Torfaen Riding Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members.

The Torfaen riding club believes that it is important that members, coaches, volunteers and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with Torfaen Riding Club committee.

As a member of Torfaen Riding Club, you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

**All members should understand that Torfaen Riding club expect-**

* All members must ride within the rules and respect officials and their decisions.
* All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
* Show respect for their ponies / horses, coaches, officials, competition organisers, stewards and their fellow members and accept the decisions of the event stewards and organisers.
* All members may query a decision they do not understand politely and listen to the explanation.
* Members should keep to agreed timings for lessons and competitions or inform their coach or instructor if they are going to be late.
* All members must wear suitable safety equipment and clothing –Riding hats with no fixed peak and body protectors whilst riding x country Riding hats of the current standard whilst mounted and wear club kit for all sessions.
* All members must pay any fees for sessions or competitions promptly.
* All members should support the other members of their team and also the other members of Torfaen Riding Club
* All members should not Act with violence towards any other person or animal.
* All members should not Bully anyone including cyber bullying
* All members should not be involved in discrimination of any kind.

**All members should not:-**

* Possess or consume alcohol or illegal and performance enhancing drugs
* Smoke
* Engage in sexual activity unless of age.
* Use foul language
* Tolerate or be involved in discrimination of any kind
* Leave an organised event unless accompanied by their parent or guardian
* Criticise officials, instructors, volunteers or members on social networking sites or by the use of text messaging.

**Torfaen riding club expects junior members to understand that:**

* Junior members are not to smoke at the club premises.
* Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind at the club.
* Junior members are not allowed to enter club events without a responsible adult
* Junior members are to show respect for their ponies / horses, coaches, officials, competition organisers, stewards and their fellow members and accept the decisions of the event stewards and organisers
* Junior members are to ride within the rules and respect officials and their decisions

**Torfaen riding club expects Parents and carers to;**

* Encourage your child to learn the rules and ride within them.
* Discourage unfair competition and arguing with officials.
* Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
* Never force your child to take part in sport.
* Set a good example by recognising fair competition and applauding good performances of all.
* Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
* Publicly accept officials' judgements.
* Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
* Use correct and proper language at all times.
* Encourage and guide performers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

All horse events welcome spectators – your enthusiasm and support encourages all participants.

**Torfaen riding club expects Spectators to;**

* Ensure your actions influence the mood of the riders and the competition. Therefore
* To not abuse officials, however much you disagree with their decision.
* Encourage all riders and applaud their efforts.
* Do not ridicule opponents for their mistakes or criticise their horses.
* Do not applaud or encourage foul play.
* Do not use foul, racist or abusive language to riders, officials or other spectators.
* Do not ever use physical violence or threaten anyone.
* You must not enter the riding area or arena during a lesson or competition unless asked to do so by the Instructor or Organiser.
* You are subject to the Rules of the sport. You can be cautioned, reported or sent away from the competition if this Code of Conduct is breached.