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HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

This recognises **Solihull Riding Club** obligations under the **Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974** and that the Club has a moral and legal obligation to safeguard so far as is reasonably practicable the Health, Safety and Welfare of everyone who may be affected by the actions of the Club or as a result of its organised activities.

This Policy supported by Rules, Regulations, By-Laws, Instructions and Procedures is applicable to all activities performed by the Club, and **everyone is required to co-operate with the Club to ensure not only their personal safety but also that they do not place at risk others who may be affected by their actions.** This Policy will be publicly displayed, reviewed annually and updated if necessary to comply with current legislation.

The term "participant" includes and applies equally to Committee, Staff, Organisers, Helpers, Members, Competitors, Grooms, Spectators, Visitors, Traders and everyone present at any Event run by the Club.

Solihull Riding Club fully accepts its obligations and responsibilities, which will be fulfilled by:

- ◆ Doing all that is reasonably practicable to prevent accidents, injuries and damage to health.
- ◆ Setting standards that comply with the relevant statutory requirements relating to Health and Safety.
- ◆ Recognising that equines are unpredictable and all Equestrian activities involve some degree of risk.
- ◆ Providing and maintaining safe environments where risks are minimised wherever possible.
- ◆ Limiting adverse effects in and adjacent to the areas where activities are carried out.
- ◆ Safeguarding participants from foreseeable hazards connected with equine activities.
- ◆ Ensuring so far as is reasonably practicable that:
 - adequate information is provided for all participants to comply with Health and Safety.
 - volunteers are informed of the relevant standards required and monitored to ensure compliance.
 - hazardous areas are kept secure from access by anyone not required to enter them.
 - all plant and equipment utilised during equine activities is kept in a safe condition.
 - when new activities, plant, machinery, equipment or procedures are introduced, adequate guidance and instruction are provided for safe methods of work to be implemented.
 - sufficient financial and physical resources are made available to comply with this Policy.

The Members of the Solihull Riding Club Executive Committee jointly and severally enforce this Policy.

Signed: *S P Scott* (Chairman) 8th March 2010
By Order of the Executive Committee