

EBRC

EVENT & HEALTH & SAFETY RULES

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, risk 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.

1. All vehicles must proceed no faster than walking pace.
2. You must not leave horses unsupervised – you must not tether a horse to a fence, gate or wall.
3. Horses and ponies must be aged four years or over to compete in ridden events.
4. Lunging is not permitted anywhere on the show field.
5. Dogs must be kept on a lead, supervised and not cause a nuisance.
6. No stallions or colts are allowed on the show field.
7. Horses must be ridden or led at walk outside the rings and designated practice areas and must not be allowed to enter the designated spectator areas.
8. All junior competitors are aged 16 years or under on 01/01/2023, The **minimum age is three** years old on 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.
9. All competitors are required to hold public liability insurance cover. The Club does not accept liability for accidents to riders, handlers, owners, grooms, spectators or any other person or for loss or damage to any animal, vehicles or property at any event organised or supported by the Club. It shall be considered a condition of entry that each entrant agrees to indemnify the Club against any legal action arising therefrom. Nothing in the foregoing shall affect statutory rights.
10. In line with our insurance, spectators, dogs, pushchairs, and small children are strictly not permitted in the horse waiting area and entrance to rings. Riders and handlers must ensure that this area is not obstructed and all walk ways and gates are kept clear. Grooms are allowed in the horse area but do so at their own risk and it is requested only one groom per competitors enters this area. Should these areas become congested, horses, riders and grooms may be asked to vacate the area.
11. All **Junior** competitors must wear body protectors in all classes jumps and also in the jumping warm up area.
12. It is compulsory for **all competitors to wear a standardised hard hat** with the harness securely fastened when mounted. In addition, Juniors must wear a hard hat for all in-hand classes. Senior members are strongly advised to also do this. The Eventers Challenge is run under Sunshine Tour Rules and competitors must wear hats without fixed peaks suitable for Cross Country. The One Day Event is run under EBRC rules and as fences are not fixed, hats with peaks are permitted.

13. 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.
14. All horses and ponies on the club field or at any external venue are required to have been vaccinated against equine influenzas within 12 months of attending an event. Horses and ponies must also be passported in line with current regulations.
15. 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. The club officers have the right to refuse entry if the class is not being entered in the spirit of the club and the combination is not progressing to the next level. Only snaffles are permitted to be used in Novice classes (with the exception of the Working Hunter class.)
16. All competitors are required to enter events in the spirit of the club, which promotes progression and development of each horse and rider combination. Where combinations are not progressing, the committee reserves the right to request the competitor to enter non competitively or to refuse the entry at that specific level. Where a competitor chooses not to progress, they are able to personally request that the entry is non-competitive.
17. The fall of an animal or a 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.