

Respect and Code of Conduct for Carriage Driving Parents and Carers.

We all have a responsibility to promote the safe use of all driven animals and ensure high standards of health and safety and driver competency within carriage driving.

I Will:

Remember that young drivers learn to drive for FUN and place the safety, enjoyment and well being of the driver and equine above everything else including winning.

Ensure young drivers follow established safe practice when harnessing up/ putting to and driving animals in harness.

Ensure the welfare of the equine is considered of the utmost importance.

Ensure young drivers wear correct approved safety equipment and clothing and are accompanied by a competent adult at all times.

Let the coach/ trainer do their job and not confuse the young driver by interrupting and contradicting advice.

Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying, offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour towards the young driver or equine.

Encourage the driver to respect the decision of the judges/ stewards and event officials at competitions.

Encourage the driver to respect fellow competitors and applaud others effort and achievements.

Follow correct protocol when making an official complaint.

Remain within the designated spectators area during training/ competitions unless on the backstep

I understand that if I do not follow the Code of Conduct any/all of the following actions may be taken by the Coach, Centre/ Affiliated Body

I may be:-

- Issued with a verbal warning
- Requested not to accompany the young driver on the back step during training
- Required to leave the premises along with any dependents.
- Requested by the coach/ club not to attend further driving events