to be in the arenas.
- Listen to what the instructor is saying and watch where horses are.
- Help with gates, clothing, water etc.

Spectators

- If you are not an official helper but would like to watch you are welcome but stay out of the arenas.
- Be aware that it is unacceptable, and may be considered a possible assault, to photograph or video an injured person.