

**Imagine Believe Achieve**  
Cardiff & Vale Riding Club  
Est 2015



## **Club Information and Rules**

Respect must be shown at all times to all members of the committee, other members of the club and the instructors.

Cardiff & Vale Riding Club is a not for profit organisation which is a fully affiliated member of the British Riding Clubs.

1. We run under British Riding Club rules
2. Our membership year runs from October to September. We ask that membership renewals to be paid annually by 30th September in order for us to process the paperwork with British Riding Clubs (BRC).
3. Any member who has not paid their membership will be ineligible for any mounted club activities, this is important for insurance purposes.
4. Hard hats to be worn at all times and to comply with current BRC regulations.
5. All horses tack must be correctly fitting and in good repair and condition. The committee and instructors reserve the right to refuse the use of certain equipment at club nights, clinics and events or to exclude riders wearing or using incorrectly fitting, poorly maintained or inappropriate tack, clothing or equipment.
6. It is highly recommended that body protectors are worn by all riders at all times. Body Protectors must be Level 3 Purple label, recommended 2009. All children under the age of 10 years should wear them when mounted.

Body protectors to the current standard are compulsory for all riders participating in club Cross Country events, lessons, camps or clinics, indoor or outdoor, where the obstacles are fixed or rigid. Riders and horses not found to be wearing suitable safety equipment will be prohibited from participating. It is the members (or guardians) responsibility to ensure that correctly fitting safety equipment is worn. Information on safety equipment and body protectors can be found at <http://www.beta-uk.org/pages/safety-equipment/body-protectors.php>

7. Riders and/or horses must be over 4 years old.

8. All children under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
9. Lessons are for the enjoyment and progression of club members. When you book into a lesson or clinic you make a commitment to pay, even if you do not attend. All payments for clinics need to be in advance, at the time of booking. If you need to cancel a lesson or clinic it would be up to you to fill your space or pay the clinic/lesson fee.
10. Debts must be paid promptly.
11. We reserve the right to cancel an individual's membership for misconduct and the Chairperson's decision is final.
12. Any hazard or potential hazard must be reported to the instructor or a committee member.
13. Please arrive in good time for your lesson.
14. Please keep the noise in the viewing gallery to a minimum. No shouting into the lesson while the lesson is in progress.
15. Respect must be shown to all instructors at all times, the instructor's word in the lessons is final. Anyone disrespecting the instructor would be considered as misconduct.
16. Do not open the doors to the schools without the instructor's permission. If you are late for a lesson you must not enter the school without prior permission from the instructor.
17. Riders' horses must be in walk at any time the doors to the school are open.
18. Riders working at a slower pace, or in walk must ride on an inner track.
19. Riders pass left hand to left hand when passing in the school.
20. No trotting or cantering in Car Parks.
21. We ask that Horses that have been in an area with an ill horse or horses that are known to be suffering from any illness are not brought to any club events. Horses should not be allowed to touch nose to nose in order to reduce the risk of spreading disease.
22. All droppings are to be collected in the school and car parks. Members are expected to have their own poop scoops, otherwise scoops are available in the schools. Any member found to be leaving droppings will be approached by a member of the committee
23. No complaints will be dealt with verbally. All complaints are to be made in writing to the committee, and addressed to Rebecca Hunt (club secretary) to the e-mail address [info@cardiffandvaleridingclub.com](mailto:info@cardiffandvaleridingclub.com)
24. Cardiff & Vale Riding Club will publish members and competitors names on our website, facebook, other media and on relevant documentation, which may disclose dates and times of booked lessons, clinics and competitions. Photographs of events, lessons, clinics and camps will also be shared with other members, on social media, by e-mail and in various

ways. Cardiff & Vale Riding club will share members information with BRC head office, and our sponsors. By entering competitions, booking into lessons, or participating in any club event you consent to this disclosure of such data.

25. All Club Members should ensure that they are familiar with the rules and by becoming a member agree to abide by these rules, and must complete and return a membership form together with the membership fee.

### Booking In Rules

Dates and lesson plans will be released for the following 1 or 2 month period. We will post on the website and facebook the dates of the lessons.

It may happen that Kerry will not be able to grant all of a Member's specific requests, if so, she will offer them an alternative time.

If the member cancels within a week of the lesson they will be charged unless they can find a replacement.

### Cancellations

If a member needs to cancel their slot, it will be easier to make it the member's responsibility to find a replacement. So please use our Cardiff & Vale Riding Club facebook page, text or phone other members when you have to cancel to find a replacement. You must then message Kerry to let her know which member has taken your space. Please note if no one turns up for a lesson, Club will have to charge the person who booked the original space or the replacement member if notified to Kerry. We pride ourselves on being a friendly and fair Club, so if you agree to take someones space and then cannot make it, please Message Kerry to inform us to charge you and not the original member who booked.

Many thanks for your co-operation and happy riding!

## **Reminder to Everyone Using Facilities at Alps Court**

You must respect the facilities.

All horse droppings are to be cleared up and taken away, both in the schools and car park areas.

Park all vehicles with consideration to others.

All rubbish to be put in bins or taken home.

Children must be supervised at all times by an adult.

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

No shouting in the viewing gallery.

Any hazard or potential hazard must be reported to the committee or an instructor, the health and safety of yourself and others is paramount

### **Riding Club Competition Rules and conditions of entry**

**The general Club Rules above apply.**

Depending on the event entries may be taken on the day or in advance. See the event schedule form for details of entry.

No refunds to be given.

The organisers do not accept any responsibility for any accidents that may occur to riders horses, ponies, spectators helpers or their property whilst at any Riding Club event

Hard hats to be the current BS standard must be worn at all times whilst mounted and correct riding attire.

No horse or pony under 4 years of age may compete in any event

Respect must be shown at all times to other competitors and spectators. Outside of show ring and practice area walking on horses only permitted.

The organisers reserve the right to cancel, amend or alter classes if deemed necessary.

The decision of the judges is final

On receipt of entry fee all the above rules are understood to have been accepted and complied with.