Arran Riding Club Rules

- All riders must be members of Arran Riding Club.
- Ponies or horses may only participate under saddle in all Arran Riding Club activities from 1 January in the year in which they become 4 years old except for in hand where they can participate at any age.
- All riders must wear appropriate riding clothes and boots or shoes with a heel.
- Riding hats and body protectors worn for all lessons and competitions must comply with the British Riding Standards. Your hat/ body protector does not need to be tagged.
- Arran Riding Club Insurance. You are covered by the BRC insurance at riding club events once your details are received by BRC. Please note that if your hat or Body protector does not meet the current standards, you may not be covered by the Riding Club Insurance.
- It is recommended that your horse/pony's flu vaccinations are up to date and follow the BRC competition regulations. Evidence of 'flu vaccinations will be required for any horse/pony attending any Arran Riding Club activity.
- Excessive use of whips will not be tolerated and may result in elimination and or exclusion from the event. A whip must only be used as an aid to support the natural aids in encouraging the pony/horse forward, or to help the rider to encourage the pony/ horse in the right direction. A whip should never be used more than three times during any incident; and if the pony/horse is marked by the whip (skin broken or a welt) its use is excessive. (The rider is expected to know if the pony/horse has sensitive skin and must use the whip accordingly). The arm should never be raised above the shoulder whilst using the whip. The whip should always be carried and used in the backhand (handle pointed upwards) position and never in the forehand position (handle pointed downwards). Whips (Dressage)One whip of any length is permitted for dressage. Whips must not be used in a way or be of a length that disturbs other riders and may not be picked up if dropped during a test. If a whip is shorter than 80cm then it must be padded.

(Show Jumping and Cross-Country) One whip is permitted and must be between 45cm and 75cm and must not be weighted or feature a hard point at the end. The end of the whip must be padded. The 'pad' must be smooth with no protrusion or raised surface (which includes embroidery) and be made of a shock absorbing material throughout its circumference. No substitute for a whip may be carried.No whips are allowed in gymkhana games.

- Riders in junior classes must be 14 years or under on the 1st of January in the current year and ponies 14.2h and under or at the discretion of the committee.
- Ponies/horses must be always kept under control by a competent handler and any member aged 16 years and under must be accompanied by an adult at all Arran Riding Club activities. If you are unable to attend an event with your child, please advise the secretary of the adult who will be responsible for your child on the day.
- Ponies/horses must not be left unattended at any time.
- The committee has the right to refuse an entry to any Arran Riding Club activity.
- Riders who fall during their class will be eliminated and unable to continue until they have been assessed.
- The judge's decision is final.
- Arran Riding Club does not accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses and ponies, owners, riders, grooms, spectators, or any other person whatsoever.
- Dogs must be always kept on leads and under control.
- Photographs maybe taken at all Arran Riding Club events and used on social media and local newspapers. If you do not wish your photograph to be taken, please advise a committee member as soon as you arrive at an event.
- Any complaints must be lodged immediately with the secretary, accompanied by fee of £10.