



## **Frampton Family Riding Club Code of Conduct** **2019/2020 Club Year**

Frampton Family Riding Club (FFRC) is a busy club and we all want to ensure a positive and friendly atmosphere in which to develop ourselves and our horses.

FFRC is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members and as such believes that it is important that members, instructors, volunteers and parents associated with the riding club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of FFRC with any member of the committee.

**As a member of FFRC, you agree to abide by the following code of practice:**

- All members must ride within the rules and respect officials and their decisions
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Members should keep to agreed timings for lessons and competitions or inform their coach, instructor or organiser if they are going to be late
- Members must wear suitable safety equipment and clothing – Suitable footwear, BRC compliant riding hat with harness, body protector and ID armband for cross-country – for sessions, as agreed with the coach/instructor
- Members must pay any fees for sessions or competitions **in advance** unless otherwise agreed
- Members should not smoke while on horseback
- Members should not consume alcohol while competing for the club
- Members are not allowed to consume drugs of any kind while taking part in club activities

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 foul play
- 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 lesson or competition unless asked to do so by the Instructor or Organiser
- 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

The **club officers** are committed to undertaking the following and it is asked that when completing your hours, we ask you as a **volunteer** to do the same.

The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below:

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of members and volunteers before the development of performance

- Develop an appropriate working relationship with members and volunteers, based on mutual trust and respect
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play/responsibility for animals)
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by BRC and FFRC
- Hold appropriate valid qualifications and insurance cover
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibited substances
- Encourage participants to value their performances and not just results
- Encourage and guide participants to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour

**If you are a member and you need someone to talk to please contact the member of the committee you feel comfortable talking to in order to air your concerns.**

If you are a junior you may feel comfortable talking to your team managers:  
Amanda James or Sarah Turl

Thank you for being part of Frampton Family Riding Club and let's make sure we all have fun and enjoy our time with the club, however we take part.