

# VOARC Terms and Conditions for attending clinics and competitions.

## General

- All entrants **are advised** to hold third party public liability insurance. – Riding Club members are covered by riding club insurance at Riding Club events.
- Online entry via My Riding Life is the preferred entry method for VOARC events and will take precedence as only full payment secures your entry.
- Times will not be issued unless entries are fully paid for.
- To qualify for the lower “members rate”, entrants must be a current member of the Vale of Arrow Riding Club.
- Everyone attending the event is responsible for ensuring the safety of themselves and others.
- The VOARC, or the training venue, cannot provide supervision for attendees under the age of 18, either competing or spectating. It is expected that all attendees will be respectful and act appropriately during the event, in line with the BRC Code of Conduct.
- Any attendee below the age of 16 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult who remains at the venue for the duration of the event.
- For attendees aged 16-17, or an adult at risk, it is at the discretion of their parent or guardian as to whether they are continually supervised or not.
- The VOARC reserves the right to ask any attendee, spectator or entrant to leave the venue if it is felt their or their horse's behaviour is impacting on other people's safety or enjoyment.
- Please leave the parking area as you found it – do not muck out your trailer or lorry in the parking area; take dung home with you.
- Well behaved dogs on leads are permitted by the club, but this is subject to the venue rules, it is your responsibility to check if dogs are allowed before bringing your dog to a VOARC event.
- Photographs and video may be taken on the day and used by VOARC for publicity and promotional purposes. By entering and making payment, you consent and agree to all images taken at the event to be used in such a way. If you do not wish to be photographed or filmed, please inform the organiser or committee member.
- Prices can vary according to instructor and venue costs.
- The British Riding Club CODE OF CONDUCT is applicable to all VOARC events – copies are available on request.

## Riders

- Hats to the current standard must always be worn and correctly secured when mounted. Please check your hat meets current standards which can be found at <http://www.bhs.org.uk/headwear>
- Body protectors are strongly recommended and should comply with current standards – also found on the BHS website at <http://www.bhs.org.uk/body-protectors>
- All riders must wear suitable riding footwear. Wellington boots and trainers are not allowed when riding anywhere at the venue.
- The only exceptions to the above are riders with recognised BRC armbands. If this is the case, please make sure you inform the organisers of the event prior to the event starting.

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## **Horses**

- All horses must be no younger than four years of age and be of an appropriate fitness level and physical condition for the activity being undertaken – hooves and shoes must be in good condition.
- Tack must be suitable, in safe condition and fit correctly.
- Any stallions being entered must be notified to the organiser at the time of booking. No person may bring a stallion without taking full precautions that other riders, horses and members of the public are not at risk at all times. Stallions should be identifiable by the appropriate bridle tag and tail ribbon. Any stallions, or indeed any horse, deemed to be unsafe by the organiser may be asked to leave the site.
- All horses must be up to date with annual equine influenza vaccinations and must be 6 days clear from their most recent booster vaccination. Further vaccination guidance can be found using the BRC Flu Vac Checker, downloadable from the BRC. Spot checks may be made at the event.
- It is a legal requirement to have your horses' passport when travelling to events.
- Horses should not be left unattended when tied to horseboxes, in the parking area or elsewhere at the venue.

## **Cancellation Policy**

- If the event is cancelled by the VOARC, entry fees will be fully refunded, excluding the My Riding Life administration charge, if charged
- In the event of insufficient numbers entering, the VOARC reserves the right to cancel any event and communicate this to all that had entered.
- If an entrant wishes to cancel their entry, they must contact the organiser of the event and receive acknowledgement from them for the cancellation to be completed.
- Cancellations made up to seven days prior to the event will be refunded, less the administration fee, if charged.
- Clinic cancellations made by the entrant within seven days of the event will only be credited, less the administration fee, if the place can be filled by an alternative rider.
- Competition cancellations, made by the entrant within seven days of the event, will be credited towards the next event, less the administration charge.
- Inside 48 hours before an event, no refunds or credits are issued.
- Strictly no refunds or credits are issued to anyone who has booked, does not attend and does not inform the organiser of their non-attendance.
- Confirmation from the organiser is required as proof of contact for all of the above.