Boots & Bridles Equestrian Club, Mpumalanga

We may ride in different saddles, but we all get on from the same side.

Code of Conduct

The Boots & Bridles Equestrian Club (BBEC) prides itself in good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork and well-behaved members. BBEC expects appropriate behaviour at all our events.

Inappropriate behaviour may include, but is not limited to:

- Profanity, vulgar language or gestures, harassment (e.g. using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following any club activity), failure to follow rules, cheating or abusive behaviour. Any practices towards horses that could cause physical or mental suffering, in or out of competition, will not be tolerated.
- Disruptive or disrespectful behaviour.

Standard of behaviour:

- Be accountable
- Admit mistakes and be prompt with apologies.
- Demonstrate good manners, courtesy, respect and consideration
- Respect the rights, dignity and values of others
- Operate within the rules of the sport
- Treat facilities, staff & students at shows with respect and abide by any rules that may apply
- Be aware of how their actions may be perceived by others – never put the discipline, club or venue in a bad light!
- Maintain High standards of personal behaviour at all times
- Conduct themselves in a reasonable manner relating to offensive language and temperament.
- Refrain from any form of bullying or harassment of others. Harassment is any offensive conduct based on a person's race, gender, national origin, colour, disability, age, marital status, religion or any other status protected by law.
- Respect the decisions of officials, making all appeals through the appropriate formal process and respecting the final decision.
- Not condone, or allow to go unchallenged, any form of bullying, harassment or discrimination if witnessed.
- Refrain from the use of and involvement with illegal substances at all times
- Not act in an unlawful manner.
- Not encourage or pressure others into acting against the code of conduct
- Understand the repercussions of any breaches of this code of conduct.

Abusive behaviour towards animals or other persons will result in immediate elimination from the show and suspension (or banning) from club membership and activities. There will be no tolerance for abuse, the use of derogatory remarks, personal insults, threats or any form of discrimination.

Any member who is found to be in breach of the conditions set out in this Code of Conduct may be expelled from the club at the discretion of the committee **without warning and without a hearing.**

Any member who is found to have endangered themselves, those around them or the horses while acting under the alias of the club, may also be expelled from the club at the discretion of the committee.

Discipline Code of Conduct may overrule Club Code of Conduct

BBEC Board