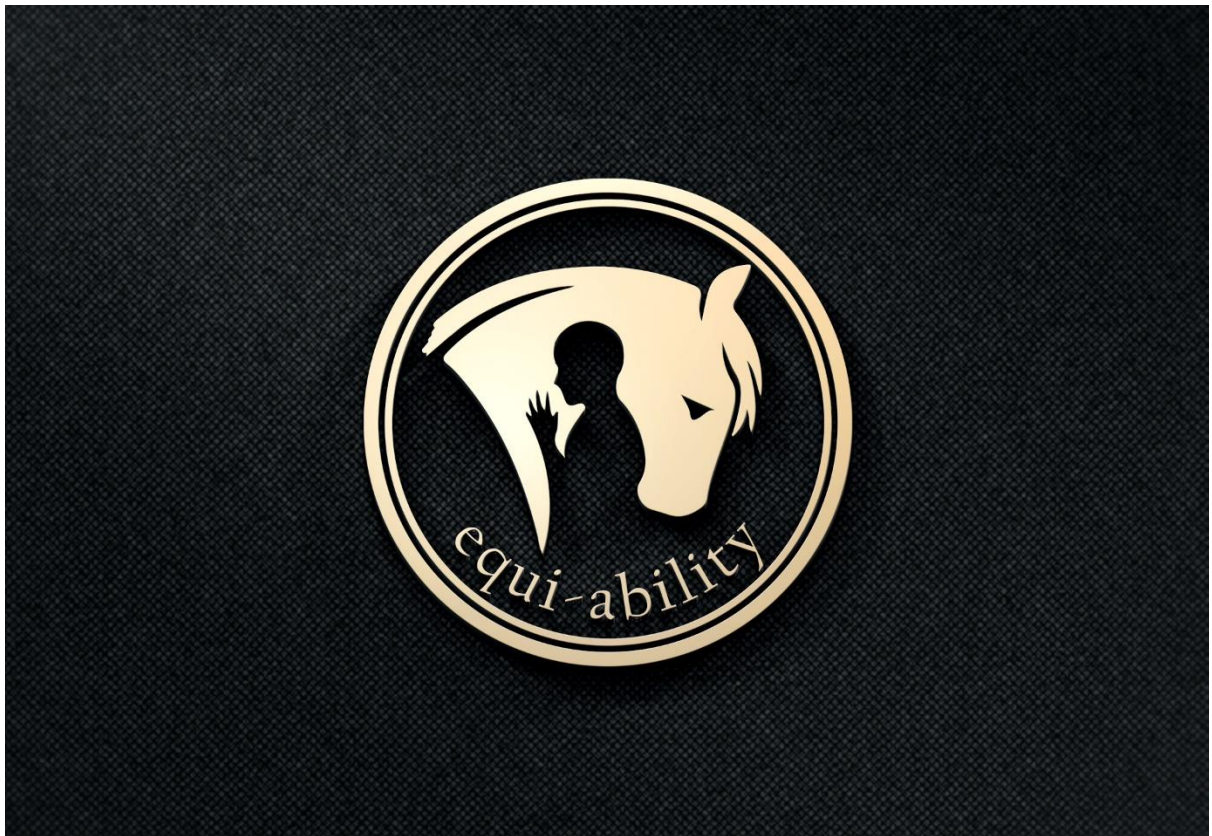


equi-ability

Rules



## equi-ability Rules and Regulations

Competitors must be aware of the Rules and Regulations of **equi-ability** and will be asked to sign to say that they have read them and understand their responsibilities. We try to limit the rules that we make – our priority being the health and wellbeing of the horse and general safety.

- In order to enter equi-ability on-line or compete in equi-ability Face-to-face all partnerships must be members.
- Any entry on-line or Face-to-face where the horse is not fit to do what is being asked of them will be deemed void. We will have an open discussion regarding such situations and we may choose not to refund.
- Member partners entering equi-ability Face-to-face are responsible for ensuring that their own insurance is valid and appropriate to their location – assuring adequate cover should accidents occur especially if involving third parties. You may be asked to provide evidence of this or to sign an indemnity form in order to take part.
- equi-ability do not accept liability for any accidents or harm when taking part in any on-line phases. This includes any times that you are actively recording and during any practice times. You should always consider yours and your horses' safety when setting up your challenges. Do not ask more from your horse than they are able to give at that point in time, and remember that horses can often surprise us!! We are always happy to advise you regarding safety measures that you can take, but the onus is on you to keep safe!
- Equines must be at least 4 years old to compete in any equi-ability activities. There is no upper age limit.
- Humans must be at least 5 years old with no upper age limit.
- There may be an assistant for any child up to 12 years and any person who requests it due to physical or mental disability.
- All human partners must wear hard hats which comply with the national accepted standard at that time for all ridden activities and it is highly recommended that hats are also worn when competing from the ground. For example in UK 2017 the following applies "*Hats which bear EN1384 or BSEN1384 ALONG WITH another accepted standard, will be permitted. For example, BSEN1384 & PAS015 (1998 or 2011) along with the Kitemark or Inspec IC mark will be acceptable, but not BSEN1384 on its own.*"
- Suitable footwear must also be worn in all activities
- Every equi-ability partnership starts at Light Grey level and progresses through the levels as they succeed. No-one starts at a higher level or misses any level out.
- equi-ability currently has three phases – Phase I is Mounted Expression , Phase II is In hand Expression and Phase III is equi-ability Agility. Partners can move through each independently but can only move up a complete tier by completing two phases (one Expression and the Agility) to the accepted standard.
- Horses will generally be entered under two different heights – up to and including 13.2 and over 13.2.
- The use of treats is allowed in all Grey levels but not beyond.



## SAFETY NOTES

You are responsible for your own safety when you compete in and practice for equi-ability .

We are happy to advise and guide but your decisions need to be based on the knowledge and understanding of your equine partner(s), the facilities available to you and the people around you.

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