

RULES & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – Revised January 2014

- By joining the club or entering the M&DRC events, you have agreed to be bound by our rules. The committee thank you for your co-operation.
- Club Membership runs from January – December each calendar year.
- The committee reserve the right to limit the size of classes or to cancel classes if there are insufficient entries. The number of entries deemed as insufficient will be assessed on the day. Entry fees will only be refunded for the above reason, except in unforeseen circumstances such as sudden injury or lameness. Events or classes may be cancelled at short notice if the committee feel that conditions are unsuitable.
- Prize money will only be paid in any class if there have been sufficient entries. This will be at the discretion of the committee on the day of the competition.
- All horses and ponies must conform to class restrictions. Ridden horses and ponies must be at least 4 years old. Stallions and Colts must be suitably bitted, and handled by a responsible person.
- Lead rein competitors must stay on the lead rein at all times whilst mounted on the club field. All children under 8 years of age should be on the lead rein except in special circumstances by prior arrangement with the committee.
- We recommend that all show jumping entrants or their parent/guardian walk the course prior to taking part in the class and make their own risk assessment.
- Correct dress must be worn at all events. Hard hats must be worn at all times when mounted. The club strongly recommends that the hat standards are EN1384, PAS015, BSI4472, BSI64736, but does not intend to carry out checks, as this is the riders/parents' responsibility. Body protectors may be worn but this is at the sole discretion of the rider or parent/guardian. We recommend that all earrings and body studs be removed for safety reasons.
- Tack must be correctly fitted and secure. Any rider with incorrectly fitted tack may be asked to remove or alter it by a committee member.
- Once you have entered a class there will be no substitutions or swapping of classes.
- Junior riders (under 16) are not permitted to ride in spurs in any class, with the exception of show jumping and the jumping round of WH. No whips are permitted in gymkhana classes.
- Competitors competing in equitation classes are not permitted to wear spurs, and snaffle bridles are required.
- Any rider acting in a dangerous manner or failing to control their horse/pony so that it presents a danger to others will be asked to leave the field by the committee. Excessive use of whips or spurs, other cruelty or foul language will not be tolerated and may result in the offender being eliminated from classes, asked to leave the field or being expelled from the club.
- All times are approximate. Competitors in all classes must be ready on time and may be eliminated if not ready within 60 seconds of the last call, unless the judge is informed of a valid reason for late arrival.

- The judge's decision in any class or event is final. Any verbal abuse/heckling of judges, stewards, competitors or spectators will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification from classes or expulsion from the field.
- All genuine objections must be lodged with the committee within 30 minutes of the incident and a deposit of £10.00 left. If the objection is upheld by the committee, the fee will be refunded.
- The organisers will not accept any responsibility for any loss, theft, injury or damage to any horse, rider, tack or vehicles on the showground, howsoever caused.
- We advise that all entrants' horses are fully insured and vaccinated.
- Any failed payments for entry fees or other money due will result in exclusion from the club and its competitions.
- Dogs must be kept under strict control. If a dog causes a nuisance, the owner will be asked to leave.
- All members are required to help, or provide a nominated helper, to assist with one event or task per year.
- Any fall from your mount in any class will result in your elimination. You must not remount in the ring, and leave the ring dismounted
- A deposit will be taken for trophies given out at the presentation evening, if members wish to take them home. If members do not return annual trophies by the date set by MDRC, the members may lose some or all of their points for the season.
- All horses and ponies must carry a valid passport and this must be available for inspection upon request by the club officials
- Social Media – MDRC is aware of the importance of the internet and social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook and all other forms of electronic communication such as Internet Forums. You must not post or transmit any material which could damage the name or the reputation of MDRC. Failure to adhere to this rule could result in action being taken against you as an individual. If you are a member this could result in your expulsion from the club, and as a competitor you will be excluded from entering future events hosted by MDRC.
- Participants in all MDRC events should conduct themselves at all times in an appropriate fashion and should show good manners and respect towards other participants, show officials and the judges. Failure to comply with this may result in your elimination from the event and future events hosted by MDRC.
- No visible jewellery or ear rings should be worn in any classes or competitions.
- MDRC is keen to ensure that all of its competitors are judged fairly and that there is no bias. We can only achieve this if, owners, riders, handlers and judges are honest. Entrants at any of our events are required to stand down if the judge has an interest in the competitor or equine as follows :
 - o Is a close relative, i.e sibling or spouse or close friend or has a business relationship with the judge or has been employed by the judge in the last 12 months.
 - o The horse or pony is owned by them or has been in the last 12 months
 - o Is trained by them or kept on livery with them (group clinics are exempt)
 - o Has any financial interest in the horse or pony
 - o The horse or pony has been bred by the judge or a close family member

- In addition to these rules the committee reserve the right to use their discretion to make decisions regarding any issues that may affect the club and its members.