



# PENISTONE & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

## Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

PDRC are committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

We take the safety of children and young people very seriously. They are the future of our industry, and we all have a duty of care to safeguard their welfare. After all, they should be able to enjoy sport and recreational activities like horse riding in a fun, safe environment and be protected from harm.

PDRC have adopted the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) Safeguarding and Child Protection policy. We have appointed a Club Welfare Officer who has received appropriate safeguarding and child protection training and who holds a DBS check through the British Horse Society. This will allow anyone to report concerns they may have about poor practice or possible abuse.

PDRC have developed Codes of Conduct for instructors, members, parents and spectators. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with these policies which can be downloaded from this site.

PDRC also follow BEF guidelines relating to the use of photographic and video equipment at events and all other BRC safeguarding policies and good practice which can be downloaded from this link:

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/our-charity/working-with-the-law/safeguarding-children>

If you have any concerns about the safety and wellbeing of anyone attending a PDRC event please contact a member of the committee or your club welfare officer, Sophie Crofts.





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## Responsibilities of an instructor/trainer – Code of Conduct

An Instructor/Trainer should:

- Follow guidelines issued by governing bodies, abide by their rules, and never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances.
- Support and promote their sport and its governing body.
- Consistently maintain high standards of conduct and appearance.
- Act with due respect to the reputation of the Member Body.
- Hold recognised up to date nationally recognised governing body teaching qualifications and insurance cover or other agreed member body accreditation.
- Maintain their own development/standards by attending relevant training courses.
- Show respect for other individuals' human rights.
- Develop appropriate working relationships with pupils – especially children, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Ensure that the demands made on young riders are appropriate for their physical maturity and level of experience.
- Place safety and wellbeing of pupils and horses over and above competition performance.
- Cooperate with other specialists (officials, vets, other coaches, etc) if appropriate.
- Treat everyone with the same degree of courtesy and respect regardless of age, sex, ethnic origin, religion, political persuasion, sexual orientation or physical disability.

The responsibilities of an Instructor/Trainer include the above but are not solely restricted to this list.

Name (please print).....

BEF Member Body e.g. The Pony Club

**BRC Penistone and District Riding Club**

Signature:.....

Date.....





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## Code of Conduct for Participants at equestrian Events

Taking part in sport is fun and I want to improve my skills and feel good. I am aware that I am an ambassador for my family and my sport and I take full responsibility for my actions. I have read this contract (with my parent/carer if appropriate), understand the guidelines set out below and agree to comply with the following contract.

### I agree that I will not:

- Possess or consume alcohol, illegal and / or performance enhancing drugs.
- Smoke.
- Engage in sexual activity.
- Use foul or abusive language.
- Be involved in discrimination of any kind.
- Leave the Event unless accompanied by a member of staff or parent/guardian.
- Act with violence towards any other person or animal.
- Bullying including cyber bullying

You are subject to the rules of the sport. You can be cautioned, reported or sent away from the event if this Code of Conduct is breached.

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## Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and ride within them.
- Discourage unfair competition and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in equestrian events.
- Set a good example by recognising fair competition and applauding good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

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## Code of Conduct for Spectators

All horse events welcome spectators – your enthusiasm and support encourages all participants. Your actions influence the mood of the riders and the competition.

Therefore:

- Please do not abuse officials, however much you disagree with their decision.
- Encourage all riders and applaud their efforts.
- Do not ridicule opponents for their mistakes or criticise their horses.
- Do not applaud or encourage unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- Do not use foul, racist or abusive language to riders, officials or other spectators.
- Do not ever use physical violence or threaten anyone.
- You must not enter the riding area or arena during a competition unless asked to do so by the Organiser or Chief Steward.
- Remember, when you are supporting your rider, or team, you are representing your Association, Riding Club, Pony Club branch or your discipline.

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