



Conquest Equestrian Centre

Specialising in Riding for the Disabled
Improving Lives

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POLICY FOR EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE AT CONQUEST CENTRE

Conquest Centre for Disabled Riders Ltd aims to offer all riders the opportunity to ride regularly at Conquest Centre. We aim to ensure that individuals are treated fairly, with dignity and respect regardless of their age, marital status, disability, race, faith, gender, language, social or economical background, sexuality any other inappropriate distinction; however, RDA stipulates that the following conditions exclude individuals from being able to participate in riding, driving or vaulting:

1. Uncontrolled epilepsy
2. Arthritis in acute phase including juvenile arthritis
3. Multiple Sclerosis in acute phase
4. Unhealed pressure sores
5. Brittle bone disease
6. Severe kyphosis and scoliosis
7. Haemophilia – specialist advice should be taken on each individual case.

In order for us to protect the welfare, health and safety of our horses, riders, staff and volunteers, and to ensure that all riders have a equal opportunity to ride, Conquest Centre stipulates the following:

1. Riders must be twelve stone or under. Riders will be weighed regularly and these weights will be recorded.
2. Riders must have standing balance.
3. Riders who wear nappies must be clean at the start of the ride.
4. Any rider who is deemed to be causing significant risk to horses, other riders or staff will be asked to leave the premises and may lose their allocated lesson slot.
5. If four or more sessions are missed consecutively or if two-thirds or more of the sessions in any one term are missed, the rider's sessions will be cancelled thereafter and allocated session time offered to another rider on the waiting list. Any rider who has their allocated session time cancelled may re-apply at a later date, but they will be placed at the end of the waiting list.
6. Any rider who repeatedly cancels their sessions, or is repeatedly late for their sessions will be considered for having their allocated session time cancelled.

Conquest Centre for Disabled Riders acknowledges that by offering riding for people with disabilities, unexpected and unusual circumstances may prevent riders from attending on occasion. A rider's attendance record and overall reliability will be taken into consideration before any decision to cancel a rider's allocated session time is made.

The acceptance and continued attendance at an allocated session time depends on the availability of instructors, horses and volunteers and is based on our determination that we can safely accommodate the rider. Conquest Centre for Disabled Riders adheres to precautions and contraindications established by RDA, and retains the right to refuse any rider.