

Ebor Vale Riding Club (EVRC)

Health & Safety Policy

Introduction:

- It is the club's aim to take every reasonable step to keep all competitors, spectators and the general public safe
- EVRC will identify the duties and responsibilities that you the club member have to comply with to protect you and others from any hazards and risks in your riding activities

Health and Safety Policy Statement:

- EVRC is strongly committed to encouraging all members to take part in a range of equestrian activities in which the health, wellbeing and safety of each individual is always our paramount concern
- The club arranges varying levels of training and competition and encourages members to participate according to their ability

Health and Safety Policy:

- Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility
- In order to create a safe environment for participants, helpers and spectators at our events we encourage you to familiarise yourself with this policy, follow sensible rules for safe practices, and exercise common sense
- We undertake risk assessments to anticipate potential hazards at all club events, and reasonable measures have been put in place to address and reduce these risks as far as is reasonably possible
- A Hazard is anything with the potential to cause harm
- A Risk is the chance that someone will be harmed by the hazard
- A Risk assessment is a formal recorded process to weigh up the suitability and safety of an activity identifying hazards and taking appropriate action to prevent harm and injury

EVRC is committed to the following duties:

- Undertake regular, recorded risk assessment of the club venues and activities undertaken by EVRC
- Create a safe environment by putting health and safety measures in place as identified by the assessment
- Enable members to access an appropriate level of training and competition
- Ensure that all members are aware of, understand and follow EVRC's health and safety policy
- Ensure that normal operating procedures and emergency operating procedures are in place and communicated to all assisting members on the day of club activities
- Provide access to adequate first aid
- Report as necessary any injuries or accidents sustained during any EVRC activity

As a club member you have a duty to:

- Take reasonable care for your own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by what you do or do not do
- Co-operate with EVRC on health and safety issues, and observe all instructions issued by club officials
- Correctly use all equipment provided by EVRC
- Ensure you do not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health, safety and welfare

EVRC would like to make it clear to all members and participants at club activities:

- Horse riding is a risk sport. We strongly recommend that all participants have adequate insurance cover, including third party (public liability) cover, and reserve the right to see proof of cover on request.
- Organisers, competitors, spectators and members participate entirely at their own risk
- Club officials and stewards are there to help maintain your safety - please obey their advice and requests and be polite at all times
- We ask that members, competitors and spectators take reasonable precautions whilst attending all EVRC activities to ensure their own safety and the safety of those around them
- Potential and actual health and safety hazards, risks, accidents and incidents must be reported immediately to an EVRC committee member or activity steward
- Access to first aid facilities, telephone, and emergency services must be available at all EVRC events - speak to a steward or organiser if you require assistance
- Emergency vehicular access must be maintained at all times
- All accidents or incidents must be recorded without delay on the BRC Accident, Incident & Fall Form
- Members must provide an up-to-date Emergency Contact so that these details can be held by Committee Members for use by event organisers in case of emergency

EVRC requires that:

- Hat standards and dress rules as laid out in the British Riding Club Rule book must be adhered to by all competitors
- Hats must be worn fastened at all times when mounted and correctly fitted (in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations) – a current standard riding hat is required
- Current standard Body protectors are compulsory for all cross-country events and are strongly recommended for show jumping
- No vehicle is to be driven faster than walking pace (5mph) at any activity
- Tethered horses must not be left unsupervised or tied to fences and gates
- Horses must not be lunged at the venue
- Horses must be ridden or led at walk outside the riding area(s) and must not be allowed to enter designated spectator areas
- Spectators are not allowed in warm up or competition rings unless assisting with jumping equipment
- Riders must observe rules of etiquette and pass LEFT to LEFT in riding areas
- When using show jumping practice fences, fences must be jumped with the red marker on the rider's right
- Show jumping practice fences must be no higher than the current competition class
- If you would like to bring a stallion to a club activity you must ask the organiser prior to the date of the activity. If permitted to attend the stallion must be identified to the organiser on the day, and led by a bridle and wear stallion discs at all times as per BRC Rules
- Riders and handlers must ensure that gateways and paths are not obstructed
- Children are much less aware of danger than adults, and all children less than 17 years of age must be supervised by an adult at all times
- Foul language must not be used and will not be tolerated at EVRC events
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and please clean up after your dog
- Any member, competitor or spectator not willing to accept direction from Club Committee Members regarding health and safety issues may be excluded from the club
- Any vehicle with cooking / hot water facilities must have a fire blanket and/or fire extinguisher in the vehicle

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Signature:


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