



GB PRE HORSE WELFARE CODE OF CONDUCT

GB PRE expects all staff, members and those involved with events hosted by GB PRE to adhere to its Welfare Code of Conduct and to always acknowledge and accept that the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation. More specifically:

- ❖ Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality hay, feed and water must always be available.
- ❖ Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.
- ❖ Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.
- ❖ During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks, with all journeys being planned carefully. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly, and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.
- ❖ Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they attend a GB PRE hosted event.
- ❖ Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitutes a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated.
- ❖ After any veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before attending an event hosted by GB PRE.
- ❖ Misuse of artificial aids including whips and spurs will not be tolerated.



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