

CLUB RULES

1. All Officers, the Club Committee, Members and visitors to the Club fields and those taking part in Club activities have responsibility for the health and safety of themselves and that of others. Everyone concerned must conduct themselves in a manner that does not put themselves or anyone else at risk. Potential and actual health and safety hazards, risks and accidents should be reported without delay to a Club Officer or Steward. **Please obey Club Officers and Stewards – they are there to help ensure your health and safety.**
2. All vehicles must proceed no faster than **walking pace**.
3. **You must not leave horses unsupervised** – you must not tether a horse to a fence, gate or wall. Lunging is not permitted anywhere on the show field.
4. **Horses must be ridden or led at walk outside the rings** and designated practise areas and must not be allowed to enter the designated spectator areas.
5. **Only one groom per horse/pony is allowed in the designated horse area** and this is at the individual's own risk. Grooms should leave the horse area as soon as the relevant class has finished. Spectators, dogs, pushchairs and small children are strictly not permitted in this area. Riders and handlers must ensure that gateways and paths are not obstructed, Judges/Judges' Stewards reserve the right to not start a class, or will halt the class, if these rules are not adhered to.
6. **All junior competitors are aged 16 years and under on 01/01/2019.** The minimum age is three years old on or prior to the day of competition. All juniors must be accompanied by an adult who takes full responsibility for that child. Please make any children in your care aware of the key points of these health and safety rules.
7. **Juniors are not permitted to wear spurs** in classes: A1, A2, A3 & A6. Also, B1 & B2 on show days.
8. **All Junior competitors must wear body protectors** in all classes with one or more jumps and in the jumping warm up area .
9. **Hard hats.** It is compulsory for all competitors to wear a standardised hard hat with the chin strap securely fastened when mounted. In addition, Juniors must wear a hard hat for in-hand classes. Senior members are strongly advised to also do this.
10. **Competitors must wear suitable clothing** at all times whether in a ridden or an in-hand class, this includes appropriate footwear. Jewellery should be removed before competing. Judges have the discretion to penalise competitors incorrectly attired.
11. **Novice classes** are to be entered by combinations who have not won first in that class at that level or higher prior to the current season. Only snaffles are permitted to be used in Novice classes. (with the exception of the Working Hunter class.)
12. **Horse and ponies must be aged four years** or over to compete in ridden events.
13. For health & safety reasons, in ALL classes, the fall of an animal or rider shall result in immediate elimination and the rider must not remount but must leave the ring immediately on foot. All falls must be reported to the cabin and an accident report form completed.
14. **No stallions or colts** are allowed on the show field.
15. The club fields are bounded by dry-stone walls and falling stones can cause serious injury. **Please do not lean against the walls and never climb the walls.** The ERC fields, and all surrounding fields, are used for grazing: do not drop litter or muck-out on the fields. Barbecues are not allowed for fire safety reasons.
16. **Dogs must be kept on a lead**, supervised and not cause a nuisance.
17. Any formal complaints must be made on the day of an event and should be put in writing along with £10 deposit. Should the objection be upheld the club will return the payment.

FURTHER RULES AND EVENT INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

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