

# Safety Code

The Sandhurst Draghunt Limited  
trading as the **SC&RMAS Draghunt**  
Registered Company No. 7122172

Conditions apply to all those who hunt with the SC&RMAS Draghunt

## General

Draghunting is a high risk sport. From time to time it is inevitable that accidents will happen, whether or not it is the fault of the rider or any of those otherwise concerned, including ourselves.

For this reason we make it a condition that anyone coming out with us must have read carefully and must observe the safety requirements which follow.

## Insurance Recommendations

### **We strongly recommend that:**

1. You insure yourself whilst Draghunting against all the risks including any claims which may be made against you arising out of your participation in the day's hunting, from injury, loss or damage caused to any rider or third party sustained in the course of or as a result of Draghunting however or by whomsoever.
2. You insure yourself and your horse against all risks including injury, loss or damage sustained in the course of or as a result of Draghunting however or by whomsoever caused, including ourselves and whether or not anyone is to blame.

### **We draw to your attention that:**

If you become a member of the Countryside Alliance (The Old Town Hall, 367 Kennington Road, LONDON, SE11 4PT. 020 7840 9200) you can through such membership readily obtain suitable insurance cover. If you do not already have the cover as recommended you should be in touch with The Countryside Alliance immediately in order to put this into effect.

## Safety Requirements

1. The requirements that follow are intended to minimise the risk of those involved and are given in the best interests of the rider.
2. It is important that you note that our lines differ in complexity and type. Please be aware that SC&RMAS Draghunt cannot be held responsible for those bringing out inexperienced horses or riders. Accordingly you should check the severity of the lines with one of our Masters to assess if the lines are suitable for you and/or your horse.
3. NOTE: Meets NOT suitable for novices are printed in **BOLD** on the meet card.
4. A Safety Officer and Assistant Safety Officer to be appointed to help ensure this Safety Code is complied with. If you have any doubt about any aspect relating to safety, please ensure you clarify this with the Safety Officer of the day.
5. Headgear  
FOR BOTH THOSE HUNTING WITH THE SC&RMAS DRAGHUNT AND ANY MOUNTED ASSISTANTS WHENEVER RIDING IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES WITH HOUNDS. The headgear which should be worn is a hunting cap of the established crash helmet variety with fitted safety harness BS EN 1384 1997 PAS 015 1998.

## Jumping

Whenever possible give your fellow Field Members room at a fence and never ride immediately behind the horse in front. Always ride straight at a fence. Horses ridden at an angle may cross the path of others and put them at risk.

If your horse attempts to refuse or refuses, do your best to keep him going in a straight line, do not run down the fence. Turn away and join the back of the group.

When a horse in front of you has fallen, stop and make sure the horse and rider are well clear before attempting to jump.

At hedges always jump between the markers. Do not jump where you cannot see a marker.

Make other riders aware of your intentions at all times i.e. when overtaking.

## Visitors/Guests

The onus is on the Member to ensure his visitor/guest is suitable to come out and is aware of all the conditions, before they become a visitor/guest.

## Loose Horses

These must be caught at the earliest possible moment. If necessary the field must stop to enable this to be done.

## Gates

All gates must be shut. If you go through a gate, either shut it or ensure that somebody behind you will do so.

**Keeping to the Line**

The direction of the line has been carefully worked out beforehand. If by any chance you get left behind, follow either the path of the Line or go back the way you have come. Do not take a Line of your own.

**Damage**

If you cause serious damage to any fence or break a rail, you must inform the Fieldmaster as soon as possible.

**Horseboxes**

Drivers of these are requested to ensure that the highway is at all times kept clear. Please park only in the designated areas.

**Minors (under 18yrs)**

All children must wear, when out draghunting, protective hats and back protectors, as required by the Pony Club. No minor is to come out unless his/her guardian has read the Safety Code to the minor and signed it on the minor's behalf. The minor is advised to be a Member of The Countryside Alliance to comply with the above.

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**Declaration – General**

In consideration for being permitted to hunt with SC&RMAS Draghunt I confirm on my own behalf that:

I recognise that Draghunting is a high-risk sport and that whilst the SC&RMAS Draghunt through its officials and employees will endeavour to reduce the risks for those draghunting, it cannot always guarantee that its risks reduction system will have been fully complied with or that some human error will not occur.

The value of horses differs significantly and cannot be expected to be known by the Masters and Officers of the SC&RMAS Draghunt. Accordingly, in the event of injury or death to my horse or any horse ridden by me, whether due in part or full to any error, neglect or default on the part of the SC&RMAS Draghunt, its officials or employees, I will not hold the SC&RMAS Draghunt, or its officials or employees responsible for such injury or death or any consequential expenses and I further agree that it is my sole responsibility to arrange effective insurance cover in respect thereof and (where I do not myself own the horse which I am riding) to indemnify and save harmless the SC&RMAS Draghunt, its officials and employees against any claim or claims made by the owner of any horse ridden by me.

**I HAVE READ THESE CONDITIONS AND FULLY UNDERSTAND AND WILL COMPLY WITH THEM.**

**Are you a member of The Countryside Alliance?** YES  NO

**If YES, please state your membership number:** .....

**Name in CAPITALS:** .....

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Contact Details:**

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Tel No(s):** .....

**Email:** .....