

HURSTBRIDGE & DISTRICT ADULT RIDING CLUB (HDARC) UNIFORM POLICY

“All that HDARC requires - is that you are identifiable as a member, you have our club logo visible, you present yourself as neatly as possible and have FUN!!”

The HDARC uniform is only required for official Horse Riding Club of Victoria (HRC AV) events. At our HDARC rallies only an HRC AV approved helmet and safe riding boots is required.

The purpose of the HDARC uniform is to identify our club members.

When competing at official HRC AV events you must have at least one HDARC logo on you or your equipment (suggest polo, vest or saddle blanket). HDARC wants to encourage all members to have a go at competing, the main objective is to have fun. We want to make it easy for members to comply with the uniform requirements.

Club Colours

HDARC club colours are jade, black and white. Any combination of these colours is acceptable for HRC AV competitions.

HDARC Logo

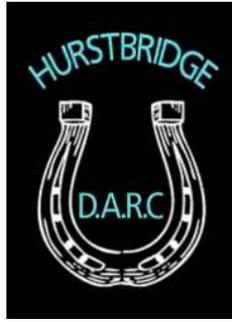
The HDARC logo appears above (remember the ‘D’). This is the official logo and must be displayed on either your saddle cloth or on your person whilst competing at HRC AV events. It is acceptable to have our club name either as letters - ‘HDARC’ or the word ‘HURSTBRIDGE’ displayed on a garment as long as the club logo is also present and visible.

Jodhpurs or Breeches

Black, white or beige jodhpurs/breeches are to be worn at official HRC AV competitions.

Saddle Cloth

Saddle cloth colours for HRC AV competitions are to be jade, black, white or a combination of all three colours. Other colours may be used in trimming (eg. braid, diamontes) , decorative additions (such as sheepskin attached to the saddle blanket), sponsored riders’ logos, or similar embellishment. The



objective is that you are identifiable as a Hurstbridge club member with jade, black or white as the main colour in your saddle cloth.

The HDARC logo is not required on your saddle cloth if you have the HDARC logo on your upper body clothing. If in any doubt about what is permissible, check with your Club President.

Approved Helmet

HRC AV General Rule 9.2 now reads:

Insurance cover is voided if an accident occurs whilst mounted and the rider is not wearing an approved equestrian helmet with a fixed harness. Approved equestrian helmets must comply with the following standards: AS/NZS 3838 (AU), ASTM F 1163 (USA), PAS 015 (UK) and VG1 (Europe). The EN 1384 (Europe) standard is only acceptable for helmets which were manufactured prior to 2016.

HRC AV Event Rule 9.3 now reads:

An approved equestrian helmet with a fixed harness **MUST** be worn at all times whilst mounted. The required standards for helmets at HRC AV competitions will be AS/NZS 3838 (AU), ASTM F 1163 (USA), PAS 015 (UK) and VG1 (Europe). The EN 1384 (Europe) standard is only acceptable for helmets which were manufactured prior to 2016.

Members are reminded that helmets should be replaced following a fall and that the generally accepted usable life of most helmets is 5 years. Please check the label in your helmet to ensure that it complies with the new rules.

Where to Get Uniform

The HDARC logo can be affixed onto any garment required. Locally Debbie Smith from Hurstbridge Saddlery & Stockfeed, 942 Main Road Hurstbridge (ph. 9718 1988) can assist with your uniform requirements however members are free to use their own resources. Please ensure you organise your uniform purchases well in advance of an impending competition date and if you get stuck feel free to ask other club members - as borrowing something can be a quick fix.

HDARC COMMITTEE

May, 2019

TWO IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE WHEN COMPETING AT OFFICIAL HRCV EVENTS:

Rider Identification

At all official events, competitors must be identified by a number. Numbers are to be displayed on both sides of the horse (attached to your bridle or your saddle cloth) except in Showing where a breast plate number may be used. All competitors must supply their own numbers. At Horse Trials events competitors must wear numbers on their front and on their back for the cross-country phase. The Organising Committee will provide numbers for insertion in the number holder. The type of identification for the Dressage and Showjumping phases of Horse Trials shall be determined by the Organising Committee. Number holders can be purchased from saddlery stores.

Medical Armband

When competing at official HRCV events where there is a jumping phase, it is compulsory that a medical armband is worn. Armbands must be worn on the rider's upper arm with the rider's name clearly visible to gear check stewards and medical personnel. Failure to wear a medical armband during a jumping phase will result in elimination from the event. This includes any jumping activity at an event – eg. Combined Training, Horse Trials, Showjumping, 3 Phase Equitation (must be worn in phases 2 and 3) and Showing – Mount Most Suitable classes – that may have a jump. (Updated 23rd February, 2020)