

2.3 CODE OF CONDUCT For All Participants & Spectators

For all events Marshals and Stewards will be in charge.

Mounted Events - Marshals Will Be In Charge

Riding Marshals will ride in pairs - two front, two back and four positioned through the ride - all will follow directions of the senior marshal (*Right Hand Man*).

Foot marshals will be suitably positioned (*as required*) at gates and crossings and again all due respect should be given to their instructions. Marshals, both foot and riding, will be issued with radios.

First aid trained marshals will be present at all rides and they should be alerted to any associated medical incidents.

Discipline at Gates

A high degree of discipline and courtesy should be shown by all riders at gates and crossings. It may be possible and in some cases preferred, to pass through a gate or crossing and muster on the other side. Unless otherwise advised, it should be assumed that all gates should be shut and properly latched or tied as the case may be. (*Marshals will advise*).

Routes

The routes are pre-arranged between the Principals, farmers and police. **Therefore, all riders are requested to adhere to the agreed route back to Towerdykeside. If for any reason a rider has to leave the ride early a marshal must be notified.**

Basic Manners and Courtesy

Respect should be shown to all fellow riders, members of the public and farmers who support and allow us to cross their land year after year.

Dress Code for Riding

The Common Riding Committee would like to remind all equestrian supporters of the dress code, when following the Cornet.

To maintain our high standards and show due respect to the Principals and the occasion, only smart, suitable riding wear will be accepted, (*shirts, stocks or ties, jodphurs, riding jacket/coat/waistcoat - no sports tops or t-shirts* allowed). This also applies to anyone joining the ride at any point.

It should be noted that **protective headgear must be worn with appropriate dark, self-coloured silks.** (*No multi coloured silks*). **Head cams are not permitted to be worn on ceremonial rides.** Anyone not adhering to the dress code will be asked to remove the offending item or asked to leave the ride.

Timing

All riders should be aware that it is essential we maintain our present high standard of time keeping for the police who control and manage the time we spend on public roads and, not least, the public who enthusiastically await their Cornet's arrival. (*Again marshals will control*).

Emergency Procedure

In the event of any problem arising, be it damage to gates or fences, breakage of essential tack or injury to horse or rider, immediate contact should be made with either a riding or foot marshal so the necessary action may be taken (*i.e. first aid, veterinary help or help with spare tack*). It is the owner's responsibility for all costs incurred.

General

To maintain public respect (*especially at Backdamgate mustering point*) it should be noted that:-

- Riders **must not** mount the pavement for any reason at any time.
- Any rider using foul or abusive language or creating a public nuisance will be severely dealt with and will be asked to leave the ride.
- All riders should assist both riding and foot marshals to address any problems.

- Any rider who fails to keep up with the rear riding marshal may be requested to leave the ride.

Young Riders

It should be noted by all concerned that young, inexperienced riders should always be accompanied by a responsible, capable adult, who should make themselves known to the marshals in charge.

Lead Rein

In the interest of safety, riders shall **not** be permitted to participate in any part of a ride should they require assistance/guidance by lead rein.

Dispersal

After all rides, horses returning to the Common Haugh, Wilton, etc. should disperse **via** Slitrig Crescent, over bridge and **down** Howegate under police supervision.

Procedure for all Chases

The following procedure should be followed on arrival in Rosebank Road:

Acting Father's Chase

- all married Ex-Cornets move forward behind the Acting Father
- all Ex-Acting Fathers line up behind married Ex-Cornets
- all married supporters line up behind Ex-Acting Fathers.

Cornet's Chase

- all unmarried Ex-Cornets move forward behind the Cornet
- all unmarried supporters line up behind the Ex- Cornets.

At the end of the Chase, all Ex-Cornets and Ex-Acting Fathers continue up the road and muster beyond the crossroads. There will be no parking in this area. The remainder of the supporters should enter and wait in the wood as normal. The procession will line up behind the Big Four followed by Ex-Cornets, Ex-Acting Fathers and all other riders at the rear.

All riders must obey the Marshals instructions at all times.

Spectators & Followers on Foot- Marshals will be in charge

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Foot marshals will be suitably positioned (*as required*) *a long routes*, at gates and crossings, as well as at picnic stops, and again all due respect should be given to their instructions. Marshals, both foot and riding, will be issued with radios.

First aid trained marshals will be present at all events and they should be alerted to any associated medical incidents.

Walkers

To meet the requirements of farmers, it is essential that walkers follow the exact same route as riders (*in some instances farmers move stock to let us through*). Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

Parking

Please do not park in area signposted no parking areas, park responsibly and do not block roads and gateways as access must be maintained in case of emergency.

When parking at picnic stops please adhere to the marshal/stewards requests.

All drivers must obey the Marshals instructions.

Litter

All litter including food should be taken home or deposited in bins or bags that may be provided. No food should be left where animals might pick it up and eat it. **(You brought it so please take it away again)**

General

To maintain public respect and safety it should be noted that:-

- Any participant/spectator using foul or abusive language or creating a public nuisance will be severely dealt with and will be asked to leave.
- All should assist both riding and foot marshals to address any problems.

For All Ceremonial Functions.

- The best of order is expected for ALL speakers and singers.
- The use of foul or abusive language is not permitted.
- Dress codes apply.

Failure to comply with any of these requests will result in you being spoken to by the committee, stewards or bar staff and you may be asked to leave.

Attendance at all licensed events is restricted to over 18's, 'Challenge 25 Rule' will be enforced.