

## **CODE OF GOOD CONDUCT**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Good manners make life easier for everyone, and in order to make the Training Grounds an ordered, safe and enjoyable place to work, trainers and their staff are advised to follow this Code of Good Conduct at all times.

#### **1. Staff**

- 1.1 All staff, and especially head lads and grooms, should be aware of and fully understand the rules for use of the Training Grounds and this Code of Good Conduct.
- 1.2 It is mandatory under the Rules of Racing for all riders to wear skull caps and for all riders, other than those on hacks, to wear back protectors.
- 1.3 Whilst mobile phones are an important tool in an emergency, no rider should use a mobile phone unless it is in relation to his/her job at the time.
- 1.4 Riders should remain quiet unless circumstances dictate otherwise.
- 1.5 No rider should smoke whilst on the Training Grounds.

#### **2. String Management**

- 2.1 Strings should be of a manageable size with an appropriate number of experienced staff in supervisory roles.
- 2.2 No string should pass another string from behind while on the horse walks.
- 2.3 One string should not cut in front of another string at any time and particularly one about to set off on a gallop or canter.
- 2.4 Lead riders should communicate the strings intentions clearly to other strings.
- 2.5 Strings should not set off too closely behind the preceding string to avoid catching up.
- 2.6 Use of the Training Grounds by lone horses should be avoided. If unavoidable, the Trainer must be aware of the route the rider is to take and raise the alarm if he or she does not return to the yard at the expected time.

#### **3. Road Crossings**

- 3.1 Riders should not assume that vehicles have seen them and will stop. Riders should wait until an approaching vehicle has come to a stop before walking onto the crossing.
- 3.2 As many riders as possible should thank waiting drivers, but as a minimum the first and last riders in the string.



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4 **Stalls**

- 4.1 If using any of the stalls provided, leave them unset and with gates open.
- 4.2 Report any breakages of the stalls to the Gallops Supervisor.

5 **Fences, Hurdles and other equipment**

- 5.1 If you damage fences, hurdles or any other equipment on the Training Grounds, please report it to the Gallops Supervisor so that it can be repaired as soon as possible.

**PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE AND BE COURTEOUS AT ALL TIMES**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**