

Scarborough & District Riding Club

Code of Conduct and Club Rules

Code of Conduct

The Club is affiliated to the national British Riding Clubs organisation, part of the British Horse Society, and is in Area 4 of the BRC. Club members are bound by the BRC Code of Conduct, the full text of which is published annually in the BRC Rulebook and which is available to download free of charge from the BRC website. In particular, Club members must observe the following:

- It is vital that the welfare of the horse/pony is paramount, and all members are expected to adhere to the British Riding Clubs Code of Conduct for welfare at all times.
- All members are expected to behave with consideration for other at all times. Unpleasant, abusive or offensive behaviour to any member, guest or official will not be tolerated.
- Members forming part of Club Teams must recognise their responsibilities as team members and ensure that their conduct at events reflects positively on the Club.
- Members are asked to abide by the spirit of the Club Objectives at all times: to be encouraging to others, to promote good fellowship and to improve and maintain standards of riding and horsemanship.

Rules (to be read in conjunction with the Constitution)

1. Members shall be correctly and safely turned out at all mounted Club events. When riding at any competition you are asked to wear correct dress: jacket with shirt and tie or stock, light coloured jodphurs and boots. Black or brown polished gaiters with matching boots may be worn but not chaps or half-chaps. Hair of shoulder length or longer should be tied back or in a hairnet. For cross-country events, colours may be worn.
2. Current standard hard hats must be worn at all times when mounted. Body protectors must be worn when required. Current standards are detailed on the BRC website and change over time.
3. It is the responsibility of all horse/pony owners to ensure that their animals are fully vaccinated against equine flu. Animals must not be brought to the Club events/rallies unless vaccinations are up to date.

4. It is strongly recommended that members arrange their own personal accident insurance.
5. Membership must be fully paid before members are permitted to apply for places at members-only events, such as lessons, or to benefit from members-only rates or entry fees. An entry or booking will not be confirmed until the appropriate entry form and fee have been received by the event organiser.
6. Riding members are required to help at one Club event each year as a condition of membership. Any additional help will always be gratefully received.
7. Members must follow the reasonable instructions of stewards, officials and committee members at all times.
8. Members must follow sensible and established protocols in warmup areas and in lessons. Whilst riding in an enclosed area, pass left shoulder to left shoulder with riders working on the opposite rein. Riders in canter should be allowed on the outside track and must be given precedence over those in trot or walk. Riders in walk should remain clear of those working at a faster pace. Riders at halt whether practising a halt or making adjustments to tack or clothing must find their own clear space and remain alert to activity around them. It is essential that no rider cut across another at any time. Practice fences with flags must be jumped with the red flag on the right hand side. Failure to comply with these rules, which are designed to ensure safety of all, may mean expulsion from the arena/premises and from any competition in progress.
9. During any competition, the judge's decision is final.
10. The Club may run Restricted classes in some of its competitions. These are designed to encourage the less experienced rider and/or horse to compete at a level they may find initially challenging. The Restriction on entry will be described in the schedule for the event.

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