

AWEC Cross Country Use Protocols

The protocols are to ensure the safety of all riders and are part of the AWEA Risk Management strategy.

- All riders must be accompanied by a suitably qualified instructor who holds their own professional indemnity insurance.
- Riders are to be in minimum groups of three. An adult on the ground can count towards the minimum number. This is to ensure that there are adequate helpers if there is an accident.
- Back protectors must be worn.
- If a rider is under 18 they must have a responsible adult with them at all times.
- Only one rider at a time is permitted to jump or work a horse over an obstacle. The other two riders must stay stationary and observe the rider who is working or jumping their horse.
- The maximum height allowed to be trained over is 1*.
- If a rider has to dismount/remount all riders must stay stationary until the dismount/remount is completed.
- Riders must remain alert to the behaviour of other rider's horses in their group. If a horse is becoming very stressed or uncontrollable, the group must leave the cross country course and ensure that all group members return safely to their floats/yards.
- If you see something dangerous eg snake/rabbit hole, or that a fence needs repair, please let the organiser know and warn other riders.

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