

# **INFORMATION FOR CLUB MEMBERS**

## **1. NANTWICH RIDING CLUB**

**is affiliated to the British Horse Society and is thereby obliged to abide by the rules and regulations as issued by the Riding Clubs Headquarters at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.**

## **2. AREA 20:**

**by virtue of the above affiliation the Club is affiliated to the Riding Clubs Area 20. This covers a wide area from Caernarfonshire in West Wales, along the North Wales coast into South Cheshire, as far East as Burton on Trent in Staffordshire and South into Shropshire and the Wolverhampton area. There are a total of 20 affiliated clubs in the Area, a full list of which are available from the Secretary.**

## **3. TEAM COMPETITIONS:**

**the Riding Clubs Area 20 holds qualifying competitions annually for teams, and in some cases individuals to go to the National Championships in the following disciplines.**

**Dressage (Preliminary to Medium standard), Riding Test; Style Jumping, Show Jumping – Novice, Intermediate and Open outdoors, and Novice indoor Show Jumping, Horse Trials, Hunter Trials. In addition there are other competitions, such as Teams of Three (Held at The Horse of The Year Show), Rural Riders (Six riders doing a Dressage test simultaneously in one arena). There are also classes for Veteran Horses and Ponies at the National Championships at Lincoln, and a Quadrille at the Olympia**

**Christmas Show in London. Further information is available from Team Captains.**

**If riding in a Team or as an Individual representing Nantwich Riding Club, you cannot represent any other Team for any other Club in the same calendar year.**

## **4. RULE BOOKS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

**Copies of Official Riding Club publications are available to order from the Club Secretary.**

## **5. CLUB MERCHANDISE:**

**The Club has various items of clothing, including Navy Blue Jackets, Sweatshirts, Polo Shirts and Badges with the Club logo. Also available are Navy & White square numnahs embroidered with the Club logo for Members to use at Area competitions. Please contact Linda or Lisa Cadman on 01829 782508 to place your orders.**

## **6. CLUB PROGRAMME – BOOKING COURSES/MAKING ENTRIES:**

A Programme of Events is issued three times a year – September, January & April. This is also available the Club's website [www.nantwichridingclub.co.uk](http://www.nantwichridingclub.co.uk). Entries should be sent together with a separate cheque for each individual course or competition made payable to Nantwich Riding Club to the organiser named in the schedule. Payment must be received prior to the date of the event or by the closing date as specified in the programme schedule.

## **7. CANCELLATIONS:**

If having made a booking for an instructional course or an entry for a Club competition you find you are unable to attend, PLEASE let the organiser know immediately so that your space can be filled if there is a waiting list. Every effort will be made to fill any gaps, but do not expect this if you don't give notice until the last minute. Refunds cannot be made in cases of insufficient notice.

## **8. POINTS SYSTEM:**

The Club operates a points system for the various competitions held throughout the year where the overall points achieved will count towards trophies which are presented at the Clubs Annual General Meeting. In order to be eligible for an award, members need to attend at least 2 events in each discipline i.e. there are 4 Summer Shows, members must attend at least 2 to qualify. There are 5 Winter Show Jumping nights, of which members need to attend at least 3 to qualify. This is to ensure a commitment from members, who could otherwise gain a trophy for winning or being well placed in one event.

## **9. HEALTH & SAFETY:**

The Club has a Health and Safety policy and we ask ALL members to do everything possible to ensure that they behave in a responsible manner, and show consideration to other Club members, members of the public and host's . Please note the following points:

**Dogs must be kept on leads at all times.**

**When working in a confined space, riders must pass left hand to left hand.**

**When you have completed your dressage test or show jumping round, please leave the collecting area, do not stand around in the entrance to the arena's blocking access for riders entering or leaving the main ring.**

**Park your vehicles with consideration and do NOT muck out horseboxes or trailers on car parks or fields.**

## **10. FIRST AID:**

**A First Aid box is available at all Club events, if you need assistance or any items from the 'kit' contact The designated 'first aider' on the day.**

**11. If you are unsure about the Rules for any competition, i.e. tack, clothing, hats, back protectors please contact the appropriate Team Captains, Secretary or Chairman who will be able to clarify any queries. Members taking part in a Team on behalf of the Club must make themselves familiar with the specific British Riding Club rules for each discipline. Rule books are available to purchase as previously indicated.**

## **12. VACCINATIONS:**

**If you are hoping to compete in R.C. teams at Area or Championship level you must have a passport with up to date vaccinations which undeniably relate to the Horse/Pony, completed, signed and stamped on each line by a Veterinary Surgeon, who is not the owner of the animal. It must show that the Horse or Pony has received two injections for Primary vaccination against Equine Influenza no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart. (Only the first two injections need to have been given before the**

**Horse/Pony may compete) In addition a first booster injection must be given no less than 150 days and no more than 215 days after the second Primary vaccination. Subsequently 'booster' injections must be given at intervals of not more than 1 year apart, commencing after the first booster injection.**

## **13. FACILITIES/VENUES**

**Horses/Ponies must not be left tied up and unattended outside their horseboxes or trailers.**

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