

**SPORT  
ENDURANCE**

**COME ON, LET'S RIDE!**



**RULES AND POLICIES**

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## **Sport Endurance**

Sport Endurance has been designed to encourage riders to use their horses effectively, safely and enjoyably, while developing their trail and endurance riding skills.

By its nature the sport involves riding across some of the most beautiful areas in the British Isles, with the permission and goodwill of landowners and rural communities. Do nothing to upset that goodwill.

The rules and guidance contained in these pages reflect the competitive nature of the sport and the desire to protect horses, riders and the good name of both this Organisation and riders generally.

Follow the Country Code; guard against all risk of fire, fasten all gates, keep dogs on leads, keep to the marked route, enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.

All members of the genus *equus* are regarded as horses. This includes donkeys and mules.

In case of exceptional circumstances not dealt with by these rules, Sport Endurance officials must make their own decisions in a "sporting spirit" as close as possible to these rules.

Any person participating in any capacity in any of our events must know these rules, comply with them and accept the consequences that can result from them.

## **2. Contacts**

Please see Appendix Six for key contacts

### **General Enquiries, Administration and Accounts**

**Email:** [enquiries@sportendurance.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sportendurance.co.uk)

### **Sport Endurance Registered Office**

See Website [www.sportendurance.co.uk](http://www.sportendurance.co.uk)

### **3. Code of Conduct**

#### **Rider**

- ◆ Be polite at all times.
- ◆ Give consideration to other riders and the general public. For the safety of all concerned, when passing or overtaking, make a request to do so and do so at a walk or trot only.
- ◆ Adhere to instructions given by the organiser or any ride official.
- ◆ Be in control of your horse or take it out of the competition.
- ◆ Make sure crews are properly briefed on general rules as well as route.

#### **Horse**

- ◆ Should be prepared and educated to ensure a reasonable standard of behaviour and under control at all times.
- ◆ Particular care should be taken in vetting and farrier inspection areas, especially when crowded. Remember that stallions compete alongside mares and geldings.

#### **Crew**

- ◆ Do not obstruct roads, other riders, houses, gateways or the route.
- ◆ Do not obscure riders' vision of checkpoint locations.
- ◆ Do not race around the roads.
- ◆ Do not precede or follow your rider on the route.
- ◆ Do not leave any litter (this includes droppings from lorries and trailers).

### **4. Safety on Rides**

#### **Hats**

Riders must use properly secured hats or crash helmets to the normal currently recognised standards. Hats must be worn at all times when mounted.

#### **Footwear**

Riders must use footwear with a heel of at least half an inch, unless a stirrup cage is used.

#### **Dress**

Clothing must be appropriate for the sport and not detrimental to the image of the discipline; jodhpurs or riding tights, a polo or rugby type shirt with a collar, boots/chaps. In inclement weather, appropriate clothing may be added. The competitor's number must always be visible.

#### **Health**

Anyone who has a pre-existing medical condition is advised to notify, in confidence, the ride organiser.

#### **Survival/First Aid Kit**

A small survival/first aid kit is recommended and may be mandatory at some rides. Recommended contents are a triangular bandage, wound bandage, Vetwrap® or equivalent, space blanket, glucose tablets, whistle, twine, pocket knife and mobile phone.

## **Tack**

Horses must be ridden in a recognised form of bridle, with or without a bit. Draw reins and other kinds of special reins are not permitted. A saddle of any type must be used, which must fit the horse correctly. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that all tack is safe. The horse must be under control at all times.

## **Tail Ribbons**

Red ribbons are compulsory on an animal that kicks. Green ribbons should be worn by novice horses/riders or anyone to be approached with extra caution. Blue ribbons must be worn by stallions. Care and consideration must be exercised when riding with strange horses.

## **Artificial Aids**

Spurs are not allowed.

## **Shoeing**

Horses may be ridden unshod. Hoof boots and pads are allowed. If shod it must be done correctly and the shoes must be in suitable condition and adequate for the ride.

## **5. Membership and Ride Fees**

**Please see Appendix One for details of ride fees.**

By joining Sport Endurance you agree to abide by these rules.

As a Sport Endurance member you will receive information about the organisation and the events. Should your membership lapse this information may still be sent to you, unless the organisation decides not to, or you contact us to request not to receive it.

## **6. General Information**

### **The Course**

The course will be marked and must be ridden in the correct direction, in its entirety, by all **riders**.

### **Giving Assistance**

It is compulsory if safe to do so, that during all rides all riders are to assist anyone who is in difficulty on the ride. If additional help is required call the Ride Organiser using the number located on the wristband or the emergency services (112 releases your phones GPS location).

### **Highway and Crewing Code**

Riders must respect the Highway Code.

### **Emergency Treatment**

Any emergency veterinary attention given out on course should be notified to the Ride Organiser at the earliest available opportunity. It is the responsibility of the rider to settle any vet bill, Sport Endurance will not be liable for any vet costs.

