

RASC(L) CHILD POLICY STATEMENT

To be signed by a parent/guardian of all children aged 16 and under

GENERAL

1. Horses are animals of flight that are capable of causing considerable injury, particularly around people who do not have experience of being around these animals. As a result of this, in order to comply with health and safety obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) and the Riding Establishments Act (1964 & 1970) the following policy is to be strictly adhered to in relation to children at the RASC(L).

DEFINITION

2. For the purposes of this Child Policy Statement, a child is deemed as anybody aged 16 years or under.

SUPERVISION

3. All children are to be supervised at all times by either their parent/guardian or a responsible adult designated by the parent/guardian. Children under 10 years old must remain under the direct supervision of their parent/guardian or designated responsible adult at all times. Warnings may be issued if it is deemed by the Yard Manger that supervision is not being properly applied.

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

4. When hiring/loaning a horse/pony from the RASC(L) for a specific period the parent/guardian or delegated responsible adult must accept full responsibility for the supervision of the child in their care

5. Should a child be offered a free ride in return for assisting a member of the RASC(L) staff, then that member of staff will accept full responsibility for the supervision of the child during the activity. In the absence of a member of the RASC(L) staff, the activity may be supervised by a responsible adult, who is to ensure that equine activity is conducted in a safe manner.

6. Under no circumstances are children allowed in the forage barn unaccompanied, nor are they to climb on or play on hay/straw bales.

7. Under no circumstances are children allowed to go near, get in or play on any of the RASC(L) vehicles e.g. tractor, pick up truck and trailer. If any vehicles are damaged as a result of a child, then the responsible adult WILL be issued with the bill for repairs.

8. Under no circumstances are children to utilise the Saddle Club office for any reason other than engaging with RASC(L) staff. The use of the RASC(L) office internet facility is strictly forbidden.

9. Personal Accident Insurance and 3rd Party Liability insurance is advised for all Members and their children.

DISCLAIMER

10. All children partake in equine activity at their own risk. The RASC(L) will do everything within its power to ensure that equine activity is conducted utilising a Safe Method of Training/Instruction. The RASC(L) will endeavour to ensure that equine activity is conducted utilising a Safe Method of

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Training/Instruction. However horses are unpredictable and this sport is undertaken at own risk and the RASC(L) cannot be held accountable for any injury.

Signed: _____

Name printed: _____

Name of child(ren) & DOB:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Date: _____

****I DO / DO NOT** consent for photographs of my child(ren) to be used in RASC(L) media/publications.**

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RE: PONY DAYS

1. During pony days and the associated activities, it is accepted that all children will be supervised by the designated RASC(L) Instructor and/or designated member of RASC(L) Staff (Please note all staff are DBS checked and Safeguarding qualified). As such, no additional supervision will be necessary. This supervision extends only to those directly partaking in the activity. No supervision will be given to spectators.
2. The member of Staff or nominated Instructor will be responsible for children during the specific periods of equine activity. All activity involving RASC(L) animals will be controlled by the designated RASC(L) member of Staff, who will ensure that the activity is conducted in a safe manner. Specifically, RASC(L) Staff will supervise grooming, tacking up, riding, feeding, turning in and when applicable general yard maintenance/activity. During periods such as coffee breaks and lunch periods all children will be expected to return to the 'pony room' until such times as the duty member of Staff or nominated Instructor is in a position to supervise accordingly. During this time, children will not be permitted to access the stable buildings.
3. Every effort will be made to ensure personal effects are kept safe and secure, and returned in full at the end of a days activities. However in the event of loss or damage to personal effects, the RASC(L) and its Staff cannot be held responsible.
4. If a child has any medical conditions or allergies, the RASC(L) Yard Manager is to be informed in writing.
5. In the event a child suffers an injury, immediate first aid will be applied, and if required the emergency services will be called. The nominated Parent/Guardian will be informed as soon as possible.
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