

Gipping Riding Society Code of Conduct

British Riding Clubs recommend that all riding clubs have a Code of Conduct. Gipping Riding Society's code of conduct is based on BRC advice.

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to outline expected behaviours and responsibilities and ensure Gipping Riding Society maintains a positive and inclusive atmosphere where everyone can enjoy equestrian activities in a positive, supportive and encouraging environment.

- GRS members, associates and volunteers should conduct themselves appropriately at any club event. They should not behave in a manner which is offensive to any other person, or which could lead to public questioning the acceptance of horse-based activities.
- At any club event members, associates and volunteers should not behave with incivility or contempt, or use abusive or threatening language towards a trainer, judge, official, other competitor or attendees.
- Members, associates and volunteers should not conduct themselves in a manner detrimental to the character and/or prejudicial interests of GRS or BRC.
- Members, associates and volunteers should not make, either orally or in writing, to an officer of BRC or GRS, or a third party, a statement on a matter covered by the rules by which they know to be untrue.
- Members, associates and volunteers must not use social media to post any threatening, derogatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, disparaging, racist, discriminatory, menacing, inflammatory, blasphemous, or defamatory statements or material, including, but not limited to, statements or material concerning GRS/BRC, its members or former members, sponsors, affiliates and stakeholders.
- Members, associates and volunteers must not use social media to make any statements that could directly or indirectly that could damage GRS or BRC.

The above list should not be considered exhaustive.

The club reserves the right to monitor, intercept and review social media postings and activities to ensure that its rules are being complied with and for its legitimate business purposes.

To report any concerns, contact a member of the GRS committee details on website. Every concern brought to the attention of the committee will be investigated. Accounts will be gathered, details established and, if considered appropriate, further advice sought before action is taken.

If the GRS committee is unable to manage the breach of conduct the matter will be referred to the BRC Disciplinary Committee.

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