

# British Horseball Association Membership



## **Membership terms**

In submitting this membership application I acknowledge that the sport of Horseball has certain risks and I accept that the British Horseball Association, its officers, clubs, members and all others associated with the association shall not be liable for any injury, loss or damage that may occur unless arising as a direct result of any negligence. I agree to abide by the rules of the BHA and agree to the code of conduct (available on the BHA website).

The BHA does not insure yourselves, your horses or your tack and equipment: you are advised to make your own arrangements.

Horses are unpredictable animals and are known to be potentially harmful to humans both when being handled from the floor and when being ridden. It is recommended that all children riding and managing horses are under the supervision of a competent adult 18 years or over (preferably a parent).

Horseball is a contact sport carried out on horseback, whilst every care is taken by the referees and officers of the BHA no guarantee of safety can be made to any person competing in a BHA competition.

The format of many Horseball competitions requires an over-night stay. Horseball league competitions are mixed adult and junior. Many of the officials of the BHA hold DBS and Safeguarding certifications and the BHA will also appoint a dedicated Safeguarding officer at every official BHA event, who can be identified on the Event information document available on Sportity, prior to each event. You can also read more on our Safeguarding policies and officers on our web site – [www.britishhorseball.co.uk](http://www.britishhorseball.co.uk)

Parents of all those under 18 are responsible for protecting their own children against abuse from adults, and must ensure that they are under the care of a responsible adult at any British Horseball, or Clubs registered to British Horseball, ran events, (preferably the parent themselves) or when attending competitions abroad including BHA and Club organised events as well as FIHB events.

Riding and playing with a ball at the same time at speed requires considerable concentration, rules of safety are constantly being upheld by the referees. However, excess alcohol, drug abuse and lack of sleep, lowers any riders ability to concentrate – particularly young riders. Preferably parents will stay overnight with their children or ensure that anyone left in charge of children is completely trustworthy AND has the authority to deal with any issues arising.

The BHA would like to keep in touch with members as frequently as possible. You consent to contact from the BHA when joining as a member. If you wish to withdraw this consent you can do so at any time by emailing: [membership@britishhorseball.co.uk](mailto:membership@britishhorseball.co.uk)