

Suffolk Riding Club:

DBS Policy/ Process policy.

This policy is our club policy to support those of our national affiliated society, British Riding Clubs (part of the British Horse Society) to fulfil our statutory responsibilities.

Training:

All instructors/coaches, staff and volunteers working with children should undertake the BEF approved safeguarding training (or recognised equivalent) course within the last three years. Refresher training should be completed every three years via either the BEF approved on line training portal or a further face to face course.

Accredited Professional Coaches are required to attend regular Safeguarding training (every three years) and must evidence their attendance at a recognised training course.

Position of Trust

An adult is in a position of trust over a child if they regularly teach, train, supervise or have sole charge of the child in certain settings. For the purpose of Suffolk Riding Club activities, those who regularly teach, train, supervise or have sole charge of the child are in a position of trust.

Abuse of Trust

Sexual activity between an adult in a position of trust and a child, is deemed to be an abuse of trust and is unlawful, even if the child is over consent of consent (i.e. is 16 or 17). Coaches and other officials should ensure they maintain healthy, positive and professional relationships with all participants. Coaches and other in positions of authority in relation to equestrians aged 18 and under must not engage in sexual relationships with them while that unequal power relationship exists.

Criminal Record Checks

All instructors/coaches, staff and volunteers working with children (if they meet the legal criteria) will hold a current certificate through the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Where required certificates must be renewed every three years.