

Health and Safety Policy

Our Health and Safety Policy is set out in accordance with the British Riding Club guidelines.

Responsibilities

The organiser has the overall responsibility for Health and Safety.

The event is organised in accordance with Health and Safety Legislation and all 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.

All persons at an event are responsible for conducting themselves so that they do not put themselves or anyone at risk and to cooperate with the organisers in complying with Health and Safety matters.

Communications

The secretary will have a mobile phone.

There will be adequate stewards at all events.

All stewards and judges will receive a briefing with regard to health and safety and emergency procedures before each event.

Medical cover

Emergency services will have access to all parts of the event site at all times.

First aid sites will be clearly identified.

The provision on site of first aid equipment, trained first aiders, qualified medical personnel will be appropriate to the site, type of event and foreseeable risk.

They will be in radio contact as necessary.

Accidents and Emergencies

The secretary will know where the first aid box is kept.

In the case of an emergency, members of the public are instructed to contact the nearest official.

All competitors will be made aware of emergency arrangements

All accidents should be reported to the secretary and will be recorded on an accident report form.

Any serious injury or death must be reported without delay to RIDDOR, the head of British Riding clubs at Stoneleigh, and subsequently to the Safety Executive Officer. A RIDDOR form must be completed. Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995.

Definition of major injury is in the RIDDOR booklet in the Health and Safety Folder. A permanent record of all accidents, reportable injuries will be kept by the Club's Health and Safety Officer.

Veterinary Cover

The organisers will be able to contact a vet at all events.

Competitors

British Riding Club Rules 2007 states that at all competitions:

“ A hard hat with a three-point linkage harness properly adjusted and fastened at all times must be worn whilst mounted. The hat should be marked EN1384, PAS105, ASTM F1163, SNELL E2001, SNZ 3838 1998 or prefixed ASTM or SEI. It should also carry the Kite mark or SEI.

Where a hat is of the skull cap type, this must be worn with a silk, which may be coloured for cross country competitions.”

“ Fixed peaks are not allowed on hats when competing cross country

“ Medical armbands are compulsory when competing cross-country. Those issued by BE and BRC are acceptable.”

“ Level 3 body protectors must be worn for cross-country. It is recommended that they be worn for show jumping.”

Horses

As far as possible horses are kept separate from pedestrians, by fencing off rings and warm up areas.

Members of the public must keep clear of horse areas and avoid behaviour that might alarm or frighten horses.

No bike riding is allowed at events by responsible persons with express permission.

Loud music is not allowed

Dogs to be kept on short visible leads at all times. The dangerous dogs act now covers private land (Nov 2014)

Horses are not allowed in non designated areas i.e. trade stand area/ spectator car park.

Children should not be left solely in charge of horses/ponies or be allowed to handle any large or fractious animal.