

DUDGELEY FARM CAMP CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

1. General Venue & Participant Responsibility

- **Location & Courtesy:** We are at Dudgeley Farm by kind permission of the owners. As this is a working livery yard, be considerate to liveries and maintain the yard, corralling field, arena, muck heap, and stables exactly as you found them.
- **Liability:** Neither the event organiser nor the landowners accept responsibility for loss or injury to persons or animals howsoever caused.
- **Insurance & Conduct:** Riders participate at their own risk and are advised to have 3rd party insurance. You must follow all official instructions and instructor safety commands immediately.
- **Security:** Riders are advised to lock their vehicles when leaving them.
- **Access:** Ensure the access/egress route is never blocked to allow emergency services to attend in the event of an incident.

2. Horse Management & Biosecurity

- **Documentation:** Riders must bring horse passport(s).
- **Tying Up:** Horses can be tied up in stables or trailers when being tacked/untacked. They must not be tied to any fencing. No baler twine or string is to be left on stables or around the yard.
- **Loose Horses:** No horse is to be let loose in the corralling field, stable yard, or surrounding areas.
- **Supervision:** Horses are not to be left on their own in the corralling field or stables without owner permission. Contact the owner before moving your horse.
- **Forage:** The venue has a supply of hay available for sale to riders.

3. Corralling & Fields

- **Setup:** Corrals must be electrified and should not be too close to other horses. Riders must label corrals with their name and contact number.
- **Field Rules:** No vehicles are allowed in the corralling field.
- **Gates:** Gates to the corralling field and arena must always be kept closed, even when horses are in their corrals.
- **Grazing:** Riders should check before the event if there is a poor covering of grass or if it is very lush so alternative arrangements can be made.

4. Safety Equipment & PPE

- **Rider Attire:** Wear sturdy, secure footwear at all times when handling or riding.
- **Hats:** You must wear a hat meeting current British Standards (fastened with a chinstrap) at all times when mounted or leading.
- **Body Protectors:** These are recommended for riding.
- **Mandatory Kit:** All riders must carry a whistle, waterproofs, a basic first aid kit, and ID (including any medical conditions).
- **Hi-Viz:** Wear hi-viz on both horse and rider when using public roads.

5. Training & Riding Protocol

- Punctuality: Attend your scheduled training slot on time; instructors will expect to start promptly.
- Hacking Out: Notify the organiser when hacking out, stating your route, companions, and expected duration. Riders are advised not to ride out alone.
- Group Safety: Do not ride off for lessons or a ride leaving one person on their own, struggling to mount, or with a distressed horse.
- Roads & Visibility: If visibility is poor, refrain from riding on open land and remain on public roads if safe. Use horse walks around the venue where available.
- Etiquette: Maintain safe spacing between riders. Use verbal/hand signals for hazards. Overtaking riders must request permission and slow to a walk before passing.
- Gates on Route: Leave gates as you find them. Identify difficult stock gates and consider temporary arrangements or talk to the landowner.
- No-Go Areas: Note all "no-go" areas on the map as advised by the organiser.

6. Communications & Emergency Procedures

- Tech Setup: Save the Organiser's and Instructor's numbers and the What3Words or OS Locate apps before heading out. Carry a fully charged mobile phone switched on with the sound up.
- Medical Info: Check names of on-site First Aiders upon arrival. First aid boxes are available in the farmhouse.
- Nearest A&E: Shrewsbury.
- Reporting: All incidents must be recorded on an accident form. All riding or navigational errors leading to "near-miss" situations must also be reported to the organiser.