



# HODGEMOOR RIDING ASSOCIATION

## HEALTH and SAFETY

### POLICY STATEMENT



#### **General:**

The Organiser, *Hodgemoor Riding Association*, has overall responsibility for Health and Safety.

Any events are organised in accordance with Health and Safety Legislation and all who have, to any extent, control of the premises on which the event is held, are responsible for ensuring that:

- Everything reasonably practicable is done to ensure the health, safety and welfare of those attending the event
- People conduct themselves so that they do not put themselves or anyone else at risk but it is incumbent on each person at the event to exercise their own responsibility for safety and take due care of themselves and others around
- The access to and egress from the site is safe and unobstructed

#### **Officials:**

Stewards and Officials are briefed to conduct themselves so that they minimise the risk to themselves or anyone else, and to do their best to maintain control of the area around their location.

#### **Spectators:**

All reasonable and practical steps have been taken to ensure the health, safety and welfare of those attending this event.

#### **Competitors:**

Competitors are required to conduct themselves, and retain control of their horses, so that they do not put themselves or anyone else at risk.

#### **Contractors:**

Contractors at this event are required to observe best working practices, complying with all health and safety legislation relevant to their business, and take all reasonable and practical steps to safeguard the health and safety of their employees and any other person attending the event.

#### **Horses:**

Horses can easily be frightened and can be dangerous. Members of the public are requested to keep clear from horse area and to avoid behaviour that might alarm horses.

#### **Dogs:**

Dogs (if they are allowed on site) should be kept under close control and on a short lead at all times.

#### **Emergencies:**

Emergency services must have access to all parts of the event site at all times and the designated emergency access routes must not be obstructed. Medical support can be contacted through any Official or by dialling 999.

#### **Covid 19:**

Please refer to specific Covid 19 Risk Assessment, amended as and when appropriate.

# **Horses can be dangerous**

**Spectators are requested to avoid warm up areas and to avoid behaviour that might alarm horses.**

The Hodgemoor Riding Association does its best to reduce risks but takes no responsibility for accidents, injury, theft and other incidents at this event. Spectators and competitors share the responsibility to keep everyone safe.