

## Staffordshire Moorlands Riding Club

### Health and Safety Policy

#### **Staffordshire Moorlands Riding Club Health & Safety Policy Statement**

Staffordshire Moorlands Riding Club (SMRC) is strongly committed to all of our members and has the wellbeing, health and safety of all persons present as their utmost concern.

Health and safety is everyone's responsibility, therefore this policy requires total co-operation of all involved with SMRC

SMRC ensures risk assessments are carried out. Reviewed and updated, health and safety policy is reviewed annually.

#### **The Club's responsibilities:**

To complete risk assessments to anticipate potential hazards to all persons present at event and impose controls as a result

Ensure that the venue provides a safe area for riding to take place

Provide identifiable committee members/stewards at events, who will have access to a communication device to have adequate contact with all areas

Provide onsite first aid deemed appropriate to individual event as per risk assessment

Make available/provide a copy of the health and safety policy and risk assessment to all members

Ensure the health and safety policy is reviewed annually or as required

Regularly review, monitor and update risk assessments

To keep a record of all accidents or incidents

Adhere to all health and safety rules and procedures as stipulated by SMRC

Act on and report damage, incidents, or concerns appropriately (at the committee members discretion)

#### **Members/spectators/riders responsibilities:**

All persons present must take reasonable care and precautions for their own health and safety, and that of others at all times

Adhere to all health and safety rules and procedures as stipulated by SMRC

Ensure you are aware of, understand the health and safety policy

Report any injuries/accidents sustained during the club event to a committee member or designated first aider

Report any potential or actual health and safety hazards or risks immediately to a club committee member

Do not interfere, misuse or damage anything provided to help ensure your safety. Any damages must be reported immediately to a committee member

Children (under the age of 18) are the responsibility of parents/guardians and must be supervised at all times

Do not cause obstruction to gateways or pathways, access and exits to the event. These must be kept clear

Ensure extra care is taken when moving around areas shared with horses, remember these are unpredictable animals

Observe instructions of committee members, stewards and judges

Conduct in a manner to keep yourself and others safe at all times

No bike to be ridden on the show ground

All vehicles should be driven at a walking pace

No litter to be left, bins will be sited around the event

Any member, competitor or spectator not adhering to or accepting of the clubs health and safety policy may be excluded from the club or asked to leave the event

### **Riders code of conduct/Horse welfare**

This applies to all riders, handlers and owners at SMRC events

All owners, riders, handlers and members must accept responsibility to uphold a high level of horse/pony welfare

Warm up on the car/lorry park is not allowed

No lunging anywhere on the site

No horse/pony to be tied to a trailer or left unsupervised at any time

Riding hats must be worn at all times when mounted on horse/pony

Misuse or excessive use of whips or spurs is not allowed

All competitors must have valid public liability insurance to compete as a minimum requirement (please sign on your membership form to confirm this is in place)

Horses/ponies must be ridden or led at walking pace only outside rings and warm up areas

No head cams, this includes use on heads, chest, shoulder or any other part of the horse/rider

Riders, handlers and competitors must adhere to reasonable rules of etiquette when using the warm up area – do not over crowd and pass left to left

Make clear to other riders if horse/pony is liable to kick: Red ribbon in its tail, Green ribbon for a novice or inexperienced horse, blue ribbon for a stallion

Any concerns regarding distress or inappropriate behaviours should immediately be reported to a committee member

**Conduct of all parties:**

All persons present must conduct themselves in a manner that is not offensive to others, and must not argue with the judge, officials or fellow competitors. Abusive or threatening language will not be tolerated.

**Emergency contacts**

**Police, fire and ambulance in the case of an emergency dial 999**

Hospitals:

*Royal Stoke University Hospital*

Newcastle Road

Stoke on Trent

ST4 6QG

*County Hospital*

151 Weston road

Stafford

ST16 3SA