



TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership renewal period will be 30 days from the due date after which time the membership will be deemed to have lapsed.
2. Mileage points. Veteran Rider and Veteran Horse points will be cumulative and will apply to continuous membership only. Continuous membership is deemed to be where a member renews their subscriptions within the 30-day renewal period. Where a member fails to renew their subscription within the time stipulated in 1, above, all points will be lost and will not be reinstated upon rejoining.
3. An administration fee for rejoining may be levied at the Association's discretion.
4. The Association reserves the right to refuse membership.
5. Classes of membership are: Full Adult - an individual aged 16 years and over
Joint- two persons residing at the same address
Junior -an individual aged under 16 years on 1st March of the year of joining/renewal
6. Registration for mileage points/veteran rider/veteran horse will be effective from the date of renewal of subscriptions or in the case of new members from the date upon which membership commences. Period of registration will terminate on the last day of February each year after which time registrations can be renewed for a further period.
7. In the case of an event having to be cancelled a full refund will be made.
8. *Members will be liable for any bank charges incurred by NSBA for represented cheques.
9. No refund will be made for entries withdrawn after the closing date.
10. Horses/ponies participating in NSBA Social Rides must be at least 4 years of age.
11. Dress ~ All riders must wear hats which meet the requirements of the new standard PAS 015 or equivalent as per the BHS/Endurance GB rules with chin strap securely fastened at all times when mounted. Spurs are only permitted with permission from a member of the committee. If riding footwear without a heel is worn, a suitable caged foot must be fitted to stirrups.
12. Tack - If, in the opinion of the organiser or Association official, any item of tack is ill-fitting or unsafe, the rider will be required to rectify or replace it before being allowed to start the ride.
13. If at any time during an event a horse is, in the opinion of officials, lame, sick or exhausted, it may be eliminated.
14. Dogs must be kept on leads at all times at an event.
15. If in the opinion of officials, any rider or anyone assisting a rider is deemed to be guilty of discourteous behaviour or dangerous riding, they may be eliminated from the event. If the matter is considered sufficiently serious to be referred to the Association Executive, the Executive may terminate that individual's membership.
16. North Staffordshire Bridleways Association reserves the right to:
 - a) Cancel a ride
 - b) Alter advertised times, mileage and route
 - c) Refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason
17. Horses/ponies may be ridden with or without shoes, but if shod they must be correctly shod at the start of a ride.
18. Where the route of a ride crosses private land and it is not on a public bridleway, riders may not ride on that land other than during the actual event, unless specific permission has been granted to them by the landowner.
19. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers or anyone for whom in law they are responsible, neither the organisers of any event to which these rules apply, nor North Staffordshire Bridleways Association officials or representatives, accept any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, riders, owners, spectators, land or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence breach of contract or any other way whatsoever.

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