



# South-East Rural Charitable Trust

## SAFETY CODE

**These conditions apply to all those who ride with the South-East Rural Charitable Trust (the “Trust”)**

### **General**

Riding is a high risk sport. From time to time it is inevitable that accidents will happen, whether or not it is the fault of the rider, any other individual or the Trust. For this reason it is a condition of riding with the Trust that you have read carefully and accepted the safety requirements set out below.

### **Insurance Requirements**

It is mandatory that you insure yourself whilst riding with the Trust against all risks including:

1. claims of up to £5 million that may be made against you arising out of your participation in Trust activities including injury, loss or damage caused to any rider or third party (Public Liability Insurance); and
2. your own injury, loss or damage sustained as a result of your participation in Trust activities, in each case however caused and whether or not anyone is to blame.

Please join and support the Countryside Alliance (as a gold member, please note that regular membership covers hunting only, not even hacking), the British Horse Society (as a gold member) or ensure that you have adequate alternative insurance in place (KBIS offer stand alone PL cover).

### **Safety Requirements**

1. **FIELDMASTER:** you should stay behind the field master at all times, listen to the field master and obey instructions.
2. **HEADGEAR:** All riders must wear headgear approved to British Standard PAS 015 98/2011 Kite Mark or equivalent. If you choose to wear headgear that does not comply with PAS 015 98/2011 Kite Mark or equivalent this is not recommended and is entirely at your own risk.
3. **JUMPING:** When queuing for a jump, you must ensure the horse in front has landed over the fence before you commit to approaching the fence. Always ride straight at a fence and do not cross the path of others. If the horse in front of you has fallen you must stop.
4. **LOOSE HORSES:** These must be caught as soon as possible. This is a collective responsibility of the field.
5. **GATES:** Gates that are opened **MUST** be closed. If in doubt, close the gate.
6. **DAMAGE:** If you break a fence or rail you must inform the field master immediately.
7. **NON JUMPERS:** Most of the rides organised with the Trust will involve jumping. If you do not wish to jump please check in advance whether there will be a **non** jumping option. Please speak to the field master on the day to ensure you know who to follow/which route to take.
8. **SEPARATION FROM THE FIELD:** If you are separated from the field please make your way to the nearest road. Do not try to find the field across country.
9. **PARKING:** Please park considerately. Do not block others in. If you park on a verge ensure that there is room for large vehicles to get past.
10. **MINORS:** We recommend that minors wear the latest PAS or ASTM mark rated headgear and body protector. This Safety Code must be signed on behalf of the minor by his/her guardian.
11. **WHAT3WORDS:** We recommend that you download the what3words app to your phone. This is the easiest way to find and share exact locations.
12. **COVID GUIDELINES:** If a ride is stated to be subject to the Covid Guidelines, you agree to read and comply with the Covid Guidelines which are available to view at [www.seruralct.org](http://www.seruralct.org).

## AGREEMENT

I confirm on my own behalf and on behalf of any representatives riding on my behalf that:

1. I acknowledge and accept that riding is a high risk sport.
2. I accept that it is a condition of me participating in Trust activities that neither I nor any of my representatives will hold the Trust or any of its trustees, officials or volunteers or any landowner or any of their tenants, licensees, agents or employees (each a "**Released Party**"), liable for any personal injury, death, loss or damage which I or any of my representatives may sustain as a result of participating in Trust activities however caused and whether or not caused by the fault of any Released Party or any other person.
3. In the event of any incident involving me, my representatives or any horse that we may be riding I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify each Released Party against any claim whatsoever whether arising from the negligence of any such party or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
4. I have read, understood and accept this Safety Code including the conditions of participating in Trust activities, the assumption of risk and the release of liability and confirm that I and my representatives satisfy the insurance requirements set out above.

SIGNED:

FULL NAME IN CAPITALS:

DATE:

EMERGENCY CONTACT NO: