



## **Hundleby Equestrian Centre – Rider Code of Conduct**

**At Hundleby Equestrian Centre, the safety and wellbeing of our riders, horses, staff and visitors is our highest priority. All riders and visitors are expected to follow this Code of Conduct at all times.**

### **1. Safety First**

- All riders must wear correctly fitted riding hats to current safety standards when mounted.
- Appropriate footwear (heeled boots) and suitable clothing must be worn at all times.
- Riders must follow all instructions given by instructors or staff without delay.
- No running, shouting or unsafe behaviour is permitted around horses or on the yard.
- Riders wishing to jump must wear a correctly fitted body protector.

### **2. Respect for Horses**

- Horses and ponies must be treated with kindness, patience and respect at all times.
- Rough handling, shouting at, or mistreatment of any horse will not be tolerated.
- Riders must only handle or ride horses they have been allocated unless given permission by staff.

### **3. Behaviour & Conduct**

- Riders and visitors must behave in a respectful and considerate manner towards staff, other riders and members of the public.
- Bullying, intimidation, or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- Mobile phones should not be used while mounted unless in an emergency.

### **4. Following Instructions**

- Riders must listen carefully and follow all guidance given during lessons and yard activities.
- If unsure about anything, riders should ask a member of staff for help.
- Riders must not enter restricted areas unless supervised or given permission.

### **5. Yard Rules**

- Only authorised persons are permitted in stables, feed rooms, and tack rooms.
- Gates must be kept closed and equipment returned after use.
- Dogs are not allowed on the yard at any time.
- No parents in barns at any times as well as unsupervised children.
- No smoking or vaping on the yard at any time.

## **6. Health & Welfare**

- Riders must inform staff of any medical conditions, additional needs, or injuries that may affect their ability to ride safely via their EC pro account.
- Riders should not attend if under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

## **7. Safeguarding**

- All riders and visitors must adhere to the centre's safeguarding expectations.
- Any concerns regarding the welfare of a child or adult at risk should be reported to a member of staff immediately.

## **8. Rider Responsibilities & Acknowledgement of Risk**

- I understand and agree to follow the centre's rules regarding the wearing of a body protector when jumping.
- I understand that Hundleby Equestrian Centre will make decisions based on the information I provide and agree to be honest and disclose all relevant information, including:
  - My riding ability and experience
  - Any previous riding accidents
  - Any medical condition(s) that may affect my ability to ride safely
- I understand that children can be at particular risk around horses and agree that any children under my supervision will be closely supervised at all times when not being instructed by the centre.
- I understand that appropriate clothing must be worn for all riding activities. This includes:
  - A top covering the shoulders (minimum T-shirt)
  - Suitable trousers (jeans are not recommended)
  - Boots with a heel (no trainers or boots with inside zips)
 Failure to wear appropriate clothing may result in refusal to join in with the lesson for safety reasons.
- I understand that riding hats can be hired from the centre for a small fee, but regular riders will be expected to purchase and use their own correctly fitted hat.
- I acknowledge that horse riding is a risk sport and that, even with all reasonable precautions taken, there is an inherent risk of injury, including the possibility of falling. I accept this risk.
- I agree that Hundleby Equestrian Centre will not be held liable for any injury, loss, or damage to property unless it is caused by negligence on the part of the centre or its staff.
- Where I am signing on behalf of a child or minor, I confirm that I have explained this Code of Conduct to them and accept the risks on their behalf.

## **9. Failure to Comply**

- Failure to follow this Code of Conduct may result in removal from activities, refusal of future bookings, or being asked to leave the premises.
- In serious cases, further action may be taken to ensure the safety of others.

## **10. Agreement**

By attending Hundleby Equestrian Centre, riders and visitors agree to abide by this Code of Conduct at all times.

*We hope you enjoy your riding experience with Hundleby Equestrian Centre.*

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