



RM EQUESTRIAN CENTRE INC COACH PROTOCOL 2023

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1. Code of conduct

- a. All RMEC members, and non-members, have a right to expect good manners and courtesy from each other, and a responsibility to give it in return. Bullying and harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. This applies to anyone attending the RMEC club grounds or online.
- b. Non-members who utilise RMEC for coaching purposes do so at the sole discretion of the Management Committee and all instructions from the Management Committee must be adhered to.

2. Membership and Cost

- a. All riders must be current financial members of Equestrian Australia or RMEC members if jumping 80cm and below. Proof of current membership must be provided if requested.
- b. All names of riders attending lessons must be provided to the club via email at least 24 hours prior so that the committee can ensure they are current club and EA members.
- c. The charge for xc schooling is \$25 per horse, showjumping and dressage arena hire is \$15.00. 24 hours notice is required to book.



3. Booking RMEC grounds for a clinic

- a. Please contact the committee directly to request permission to conduct a clinic by emailing rmquestriancentre@gmail.com
- b. Please read and return a signed copy of the RM Equestrian Club Ground Hire Guidelines if you plan to hold a clinic.
- c. The Committee require at least 48 hours notice for all clinic bookings.

4. Insurance

- a. All coaches must have adequate insurance.
- b. Coaches must supply the committee with a copy of their Certificate of Currency upon request and annually.

5. Biosecurity

- a. Upon arrival, all riders must hand in a completed Horse Health Declaration
- b. Social distancing must be maintained at all times.
- c. Personal hygiene and hand washing must be adhered to at all times. Shared surfaces must be wiped clean after use.
- e. If you are unwell and have any symptoms of Covid19 you must not attend the grounds.

6. Safety

a. Helmets:

- Helmets must always be worn by all riders when on horseback. Helmets must meet current Australian standards and be tagged with an EA tag.
- A rider may void an insurance claim if they were not wearing a helmet that meets current Australian standards.

b. Back Protectors on Cross Country course:

- Back protectors are mandatory for all riders who are jumping fences on the cross country course, regardless of experience level and fence height.
- Fences must be jumped in the direction that they are ridden in competition. Please check the position of ground bolts should you require clarification. Ground bolts are positioned at the front face of the fences.

c. Showjumping obstacles

- Wings are to be used for upright/vertical jumps. Do not use standalone poles for upright/vertical fences.
- Wings are to be used for the front rail of an oxer fence.
- Standalone poles are to hold the back rail of an oxer fence only.

d. Falls

- The committee must be advised of any fall of a student or instructor from a horse.
- An incident report must be completed for any fall. Incident reports can be found in the club house on the office table .
- Call QAS on '000' if a rider appears hurt or injured in any way.

e. Concussion Protocol

- Any student/clinic attendee who is currently following the concussion protocol set out by EA, MAY NOT to ride on RMEC grounds.
- As a coach it is your responsibility to ask your students if they are currently affected by this protocol.

7. Arena

- a. Please ensure the take-off and landing areas in the arena are raked after using the show jumps.
- b. All manure must be removed from the arena.

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8. Yards

- a. Yards must be cleaned of all hay and manure after use.
- b. The committee reserve the right to withhold any bond paid if yards are not free of manure, shavings, or feed/hay.

9. Bond

- a. RMEC reserve the right to charge a bond, to be refunded if the grounds are left in good condition as specified



10. Failure to follow protocols

- a. Should a coach fail to follow the protocols clearly set out above, the committee reserve the right to disallow any future ground hire by that coach for a set period or indefinitely.

I, _____
declare that I have read and agree to abide by the protocols as set out above.

Signed _____

Date _____

