



SUSSEX PEGGERS RIDING CLUB

at Ditchling Common Stud Riding School

Club Rules

1. General principle

The aim of Sussex Peggars Riding Club is to develop and promote the sport of Skill-at-Arms, locally, nationally and internationally. All members are expected to behave to the highest standards at all times and not to do anything which will bring the club or the sport of SAA into disrepute.

2. Animal welfare

The club places the highest import on the welfare of horses and, in the event of any finding being made of neglect, abuse or other ill treatment of a horse by a member (or someone associated with a member), the strongest disciplinary action will be taken which may include expulsion from the club.

3. Payment of subscriptions

As set out in the Constitution, subscriptions are due on 1st January in each year. Should any subscription be outstanding by 31st January in any year, the treasurer shall notify the secretary who will remove the name of the non-payer from the list of members.

4. Competitions

Any member participating in a competition shall comply with the rules of that competition and it is the duty of members to familiarise themselves with the competition rules before the event.

5. Disciplinary procedure

Any matter of complaint to be made to the secretary forthwith and not later than 5 working days after the incident complained of. The secretary shall convene a hearing before any 3 members of the committee (excluding the Chair and President), such hearing to take place within 10 working days of receipt of the complaint. The member charged may not be represented but may have the assistance of a "friend" within the proceeding who may not make representations on their behalf. The committee may dismiss the complaint, warn the member charged as to his/her future conduct, suspend the member charged for such period as they may determine or expel the member charged from the club. In the event of expulsion or suspension the member charged may not participate in any club activity or competition. The member charged shall have a right of appeal, such appeal to be made within 10 working days of the decision to be appealed, such appeal to be heard by the President and Chair.

6. Juniors

a) Juniors (ie under 18's) must be accompanied at all times by a parent, guardian or a responsible person identified by the parent or guardian to Sussex Peggars Riding Club. Should the club become aware that any junior is not so accompanied, that junior will immediately be removed from the competition, training or activity arranged and no refund of entry fee shall be made.

b) Sussex Peggars Riding Club has developed a separate child protection policy. Sussex Peggars Riding Club regards the safety and welfare of juniors as a very important matter. Any breach of the child protection policy will be regarded very seriously and disciplinary action may follow in accordance with 5 above.

7. Weapons

a) The weapons used are lethal. Sussex Peggars Riding Club places great emphasis on the safe use of them by all members, both riders and ground crew. The improper use or neglect in the use of weaponry will be regarded as a disciplinary matter.

b) The points of all weapons must be covered when they are not in use, i.e. swords kept in scabbards and the tips of lances and prickers must be protected appropriately.

c) The basic rules set out in the club's Guide to Safety at Training Events and Competitions as set out in the Ground Crew Training Guideline must be adhered to at all times.

8. Hard Hats

At, or in the vicinity of, a Sussex Peggars Riding Club competition, training event or other activity, everyone mounted, whether competing or not, must wear a hard hat to at least the minimum standard (EN1384), with a harness properly adjusted and fastened. Failure to do so will incur elimination. Hard hats to specification PAS015:1998, ASTM F1163 and BSEN14572:2005 are considered to offer greater protection than EN1384. Recommended hard hats should carry the quality assurance stamp of Kitemark, SEI or QAS. It is emphasised that hats bearing a quality assurance stamp are batch tested and therefore of a constant standard.

9. Use of drugs, alcohol and smoking

No member (adult or junior) shall be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any club or skill at arms training event or competition and the club enforces a strict no smoking policy.

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