

Druids Lodge Polo Club Covid-19 Rules & Procedures Update 22nd September 2020

For Club Chukkas and Tournaments these rules and procedures should be read in conjunction with the latest HPA procedures and rule variances.

All attendees at polo must complete the online Covid-19 module at <https://hpa-polo-c19.co.uk/>

Anyone who is planning to attend Druids Lodge Polo Club for any reason, including visiting ponies at livery must sign and return a **Waiver and Declaration** before their visit. You attend Druids Lodge Polo at your own risk and cannot hold the Club responsible for any personal illness associated with Covid-19. Before your first coaching session you must also read and sign the **Safety Guidelines** form.

In coming to Druids Lodge Polo you agree that you understand that Covid-19 is a virus which is contagious and potentially fatal. You accept that despite procedures put in place to lessen the risks of the virus being transmitted there is still a risk that this can happen.

You will not attend unless you have been symptom-free for the last 14 days, and you have not been in contact with anyone who has symptoms.

You will comply with the government guidance and measures at the time with regards to social distancing and hygiene etc.

You must bring your own hand sanitizer and face covering and use the hand sanitizer before leaving your vehicle on arrival.

Loos will be available with hand sanitizer and these are cleaned weekly.

There will be a Covid Marshall in charge and you must obey their instructions including on the polo field in order to minimise contact. Covid Marshals are Giles, Eden and Robin Ormerod.

Druids Lodge Polo Club is a Level 6 club. This means that players may register immediate family members to attend when they are playing. FOR CLUB POLO: All attendees must check in with the medic on arrival. The Medic will also check that you have hand sanitizer for each vehicle and a face covering for each attendee.

Face coverings must be worn whenever you are unavoidably within 2m of someone not in your household. Face coverings must also be worn while you are getting on or off a horse if being helped by someone else. You should always carry a face covering so that you can put it on if needed.

Parking should be sufficiently distanced from other vehicles and please tie ponies up to your own lorry rather than using the pony lines.

Everyone is to bring their own equipment including hats, whips and sticks where possible. If equipment is to be borrowed from Druids please give three days notice so that equipment can be safely quarantined.



WAIVER AND DECLARATION IN RECOGNITION OF COVID-19

This waiver is to recognize the risks concerning Covid-19 and must be signed by anyone attending an affiliated or provisionally affiliated club or a venue that is being managed and administered by an affiliated or provisionally affiliated club for the purposes of training for or playing polo.

I understand that Covid-19 is a virus which is contagious and potentially fatal. I accept that despite procedures put in place to lessen the risks of the virus being transmitted there is still a risk that this can happen. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to be satisfied that the procedures in place at any venue where I play are acceptable to me. If I am not so satisfied, I agree to register those concerns at the time with an official of the club and the HPA and shall not play or remain on the premises unless or until my concerns have been addressed.

I confirm that I have been symptom-free for the last 14 days, and that I have not knowingly been in contact with anyone who has those symptoms.

I am aware and understand the government guidance and the measures as regards social distancing, hygiene (etc) and I will keep my knowledge and understanding of these current as the guidance may change. I accept full responsibility for mine and my staff actions and hygiene whilst at an affiliated Club and we will abide by the measures that the club has adopted to ensure a Covid-19 safe environment.

I understand that I do not have to visit any club if I do not wish to and do so at my own risk and cannot hold the Club responsible for any personal illness associated with Covid-19 if I have accepted the procedures as satisfactory.

I confirm that I will keep the best interests of polo in mind at all times and will not share any photographs which may be viewed in a negative light in respect of current rules regarding the sport and social distancing.

Optional on behalf of the below

I also confirm that I have checked that the following persons, who are or will be the only persons travelling with or working for me at any venue where I play polo, have also been symptom-free for the last 14 days, and have not been in contact with anyone who has those symptoms. I also confirm that they accept the waiver and that they have authorised me to sign this on their behalf as well as my own.

Names;

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Signed.....

Name.....

Email (For NHS Test and Trace).....

Date.....

Druids Polo Club Safety Guidelines – To be completed and signed by any new attendee

- ❖ All activities at Druids Lodge Polo Club will take place under the supervision of experienced and qualified instructors, for the safety of all involved it is important that any directions from these members of staff are followed exactly.
- ❖ All those involved in activities at Druids will be required to wear a protective helmet that conforms to the HPA rule 2.3; this is to be worn at all times when mounted. We have a limited supply of helmets for use during lessons. Please be aware that polo is a contact sport and there is a selection of other protective gear on the market to further protect your body from injury.
- ❖ Suitable footwear and clothing is to be worn at all times.
- ❖ Do not ride if you are pregnant and/or have any health problems, including a bad back. Please make us aware if you are suffering from any existing medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in activities at Druids Lodge Polo Club.
- ❖ We ask that you state your riding ability as accurately as possible so that you are matched with the correct pony and can maintain a safe level of control to minimise risk to yourself and others.
- ❖ Whilst all possible care will be taken to ensure your safety at Druids Lodge Polo Club, please remember that horses are live animals and their behaviour is therefore unpredictable. We ask that guests are mindful of their own behaviour and do not intentionally provoke or scare the horses.
- ❖ If you require any medical treatment or advice at Druids Lodge Polo Club please note that the details will be disclosed to the polo office for their records.
- ❖ Gates and barriers should be shut at all times. In the rare event of one being left open or a horse escaping please contact a member of staff and do not attempt to deal with the situation yourself.
- ❖ Spectators are welcome but please ensure that they remain at a safe distance and children are supervised. Dogs must be on leads and kept under close control at all times.

Participant Name:

D-O-B:

Riding Ability:

I have read, understood and accept the above.

Participant's Signature:

Date:

Contact Details

Contact Name:

Relationship to Participant if applicable:

Email:

Mobile Number:

*If under 16: As the parent/guardian, I understand and accept the above.
Sign*

I have read and accept the Privacy Policy

Druids Lodge Polo Club may wish to send information regarding events and services that may be of interest to you.
Please tick if you are happy being contacted by: email post