

Code of conduct for participants/members at equestrian events

British Equestrian aims to promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty to create strength of character and self-discipline. British Equestrian is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. We believe that it is important that members, coaches, parents/carers and all associated staff should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to share any concerns or complaints that they have with the safeguarding team (safeguarding@bef.co.uk).

As a member of this organisation you are expected to abide by the code of conduct below:

Participants and members should:

- Show respect for their ponies and horses, instructors, officials, competition organisers and stewards and their fellow members.
- Abide by the rules of the competition and accept the decisions of the event stewards and organisers.
- Query a decision they do not understand in a polite manner and listen to the explanation.
- Support the other members of their team and also the other members of the organisation.
- Report any inappropriate behaviour.

They should not:

- Possess or consume alcohol or illegal and performance-enhancing drugs.
- Smoke.
- Engage in sexual activity with under 18s.
- Use foul language.
- Tolerate or be involved in discrimination of any kind.
- Leave an organised event unless accompanied by their parent or guardian or by a Branch/Centre official.
- Criticise officials, instructors, volunteers or members on social networking sites or by the use of text messaging.

Participants and Members have the right to:

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Participant/member contract

I am aware that I am an ambassador for my family and my sport and I take full responsibility for my actions when taking part in activities. By signing below I am confirming that I have read and fully understand this document.

I confirm that I agree to and will abide by this code of conduct.

Name (please print).....

Signature.....

Member body branch/centre.....

Date.....