

## Code of Conduct for Spectators



All horse events welcome spectators – your enthusiasm and support encourages all participants. Your actions influence the mood of the riders and the competition.

Therefore:

- Please do not abuse officials, however much you disagree with their decision.
- Encourage all riders and applaud their efforts.
- Do not ridicule opponents for their mistakes or criticise their horses.
- Do not applaud or encourage unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- Do not use foul, racist or abusive language to riders, officials or other spectators.
- Do not ever use physical violence or threaten anyone.
- You must not enter the riding area or arena during a competition unless asked to do so by the Organiser or Chief Steward.
- If you are aware of any reason why you may not mix with adults at risk, children or young people, e.g. by reason of past offences or having signed the sex offenders register, please do not attend any Pony Club event as this is likely to cause embarrassment and upset
- Remember, when you are supporting your rider, or team, you are representing your Association, Riding Club, Pony Club Branch or Centre and/or your discipline. You are subject to the rules of the sport. You can be cautioned, reported or sent away from the competition if this Code of Conduct is breached.
- **NB:** It is unacceptable, under possible assault, to photograph/ video an injured person.

## Displaying Code of Conduct for Spectators at Pony Club Events

It is recommended that the Code of Conduct for Spectators is displayed around the showground at all Pony Club events to ensure spectators are aware of what is expected of them whilst attending the event.

Suggestive wording for the display can be found below:

*“By attending this event, you agree to abide by the rules of The Pony Club and the Code of Conduct for Spectators. For further information, please ask at the Secretary’s tent.”*