

Bedlington, Blyth & District Riding Club

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Introduction

All members / Non Members should familiarise themselves with the clubs arrangements and should there be anything that may have been missed please contact a member of the committee so this may be addressed.

The Committee is not responsible for any accidents to riders, spectators, horses, vehicles or properties of any description, damage or loss sustained by any person observing or participating in any club event.

1. HEALTH & SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

1.1 Responsibilities:

- BBDRC Committee has the overall responsibility for Health & Safety during the event.
- The event is organised in accordance with Health & Safety Legislations, all personnel who have control of the premises or of the site at the event are responsible for ensuring that everything reasonably practicable is done to ensure the health, safety and welfare of those attending the event, and that access to and egress from the site is safe;
- Risk Assessments for all events are carried out by the club and kept for all club activities.
- All persons at an event are responsible for conducting themselves so that they do not put themselves or others at risk and co-operate with the organiser's in complying with Health & Safety matters.

1.2 Communication:-

- Secretary will have a mobile phone at all events
- adequate Stewards will be present at all events;
- Adequate instructions to all Stewards and Judges will be give regarding their duties with regards to health and safety and emergency procedures before each event.

1.3 Medical Cover:-

- Emergency Services will have access to all parts of the event site at all times
- trained First aiders will be present at all events
- First aid kit / equipment will be held on site.

1.4 Accidents and Emergencies:

- in case of an emergency, members of the public are instructed to contact the nearest official;
- all competitors will be made aware of emergency arrangements
- a mobile phone will be located with the secretary at each event
- all accidents should be reported to the secretary and will be recorded on an accident report form, which will be kept with the secretary, if there is a major injury then the appropriate medical services will be contacted without delay and all appropriate documentation completed i.e. insurance documents, RIDDOR form
- A permanent record of all accidents, reportable injuries, ill health and dangerous occurrences will be kept in the show folder on site at all events.

1.5 Competitors:-

- All member should make themselves away of the clubs rules and regulations and MUST wear protective headgear which conforms to current safety standards at all mounted events;
- a riding helmet with three-pint linkage harness property adjusted and fastened at all-time must be worn whilst mounted
- Level 3 body protectors must be worn for cross-country events, it is also recommended that they be worn for show jumping
- Children 17 years and under must wear a back protector for any form of jumping.
- Children under the age of 17 (junior members) must be accompanied by an adult on a 1:1 basis who is responsible for them throughout the event;
- riders may be asked by Committee members to leave mounted events if it is deemed their horse is a danger to other participants;
- the Safety Officer / Stewart shall set the limit to the number of riders permitted to enter the war-up area;
- Anyone leading a child on a pony/horse must be at least 14 years of age.
- No excessive use of whips or spurs will be tolerated. No spurs allowed in games.
- Riders participating in Riding Club activities do so at their own risk. It is essential that members of the Riding Club have their own insurance cover for themselves and their horses/ponies and all activities they participate in at the Riding Club.
- Please ensure you do have current appropriate insurance to cover you when undertaking/participating in any BBDRRC activities.

1.6 Horses:-

- Horses must be updated with vaccinations and accompanied by passport
- As much as possible horses are kept separate from pedestrians;
- Members of the public must keep clear of horse areas and avoid behaviour that might alarm or frighten horses
- Children should not be left solely in charge of horses/ponies or be allowed to handle any large or factious animal
- All kickers must wear a red ribbon
- Horses not to be left unattended tied to the side of a wagon or trailer
- Horses and ponies must be 4yrs and over with readily available passports
- Stallions must have written permission obtained in advance to compete in club events/training.

1.7 Layout:-

- Show ground will be laid out to provide easy access to all facilities, and where possible horses and the public will be kept apart
- the rings will be arranged so that the people do not have to walk through a ring to gain access to other parts of the show ground
- warm up area will be as far as possible kept separate from the public

1.8 Trade Stands:-

All trade stand personnel are responsible for ensuring that:

- everything reasonably practicable is done to ensure the health, safety and welfare of those attending the event;
- They conduct themselves so that they do not put themselves or anyone else at risk;
- They do not obstruct access to and from the site.

1.9 Additional Points:

- Smoking must take place at designated smoking areas / some venue may not allow smoking.
- All BBDRRC / Venue policies and procedures must be adhered to
- Anyone disregarding BBDRRC / Venue or any other venues policies and procedures will be asked to leave immediately and any entries will be forfeited.
- Dogs must be kept on a short visible lead at all times, please note that some venue may not allow dogs
- Adequate toilet facilities will be provided at every event.

This policy has been drawn up to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all those who attend a Bedlington Blyth & District Riding Club event or training session. This policy is not necessarily complete and other safety rules may apply depending on the event and location.

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