## **Retiring on Course**

In case of retiring on course, the rider or checkpoint official must inform the Ride Organiser as soon as possible.

## **At the Venue**

All riders must check in with the ride secretary before the ride and provide any requested documentation.

## **7. Ride Entries**

An entry is compulsory for all kinds and categories of rides, and must be received by the stated closing date. Entries can only be made on the website or if the ride is not full, pleasure riders may, if acceptable to the ride organiser, complete the correct entry form and pay the full price in cash on the day to the ride secretary. Entry forms can be downloaded from the website at [www.sportendurance.co.uk](http://www.sportendurance.co.uk).

### **Cancelling an Entry**

If an entry is cancelled by the rider before the published cut-off date, , the entry fee will be either be credited to their account or refunded to the riders payment card depending on which method of payment was used for booking. Withdrawals made after this date will not be reimbursed

### **Membership**

Whilst it is not necessary to be a member to participate as a pleasure rider, you must register a free account , however you will miss out on the savings that are made by joining. Joining can be done via our website. (See Appendix One)

### **Finances**

All entries will be banked on receipt and credited to the Sport Endurance account.

### **Entry Fees**

Fees are determined by Sport Endurance and may vary and will be published in the program, the website and on flyers where they deviate from the standard. Forestry permits, venue expenses and other additional costs may alter the entry fee at certain rides. (See Appendix One)

### **Change of Horse or Rider**

Any change to horse or rider, but not both, must be reported to the Ride Organiser

Any change of rider must take the bib number of the original entry and the change of name should be noted on the secretaries sheet.

## **8. Riders**

### **Age of Riders**

Riders must be 4 years old to ride with us, this is to comply with insurance restrictions.

Under sevens must be on a lead rein, with an adult either walking or mounted. Juniors age 7-15 must be accompanied by an adult rider (over 18) on the route at all times. Details of the responsible adult **to be** included on the on-line booking

### **Documents necessary for horses**

The horse's passport should be carried with the horse to every venue. It should be available for the ride organiser to inspect.

## **9. Participating in Rides**

### **Daily Participation**

No horse may take part in more than one ride in a day.

### **Vaccination Control**

Tetanus vaccinations are recommended. Horses must have the required vaccinations against equine influenza as stated in the Terms & Conditions when booking. Checks may be made at any ride.

## **10. Policies**

### **Health and Safety**

The Organisation is committed, so far as is reasonably practicable, to provide a safe and healthy environment for the protection of all persons and domestic animals by means of safe plant and equipment and safe and healthy systems of work. Additionally, the Organisation is committed to the protection of its assets, growth and financial capability against hazards arising out of the Organisation's activities or the activities of outside agencies.

### **Finance**

The following policies will apply;

1. All rides will produce an account, which details all income and all expenditure.
2. All expenses will be paid by bank transfer wherever possible and have an accompanying receipt.
3. Ride accounts must be forwarded to the Admin Office no later than four weeks after the ride.

### **Complaints**

Any member who has a complaint against another member or the organisation may do so at any time. This complaint must be done in writing and follow the procedure detail in Appendix Five.

### **Disciplinary**

Any rider or member reported as contravening any rule or indeed ethic of Sport Endurance or bringing Sport Endurance or its officials into disrepute will be liable to investigation and disciplinary action will be taken if the complaint is upheld.

This is the responsibility of the Disciplinary Sub Committee (DSC). Refer to Appendix Three for the detailed procedure.

### **Appeals**

Any rider or member wishing to appeal against any disciplinary action may do so. Refer to Appendix Five for the detailed appeals procedure.

### **Rule Changes**

Any member may propose a rule change. Refer to Appendix Five for the detailed procedure.

### **Management teams**

All representatives of Sport Endurance management teams (at all levels) must be fully paid up members. Refer to Appendix Five for the current modus operandi

### **Privacy**

Our procedure with regard to the privacy of your personal information is detailed on the website <https://www.sportendurance.co.uk/Privacy-Policy.aspx>.

## **11. Insurance**

At present the Organisation has cover for events only.

### **The Cover** includes:

1. Public liability – providing cover against bodily injury or damage to third party property. The limit of liability, in respect of one claim or a series of claims arising out of one original cause, is £5,000,000. This extends to arrangements with the Forestry Commission and/or Ministry of Defence and landowners on or through which events are held.
2. Member to member liability – injury to members or their horses caused by other members of the Organisation whilst engaged on the Organisation's activities
3. All social and fund-raising activities of the Organisation.
4. Products liability – arising from products sold or supplied including food and drink. The limit of liability, in respect of one claim or a series of claims arising out of one original cause, is £5,000,000.
5. Employer's liability – in respect of bodily injury to persons employed, full or part time, or those paid in kind, happening during the course of their employment. Also included are those who receive no payment, and a member of their close family. There are no restrictions as to age. The limit of liability, in respect of one claim or a series of claims arising out of one original cause, is £10,000,000.

