

General Club Rules

A RULE BOOK WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL MEMBERS

1. **Membership** is available in the following groups:

(Age as on the 1st January)

Lead Rein	3yrs-8yrs
Junior Members	6yrs-16yrs
Senior Members	17yrs & over
Social Member	(Non Riding)

MEMBERS

2. Always wear your club number, when competing, and make sure it can be seen by the officials.
3. At any event whilst mounted, dress & tack code must be adhered to. Riders shoulders and upper arms must be covered.
4. **Hard Hats.** At all Equestrian activities **everyone whenever mounted whether a competitor or not** must wear protective headgear, which includes a permanently fitted non-detachable retaining harness secured to the shell at more than two points. **ONLY BSEN 1384, PAS015 or higher such as SEI/ASTM will be acceptable.** Such headgear must be worn with the harness properly adjusted and fastened. Anyone failing to comply with this rule will be required to leave the field.
5. Jewellery must not be worn.
6. Members will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting an Affiliated Riding Club.
7. Anyone found acting or riding irresponsibly without due regard to others, outside the arenas, will be asked to leave the venue.
8. Galloping is not permitted outside the arenas.
9. Cruelty of any kind will not be tolerated.
10. ANY FALL OF RIDER. It is recommended that the rider should be seen by a First Aider before continuing.

HORSES/PONIES

11. No horse or pony under the age of 4 years may be ridden in any event.
12. It is advised that members have their horse/pony vaccinated against tetanus and 'flu.
13. If any horse/pony height is in dispute the Committee reserve the right to ask the owner concerned to have the said animal measured by a vet appointed by the Committee

No Stallions allowed without prior permission

COMPETITION

14. Rider, horse/pony combination. The Committee reserve the right to exclude any combination considered unsuitable by either height or weight from competing in any class.
15. In all competitions the decision of the judge appointed will be final.
16. Objections must be in writing and accompanied by a £5 deposit within 30 minutes of the event. This deposit may be forfeited if the objection is overruled.
17. No entries will be accepted after the stated closing time on the schedule.
18. Certain areas of the College are out of bounds. Signs must be adhered to. Litter of any kind must not be dropped within the College grounds.
19. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.