



Over & District Riding Club

Health and Safety Statement



General	The Committee of The Over & District Riding Club has overall responsibility for Health and Safety and has appointed a Health and Safety Advisor to ensure that club events are organised, as far as is reasonably practical, in accordance with appropriate health and Safety legislation.
Officials	All Stewards, Judges and Officials are briefed prior to events to ensure they maintain control of their areas and ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Access and egress at the event is safe and kept clear.- Everything reasonable 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.- The Organisers and Health & Safety Advisor will carry out risk assessments and impose controls as a result, that will form part of the briefing.
Spectators	All reasonable and practical steps will be taken to ensure the health, safety and welfare of those attending club events. Spectators, so far as is reasonably practical are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- required to keep within the designated pedestrian areas and to observe the instructions of the Stewards, Judges and members of the Organising Committee.- requested to take extra care when moving around in areas shared with horses.
Competitors	Competitors are required to conduct themselves and retain control of their horses so that they do not put themselves or anyone else at risk. Competitors moving between parking and competition areas must do so at a walk. Horses may only be exercised in designated warm-up and practice areas.
Contractors	Contractors are required to observe best working practices, complying with all Health & Safety legislation relevant to their business and take all reasonable and practical steps to safeguard the health and safety of their employees and any other person in the area they are working on when in the club field.
Trade Stands	Exhibitors are responsible for the safety of their own stands and the risks that they may pose to their employees and any other persons within the allocated space or immediate surrounding areas.
Emergency	A designated emergency access route will be established at all events, and kept clear at all times so that emergency vehicles can, if necessary, access all parts of the event site. A qualified First Aider will be present at all events. They will be located with the Secretary, or in a clearly marked area and will be contactable by mobile telephone throughout the event via any Steward, Judge or Official who will have their number and other relevant emergency numbers readily available in case they are required.
Horses and Dogs	Horses can be easily frightened and can also be dangerous. All persons attending an event are requested to avoid behaviour that could alarm horses. Dogs must be kept on a lead and under control at all times.
Vehicles	When entering the club field vehicles should proceed in a manner so as not to put others at risk by their acts or omissions. They must only use designated areas and must comply with any instructions given by the organising committee or their representatives

HORSE RIDING IS A RISK SPORT AND COMPETITORS PARTICIPATE ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK
IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE ORGANISERS THAT ALL COMPETITORS HAVE ADEQUATE INSURANCE COVER
CLUB RULES REQUIRE HARD HATS OF THE APPROVED STANDARD TO BE WORN WHEN MOUNTED
BODY PROTECTORS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR SHOW JUMPING AND ARE COMPULSORY FOR ALL CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS

Save for death or personal injury caused by negligence of the organiser or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organiser of the events to which these rules apply, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, vehicles, contents and accessories or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever. The organisers have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For those measures to be effective, everyone must in turn take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers and their officials and stewards.

IN ALL MATTERS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY THE DECISION OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE IS FINAL



