

Code of Conduct and Equine Care

The South Lincolnshire Riding Club support adherence to the humane treatment of all equines in all activities and competitions under its direct or indirect control.

The South Lincolnshire Riding Club is committed to:-

1. Regarding the welfare of all equines as a prime consideration at all times.
2. Ensuring that all equines are treated with kindness, compassion and respect and never subjected to mistreatment of any description.
3. Requiring owners, trainers and exhibitors to use responsible care in handling, treatment and transportation of their animals, including any equine placed in their care for any purpose.
4. Encouraging the continuous well being of all equines through consultation with professionals and officials to aim for the highest standards of health, nutrition and safety.
5. Revising, reviewing and developing activities and competition rules and regulations that protect the welfare of all equines.

The South Lincolnshire Riding Club reserves the right to take necessary action and report any member, trainer, exhibitor or owner who is responsible for any kind of inhumane or abusive treatment to any kind of equine, to the relevant authority.

Member Safety

- Members of South Lincs Riding Club will abide by the rules and regulations of the host show or event.
- Riding hats are to be worn at all times to the correct regulation standard with chinstrap fastened when mounted. Body Protectors are recommended to be worn for jumping activities, but are compulsory for Cross Country events. Skull caps must be worn with a silk.
- On any occasion where judges accept an alternative to the standard tack and clothing in accordance with the BHS and Pony Club guidelines, then a disclaimer is to be signed and in the case of a junior member, a disclaimer signed by the parent or guardian.
- Members must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the show organisers, officials and stewards.
- Stallions must not be shown or handled by persons under the age of 14 years.

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Objectives

- To increase the opportunities for local people who are interested in all aspects of equestrianism.
- To encourage a growth in responsible riding and horse/pony care.
- To help to develop and improve all aspects of equine care.
- To encourage participation in competitive events as well as opportunities to mix socially with like-minded people.
- To offer a programme for members designed to help them continue to:-
 - Improve horsemanship skills;
 - Increase their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of all things equine
- To generate an atmosphere of goodwill through development of friendly competition and successful individual progress
- To help ensure that all equines are treated with respect and that their welfare is paramount