ARENA HIRE

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BICTON ARENA

AT THE POINT OF BOOKING THE HIRER MUST AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OUTLINED BELOW…

CONDITIONS FOR USE OF EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES

No Bicton Arena Employees are available during the day of hire and accordingly all those who wish to school their horses/ponies do so entirely at their own risk.

RULES

If you arrive & you are unhappy with how the previous occupant has left the Arena, please let us know at the beginning of the session.

1. **Please remove all droppings** (preferably straight way)
2. Absolutely **NO coloured poles to be on the ground**, please use the rustic poles provided for trot / canter / placing poles etc & return them after use.
3. Safety cups to be used where required & used correctly.
4. Please leave the course at around 90cm after use with any fillers put back in their original position.
5. Any falls, damages or breakages must be reported, for safety reasons.

All the above will incur a £5 charge per rule break.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1.Bicton Arena, its employees, agents servants and all those connected with the equestrian facilities do not accept any liability for any damage, whether occasioned by the negligence or breach of contract or statutory duty for themselves, their servants, agents, employees or those connected with the equestrian facilities or otherwise howsoever.

2. It is an express condition of every person entering upon the equestrian facilities that he/she agrees, and if he/she is under 18 years of age, his/her parents or accompanying adult also agree, that he/she does so at his/her own risk and voluntarily accepts the risk of injury or damage that is implicit in riding a horse on these premises.

3. In the unlikely situation that Photographs and videos are taken at Bicton during your hire period… they will be done so by a professional, licenced and insured photographer/videographer who has been approved and accredited by Bicton. Bicton reserve the right to use these photographs and videos for advertising purposes to promote the facilities.
No other photographers or videographers are permitted to photograph or film at Bicton without accreditation from Bicton, **this includes Private Hire.** Email info@bicton.com to request permission or call Andrew Fell (Site Manager) if urgent / last minute on 07887 762891.

4. Due to the current prevalence of Equine Influenza, Bicton Arena will continue to carry out spot checks on equine passports at any time whilst horses are on site. Any horse with invalid or incorrect vaccination dates, discrepancies within its documentation, or without its passport will be required to leave the site. No refund or transfer of hire fees will be provided in these circumstances.

5. All hirers are advised to check the arena before entering to ensure that it has been left in a safe condition by the previous occupant, this includes distances between poles / combinations / grids etc.

6. INSURANCE: **all instructors using Bicton Arena's facilities must have their own insurance cover for providing tuition**, please email details to gemma@bicton.com before your hire commences.

7. It is **always mandatory** for **all riders to wear a protective helmet of current British standard while mounted** on Bicton Arena's property.
Body protectors of current BETA approved level are advised and **are mandatory when hiring the XC Course / Arena XC**. Suitable footwear with heels must be worn when mounted (see Appendix 2)

8. Due to circumstances beyond Bicton Arena's control, it may be necessary to change or cancel your booking. Where the change is considered major as decided by Bicton Arena you will be offered the option to accept the change or to receive a full refund of any monies paid against the booking. Bicton Arena will not be responsible for any other costs, expenses or damages which may have been incurred by the client or their guest as a result of the change.

9. Monetary refunds or credit will be issued for cancellations due to weather conditions which result in the facility being deemed unfit for use i.e., snow, dense fog, ice or excessive wind speeds and an Amber weather warning being issued by the Met Office.

10. Any cancellations made within 48 hours of the hire slot booked will not be entitled to any sort of refund. If the Hire is cancelled before this point a refund will be given minus a £5 admin fee (booking fees are non-refundable)

11. The hirer may ONLY access the following areas: Arena in which has been hired, the walkway to get there, the lorry park and toilet facilities. Any stable area, hook up area, marquee and workshop are strictly out of bounds, please keep off of all grass areas / Arenas / verges on your way to / from the Arena.

12. Strictly no smoking in the arena.

13. All clients and their guests and customers are required to adhere to commonly accepted standards of decency and good behaviour. Racial abuse, discrimination, swearing and loud or aggressive conduct will not be tolerated. We reserve the right to ask any person on the premises to leave immediately. We reserve the right to refuse admission to any person without giving reason.

