



## **BTA CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. BTA (British Tentpegging Association) members should carry their BTA membership ID badge to all BTA events
2. Behaviour towards others must not be discriminatory and should always maintain the dignity of the BTA members. The bullying or harassment of BTA members will not be tolerated.
3. Behaviour towards others must not be threatening, violent, aggressive, abusive, disruptive or obstructive to their learning. Inappropriate or offensive language will not be tolerated.
4. All BTA members must respect the rights of others to a quiet, clean, orderly and professional working environment.
5. BTA members must not behave in ways that put their own or other peoples' health, safety or welfare at risk and must observe all instructions with regard to Health and Safety.
6. BTA members must not cheat in competitions or training sessions. This includes but is not limited to; using prohibited drugs for performance enhancers for rider or mount, bribing the judges and time keepers, changing horses in a class, ridiculing and applying pressure to fellow competitors.
7. BTA members and BTA members supporting BTA members must respect the property of other people and that of the competition or training venues theft or willful damage of venues or other people's property is not tolerated and the police will be notified.
8. BTA members must not possess, or be under the influence of, illegal substances or substances formerly known as 'Legal Highs' whilst attending any BTA event.
9. BTA members should not consume, or be under the influence of, alcohol whilst mounted (The consumption of alcohol by under 18s is illegal and will not be tolerated by the BTA committee.)
10. BTA members must not carry illegal weapons or use sporting equipment to intentionally cause harm to others. If anyone mis-uses a weapon or equipment including, but not limited to lance, sword, revolver or pricker they will be asked to leave the venue and the police will be contacted.
11. BTA members must not smoke or use e-cigarettes/vaporisers whilst mounted and only in designated areas.
12. BTA members must not bring the reputation of the BTA into disrepute through anti-social behaviour either on or off venues used by the BTA for events or through the use of emails or social media / networking sites.
13. BTA members must abide by reasonable instructions issued by BTA committee members, Judges, Instructors, Coaches, Ground Crew, other BTA members and organiser of the venue being used to host the BTA event / members.



14. Mobile phones should not be used when mounted.
15. BTA members bringing vehicles onto any venue hosting a BTA event must observe parking and speed restrictions and drive with care and consideration for others.
16. Members should act as ambassadors for their sport at all times.

**Behaviour that contravenes the Code of Conduct will be dealt with by 3 members of the committee as appropriate.**

**Where there is risk assessed evidence that a serious criminal offence has occurred, the matter will be referred to the police for investigation.**

**Any conduct that constitutes a criminal offence will be regarded as a breach of the Code of Conduct.**