

Ballawhetstone Stables

Riders Code of Conduct

- I understand that riding at any standard has inherent risk and that all horses may react unpredictably on occasions.
- I may fall off and could be injured. I accept that risk.
- I understand that instructions are given for my safety and agree to follow instructions given to me by staff and instructors at the riding school.
- I understand that wearing an appropriate standard riding hat and body protector may reduce the severity of an injury should an accident happen and agree that I will always wear a riding hat whilst riding, leading and grooming horses at the riding school. I understand it is my choice whether or not I wear a body protector.
- I understand that the riding school will make decisions based on information I give them and agree to always be honest and volunteer information about:
 - my abilities and riding experience
 - any previous riding accidents
 - any medical condition(s) which may affect my ability to ride
- I understand that children are at particular risk around horses and agree that I will keep any children that I am responsible for, under close supervision when they are not being instructed by the riding school.
- I understand that the riding school may refuse my request to ride for safety and operational reasons.
- I understand that competing carries enhanced risk over and above general riding and agree that if I chose to participate in any competition or event, it is up to me to ensure that I have the experience and ability to ride the course including any jumps which form part of it. If I am in any doubt, I will use my judgement and experience and not enter.

Covid-19 Specific rules June 2020

- I confirm I will not attend Ballawhetstone Stables if myself or a member of my household are unwell
- I confirm I will follow all government guidance in relation to self-isolation should myself or a family member become ill.
- I confirm I have been social distancing in line with government guidelines.
- I confirm I will follow all instructions provided by Isle of Man Government in relation to hand washing, P.P.E and social distance whilst at the yard.
- I understand that if myself or a member of my household become ill, I can cancel my lesson up to 8pm the night before with no charge. Monies paid will be held as credit on your account for use at a future date.

Clothing Standards

Those visiting the stables for lessons or as chaperones are expected to be dressed appropriately at all times. Riders must wear suitable hard hats (to current BHS standards). By taking part in riding activities you understand that wearing an appropriate riding hat and body protector may reduce the severity of an injury should an accident happen and agree that I will always wear a riding hat whilst riding.

I understand that it is recommended to wear a hat when leading and grooming horses at the riding school. I understand it is my choice whether or not I wear a body protector. Under 14s must wear a hat on the main yard at all times.

Suitable footwear must be worn; footwear must have a smooth sole & defined heel. Shoes with buckles, platform or ribbed soles or high heels will not be permitted. It is advisable to wear gloves when riding and leading horses. Hard hat can be hired at a small charge. Regular clients are expected wear correct riding attire. Jewellery should not be worn when riding or handling horses or in situations when they can be caught and cause injuries.

WEATHER We expect to ride in most conditions and appropriate clothing should be worn.