14. Litter is to be taken home with you or disposed of in bins provided.

15. No lungeing in any of the arenas.

16. Please do not muck out your transportation onto the lorry park, fields or hedge lines.

17. Children under 18 must be supervised at all times.

18. The hirer is responsible for any damage caused to the premises or equipment and must pay the total amount required to make good any such damage.

19. Dogs must be kept on leads, always picked up after & under appropriate control.

20. **Please report all accidents or damage to BA staff immediately online – Scan QR code below, it's also located at the toilet / shower block.**

I have read the conditions and agree to be bound by and observe them and to absolve Bicton Arena and anyone else connected with the Equestrian Facilities, for any injury or damage that I may suffer on these premises.

BY MAKING AN ARENA HIRE BOOKING YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY OUR T&C'S

INCIDENT REPORT FORM – please scan QR Code

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/tMskZ7k9Py

APPENDIX 2

BHS Event Hat & Body Protector Rules 2026 / 2027

Riding Hat Standards 2026

Reference guide based on current BHS accepted standards

Standard and Date	Quality Assurance Mark	Visual Example
PAS 015:2011	BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark	bsi / INSPEC CERTIFIED STANDARD No.
VG1 01.040: 2014-12	BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark	bsi / INSPEC CERTIFIED STANDARD No.
ASTM F1163: 2015 or 2023	SEI mark	SEI Certified by SEI to ASTM F1163
SNELL E2016 or E2021 onwards	Official SNELL label and number	SNELL E2016 SAMPLE 123456 SNELL CERTIFIED
AS/NZS 3838: 2006 onwards	SAI Global mark	Certified Product
BS EN 1384:2023	BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark	bsi / INSPEC CERTIFIED STANDARD No.

Important: the hat must meet all the requirements in **one row**.
The standard and the appropriate quality assurance mark must both be present.

Body Protector Standards 2026

Reference guide for British Eventing body protector checks

Standard and Date	Quality Assurance Mark	Visual Example
BETA 2018 Level 3	**MUST HAVE** blue BETA 2018 Level 3 label	BETA 2018 Level 3 — ACCEPT
BETA 2018 Level 2	Orange BETA 2018 Level 2 label	BETA 2018 Level 2 — Not acceptable where a body protector is required
BETA 2018 Level 1	Green BETA 2018 Level 1 label	BETA 2018 Level 1 — Not acceptable where a body protector is required
BETA 2009 Level 3	Purple BETA 2009 Level 3 label	BETA 2009 Level 3 — No longer accepted

Important: For British Eventing, only BETA 2018 Level 3 is accepted where a body protector is required.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR CROSS-COUNTRY ACTIVITIES: Only a "Jockey Skull" of an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface, having no peak or peak type extensions should be worn for any XC activity. Noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front, not greater than 5mm, smooth and rounded in nature are permitted. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used.

HEAD CAMS: When hats are tested against the requirements of a standard, they are done so with no extra additions on the hat i.e. with no head cam attached. Therefore, it is currently not known how the addition of a protuberance such as a head cam, affects how the hat would respond during an impact. Therefore, the use of HEAD CAMS are not recommended at any BHS activity. This includes use on the head, chest, bridle or any other part of the horse or rider.

Body Protector Standards

From 1st January 2024, the **Level 3 blue BETA 2018** standard will be required when riding at any British Eventing event. This means the **purple BETA 2009** safety certification **will no longer be permitted**.

There are three different levels: Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3, with Level 3 being recommended for working with horses and competing in events like jumping and eventing, and is designed to prevent minor injuries.

Body protectors are a mandatory piece of safety equipment required while riding cross-country and over solid fences in arena eventing during all British Eventing affiliated events.

They are designed to protect a rider by absorbing the high levels of energy created when falling off a horse or being kicked or stepped on by a horse. A correctly-fitted body protector can offer protection to the abdomen and internal organs, chest and ribs, and prevent against soft tissue injuries.

There is one specification for air-inflatable equestrian body protectors: Satra M38.