



Kelso Laddies Association SCIO

Code of Conduct

Spectators Code of Conduct

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1. RESPECT NATURE AND WILDLIFE

• Avoid disturbing wildlife or harming plants and trees. • Stick to designated paths and areas to prevent damaging the natural landscape. • Dispose of litter properly, please use recycling bins or take it with you.

2. BE MINDFUL OF NOISE LEVELS

• Keep noise to a minimum, especially in areas near wildlife habitats or residential properties. • Avoid loud music or shouting that could disturb the peaceful environment.

3. RESPECT OTHER ATTENDEES

• Be courteous and respectful to fellow spectators. • Allow others to enjoy the event without blocking their view or causing disruptions. • Follow any crowd management instructions or safety protocols given by event marshals and stewards.

4. ADHERE TO SAFETY GUIDELINES

• Follow any safety instructions given by event marshals and stewards or indicated by signage. • Be mindful of any hazardous areas or activities, such as water bodies or uneven terrain, look out for less obvious hazards, for example. ditches and open drains, electric fences, barbed wire fencing, unstable/temporary fencing, gates and crossing styles and unstable walls, livestock and restricted access areas. • Ensure children and pets are always supervised. • Expect the unexpected.

5. RESPECT LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND PROPERTY

• Respect residents and businesses, keeping noise and disruption to a minimum. • Do not trespass on private property without permission. • Be considerate when parking, ensuring you don't block driveways or access routes. • Stay clear of plant, equipment and apparatus. • Don't climb over fences, gates and walls unless directed.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Avoid littering. Bring your own reusable water bottle and other supplies to minimize waste.
- Use environmentally friendly products where possible (e.g., biodegradable products).
- Be prepared for the unpredictable and changeable Scottish weather, come with suitable clothing and footwear for your own protection, comfort and safety.

7. FOLLOW EVENT-SPECIFIC RULES

- Adhere to any specific rules or guidelines set forth by event marshals & stewards.
- Pay attention to any signage or announcements regarding restricted areas or event schedules.

8. TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS

- Car share or use public transportation, when possible, to reduce congestion and environmental impact.
- Park only in designated areas and avoid parking in fields or on private property without permission.

9. RESPECT FOR ANIMALS

- If the event involves animals, do not disturb them or attempt to touch them without permission.
- Follow any guidelines provided regarding animal welfare and safety.

10. ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS

- Please report any accidents and or incidents to one of our stewards to enable any action to be taken and that they can be documented.

WALKERS Please follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and take note of any signage on farmer's land. Dogs must be always kept on a lead. All gates opened should be closed immediately.

CYCLISTS Cycle stewards will be in place for the cycle ride to Floors Castle; however, they are not in place for any other Rideout's. Anyone choosing to cycle will be doing so as individuals and not as part of our events. Please follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and the Highway Code and take note of any signage on farmer's land. All gates opened should be closed immediately.

Riders Code Of Conduct

OUR STEWARDS WILL BE IN CHARGE

Stewards will ride at the front, back and staggered throughout the cavalcade under the direction of the Chief Steward. Foot stewards will be suitably positioned (as required) at gates and crossings under the direction of the Chief Foot Steward. All due respect should be given to their requirements. Stewards, both foot and riding, will be issued with radios. First aid trained personnel will be present at all rides and they should be alerted to any associated medical incidents. All accidents should be reported to a steward for the purposes of recording in our Accident Book.

RIDERS PARTICIPATION

You participate in the rides at your own risk. Riders must be of good health and fitness and be competent with the ability to safely control and handle their horse. It is the responsibility of all riders taking part to maintain good control of their mount throughout the ride. If a rider becomes dismounted at any time, it is their responsibility to either remount and re-join the ride or return their horse to the stable or horse box. It must be noted that while it is the role of foot and mounted stewards to advise and direct riders it is not their duty to control loose horses. If any rider must leave the ride and return home, it may be quicker to return by road, however, if returning through fields, always remember to close gates. It is the rider's responsibility to make arrangements for the collection of their mount and to absorb any associated costs. If any rider requires assistance, then a steward should help, if in the absence of a steward only one or two riders should stop and help. To keep the cavalcade together all other riders should carry on. No person should ride in the cavalcade who may require to be led, unless they have made arrangements for someone to lead them after approval from the Chief Steward. It is important that they can keep up with the cavalcade.

