



Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club
Code of Conduct - Riders

I understand that when I attend Orange Grove Horse and Pony Club (OGHPC) and when I am out representing OGHPC that I must:

- Look after my horse or pony at all times by making sure that:
 - I only ride it when it is healthy and sound
 - I always treat it kindly and with respect
 - I never use spurs, whips or the reins in anger
 - I wash and cool it down properly after heavy work
 - I provide enough food and fresh water and clean up any manure or hay
- Be a good sport. I will applaud all good efforts whether they are by my club or other competitors.
- Treat all riders, as I would like to be treated. I will not hinder, bully or take unfair advantage of another rider.
- Never argue with an official or instructor. If I disagree, I will ask my Captain, Coach or Manager to approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control my temper. I accept that verbal abuse of officials, sledging other riders, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for myself and/or my Club. My clubs performance will benefit and so will I.
- Cooperate with my coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be polite and use good manners at all times.
- Use pony club approved riding equipment including wearing an approved riding helmet and boots at all times when riding.
- Follow all rules and guidelines for OGHPC or of any events at which I am representing OGHPC.

Signed Rider _____ **Date** _____

Name _____

I agree to help my child to abide by the Orange Grove Horse & Pony Club Code of Conduct for Riders

Signed Parent / Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Name _____