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**WRC Horse Welfare Policy**

WRC is committed to the welfare of every horse that participates in a WRC activity, whether that is a rally, a hacknix, a club run competition, representing the club at competitions run by others or other forms of activity.  At all times, the welfare of the horse is paramount.

WRC considers that it is a privilege to involve horses in sport and leisure activities and this comes with responsibilities to the horse.

WRC recognises that equine welfare involves the physical, psychological, social and environmental wellbeing of the horse and that all horses involved in WRC activities should have positive experiences.

WRC commits to continually develop our and our members’ understanding of horse behaviour and equine welfare needs, and to proactively use this knowledge to ensure that horses participating in WRC activities have positive experiences and are not harmed or neglected.

All WRC members have a responsibility to address horse welfare matters when concerns arise.  If such concerns arise during a WRC activity, the member has a responsibility to advise the WRC Head Coach or a WRC Committee Member of the concern.