Riders are requested to always keep in pairs when the cavalcade is on the main road or in towns, villages and streets. Any rider thought to be under the influence of alcohol or any other substance, may be asked to leave the ride. Hirers, Stewards, Police and Official Vets have the right to stop riders who they believe to be unfit to ride.

ROUTES The routes are pre-arranged between the Chief Steward, landowners, police, and the local authority. All riders are requested to adhere to the agreed route throughout the Rideout. If for any reason a rider must leave the ride early a steward must be notified. It may be quicker to return by road, however, if returning through fields always remember to close gates.

TIMING All riders should be aware that it is essential that we maintain a high standard of time keeping for the police and volunteers who control and manage the time we spend on public roads and, not least, the public who enthusiastically await the Kelso Laddie and his cavalcades arrival. The Chief Steward is the Official Timekeeper and Pacemaker on the ride-outs and should not be overtaken unless authorised to do so.

DISCIPLINE AT GATES AND CROSSINGS A high degree of discipline and courtesy should be shown by all riders at gates and crossings. It may be possible and, in some cases, preferred, to pass through a gate or crossing and muster on the other side. Unless otherwise advised, it should be assumed that all gates should be shut and properly latched or tied. (Stewards will advise).

BASIC MANNERS AND COURTESY Respect should be shown to all fellow riders, volunteers, members of the public, police and landowners who support and allow us to cross their land year after year.

DRESS CODE FOR RIDING We encourage all riders to turn out in a smart and tidy fashion. We recommend that all riders wear protective riding hats. By law, everyone under the age of 14 must wear protective headgear. Personal Protective Equipment and clothing suitable for the unpredictable Scottish weather is also recommended. This applies to anyone joining the ride at any point.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE Please be safe, be aware of your surroundings and expect the unexpected. In the event of any problem arising, be it accidents, damage to gates or fences, breakage of essential tack or injury to horse or rider etc, immediate contact should be made with either a riding or foot steward so the necessary action may be taken (i.e., first aid, veterinary help or help with spare tack). It is the owner's responsibility for all costs incurred. First aid trained personnel will be present at all rides and they should be alerted to any associated medical incidents. All accidents should be reported to a steward for the purposes of recording in our Accident Book and or Incident Book.

INSURANCE It is the responsibility of those taking part, or their legal guardians in the case of minors, to ensure that the participants have appropriate and adequate insurance cover for personal injury and third-party liability cover, and they take all reasonable steps to ensure their own safe participation in the events.

YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED RIDERS Legal guardians of riders under the age of 16 years and any adults with medical conditions can obtain a wrist band from the Chief Foot Steward to provide an emergency contact number in the event of any issues during the ride. It should be noted by all concerned that young and inexperienced riders should always be accompanied by a responsible, capable adult, who should make themselves known to the stewards in charge. If a rider requires to be on a lead rein it is their responsibility to arrange a suitable person to lead them after approval from the Chief Steward. They must be able to keep up with the cavalcade.

It is strictly prohibited for pushchairs, children on foot and dogs to travel within the cavalcade in relation to our Junior Ride to Floors.

GENERAL In an effort to retain some element of respect it should be noted that: - Riders must not mount the pavement for any reason at any time; Any rider using foul or abusive language or creating a public nuisance may be asked to leave the ride. All riders should assist both riding and foot stewards to address any problems. Any rider who fails to keep up with the rear riding steward may be requested to leave the ride.

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