This excludes:

1. All riding, training and activities, which do not take place at an event organised by Sport Endurance.
2. Motor vehicles, which would be covered by the Assureds', own insurance.
3. The jumping of obstacles on route is not covered by our Insurance Policy

You may obtain a copy of the full insurance policy for members' public liability by contacting Central administration at the address in section 2.

## **Claims**

It is important that liability shall in no circumstances be admitted either verbally or in writing.

Any admission of liability or undue delay in notifying an accident may seriously prejudice subsequent action and may even invalidate the insurance.

**Membership fees**

Pleasure member	£25.00
Horse registration per horse	£5.00
Young Riding Member (16 to 18 years)	£20.00
Junior Riding Member (15 years or under)	£10.00
Non riding member (must pay Non Member riding fees if riding)	£10.00

**There will be no joining fee to register on the website as a non-member.**

**Horse registration is once and for life.**

**Membership carries limited liability.**

<b>Ride Costs</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-member</b>
Pleasure Rides	£23.00	£28.00
Junior Pleasure rides	£10.00	£12.00

All non-members will be covered by Sport Endurance insurance by registering their details on our website or completing an entry form on the day. By doing so they agree to abide by these rules.

NB Ride costs may vary with the approval of the management team to take account of some local variations see Ride Schedule for details. Discounts may be given from time to time e.g. for early on-line booking.

## 12.2 Annual Awards

## APPENDIX TWO

Annual awards will be presented for Pleasure members. The list of awards for each year will be published at the start of the year so that members can work towards them.

### **Trophies**

Please note that all class trophies & cups remain the property of SE at all times and the current holder is responsible for returning to the SE Awards Co-ordinators in readiness for the next annual Awards Presentation. Small keepsake trophies may be retained by the recipient.

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## APPENDIX THREE

### **Complaints Process**

Any member who has in their opinion a complaint to make about any other member on an event must first of all report this to the Organiser (RO) for the ride who will make an initial investigation. The RO has full responsibility to investigate the complaint by meeting with all parties and collecting evidence. The RO will then decide on the appropriate course of action and inform all parties.

Complaints unrelated to specific events or against members of the Management team must be made in writing to the [enquiries@sportendurance.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sportendurance.co.uk). The complainant must do so in writing within 7 days of the incident. The matter will then be referred to the DSC for investigation and recommendations.

Should they not agree with the recommendation they may appeal using the decision as detailed below.

### **Disciplinary Process**

A Disciplinary Sub Committee (DSC) is made up of two Management team members and a riding member.

This process will consist of meeting with all parties to establish the facts and collect the evidence behind the allegations. This will involve interviewing all parties. The DSC will then review the evidence to establish what, if any, disciplinary action will be taken. The DSC will then report both its findings and recommended action to the member, copied to the full management team. The member then has seven days to appeal before the actions are implemented. The member may then make an appeal directly to the full management team for their adjudication.

If any member of the DSC is being investigated or if a member of the DSC has any connection or previous involvement with any of the parties concerned, it should be declared and a new member would be appointed for this incident.

### **Appeals Process**

Appeal against any disciplinary actions can be made. The appeal must be made in writing. The DSC is the first point of call for all appeals. However, appeals against recommendations already made by the DSC will be referred immediately to the main management team. Investigations will be made as per the disciplinary process. The recommendations and decisions made by the DSC or management team at this stage will be final.

## **Rule Review Process**

The member must forward written details of the proposed rule change to [enquiries@sportendurance.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sportendurance.co.uk)

## **Management team**

The main management team consists of the ride organisers collectively, plus anyone in a major support role. Where necessary smaller steering groups will be formed with the agreement of the main team, to focus on particular areas.

Any proposals for rule and procedure changes will be considered and voted upon by the management team once written proposals have been submitted. These proposals will be emailed to the team and will clearly state the rationale, benefits, any costs and implementation effort. If the proposal means a rule change, then the new wording of the rule must be included.

Any member may apply to run a ride and will then automatically become a member of the management team.

New support team members will be trained and mentored by existing management team members until they can take on the role independently. If they wish to stand down, it is incumbent on them to find and train their replacement before doing so.

## **Privacy Statement**

See <https://www.sportendurance.co.uk/Privacy-Policy.aspx>

## **Legal**

The website operates under English Law.

### **Registered Office:**

**Visit our website at [www.sportendurance.co.uk](http://www.sportendurance.co.uk)**

We appreciate your interest in Sport Endurance and we would like your support. Anyone who would like to know more should contact the following:

**GENERAL ENQUIRIES/SUPPORT**  
**enquiries@sportendurance.co.uk**

**Main Contacts & Club Officials**

Please see <https://www.sportendurance.co.uk/Contact.aspx>

Registered office:  
<https://www.sportendurance.co.uk/Contact.aspx>