



General Etiquette

For those new, and not so new, to endurance riding, good manners and common sense in camp and on track from both rider and horse can make for a pleasant ride for everyone.

Things to remember:

1. If you have nominated (via AERAOnline) and you are unable to attend, please contact the Ride Organiser (contact details on the ride flyer) and advise, so that we know you are not coming.
2. Dogs are welcome, however must be on a lead at all times and are not allowed at the pre-ride briefs or presentations.
3. Children under 12 must be supervised at all times.
4. Pre-ride briefs are mandatory for all riders as they have important information you will need to ride the course safely.
5. No whips or spurs allowed.
6. Please be nice to the checkpoint people - we are all volunteers!
7. When out on track, please keep to the left and let others pass on the right hand side (where possible). Call out when approaching another rider in front of you and ask if it is ok to pass before passing, at a walk or slow trot. Do not pass at a canter and please do not slow down once in front.
8. Always leave enough space between you and the horse in front. Aside from being annoying for the rider in front, it could lead to being kicked. (note tie a red ribbon in your horse's tail if it is prone to kicking).
9. Checkpoints are there for your horse to stop, have a drink, perhaps a munch or two - do not rush in and out of the CP.
10. Use the horse drinking water for drinking only - there are strapping buckets for use for strapping your horse.
11. Let horses already at the drink trough finish before offering your horse a drink, and do not rush off as soon as your horse has finished as it may disturb others still drinking.
12. Please don't let your horse pee on the hay! (doesn't taste nice 😞)
13. At the Vet Check please keep your horse (and yourself) quiet as other horses are having their heart rates checked.
14. When vetting, ensure any rugs (if on) are undone for easy removal.
15. The ride committee has worked hard to organise the ride. It is part of endurance rider's tradition to attend presentations. We can all think of a dozen reasons why we would like to pack up and rush home as soon as we have completed our ride, but please don't. The ride is not over until the presentations have finished.