

Bedlington, Blyth and District Riding Club - Cancellation, Refund & Safety Policy

Events and training must be paid for in advance. Non- or part payment does not guarantee a space on the clinic or competition.

1. Rider Cancellations:

- Cancellations made 7 days or more prior to the clinic date will receive a full refund or the option to transfer to a future clinic (subject to availability).
- Cancellations made 5 days before the clinic will receive a 50% refund or the option to transfer to another clinic (at the organiser's discretion).
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations made 4 days before the clinic, except in cases of veterinary-certified horse illness or doctor-certified rider illness, which may allow transfer to another date.

2. Event Cancellations (by Bedlington, Blyth and District Riding Club):

- In the event that the clinic is cancelled due to adverse weather, insufficient entries, or unforeseen circumstances, Bedlington, Blyth and District Riding Club will issue a full refund or offer a place at a rescheduled clinic.

3. Refunds:

- Refunds will be issued to the original payment method within 7 working days of cancellation approval.
- No refunds will be made for no-shows or for riders who are turned away due to non-compliance with safety requirements (see below).

4. Late Arrival Policy:

- Riders are expected to arrive with sufficient time to tack up before their designated session time.
- Admission to the clinic due to late arrival is at the discretion of the instructor. Riders who miss their allocated time slot may not be permitted to join the session and will not be eligible for a refund.

5. Safety Policy:

- Riding helmets must be worn at all times when mounted and must meet current safety standards (e.g., BSI Kitemark or PAS 015). For cross country clinics hats must not have a fixed peak.
- An up-to-date body protector (BETA Level 3 2018 or later) is compulsory for all participants in cross country jumping activities. Riders wearing air jackets must do so in addition to, not instead of, a body protector.
- Tack must be safe and well-fitted. Spot checks may be carried out by the instructor.
- Horses must be fit enough for the clinic and sound. The instructor reserves the right to ask any horse or rider to withdraw if deemed unsafe, without refund.

- All riders should have their own adequate personal insurance that covers participation in equestrian activities, including jumping clinics.
- Riders must complete a registration form via the equo booking website and provide emergency contact details.

6. Disclaimer:

Participation is entirely at the rider's own risk. While Bedlington, Blyth and District Riding Club takes every precaution to ensure a safe environment, equestrian activities are inherently risky. By entering the clinic, all participants agree to adhere to the safety policies and accept personal responsibility for their own safety and insurance cover.