

# FOXHUNTING ETIQUETTE/PROTOCOL

- Leave the five parking spaces closest to the kennel or hound trailer available for staff.
- Be sure all guests are introduced to a Master or the Honorary Secretary and that all riders have signed hold harmless forms. Members should ride in the same field as their guest.
- Keep horses at a walk in trailer area. Lunge horses well away from trailers.
- Be mounted and waiting in the appropriate area for your field at least 15 minutes prior to start time.
- Always show courtesy and consideration to landowners, without whose continuing support we would not be able to hunt. Leave fences/gates as they were, do not ride over crops (even if the huntsman or a staff member does), and always enter and leave the fixture via the approved entrance/exit.
- Hunt members and guests are not permitted to ride or be on hunt country at any time other than during a scheduled hunt or hunt-related activity, and then only with a field or appropriate group.
- Do not bring pets to the hunt fixture. Smoking is not permitted at hunt fixtures.
- If your horse kicks, tie a red ribbon on its tail and keep clear of other riders. If you are on a green horse, tie a green ribbon on its tail. Other riders should approach these horses with caution and courtesy.
- If your horse is unmanageable, or if it kicks a hound, you will be asked to retire for the day and escorted back to the trailers.
- If you wish to leave the field for any reason, please request permission of the Field Master or Field Secretary and they will ensure that you get back to the trailers safely.
- Members with colors (colored collars representing hunt affiliation on scarlet or black coat) must be shown courtesy and should ride in the front of the field—adults with colors first, followed by juniors with colors. Riders without colors should ride behind those with colors (with juniors at the rear) unless invited by a member with colors or the Field Master to do otherwise.
- Do not allow large gaps to develop in the field. If you wear colors and wish to ride in the back, invite others to go ahead. Changing fields is permitted with the approval of the Field Masters.
- Do not circle in front of other horses or pass too closely or at high speed.
- Always make way for hounds, the huntsman, and staff, moving to the side and turning your horse's head towards the pack/staff member. When on a narrow trail, back your horse off the trail to allow staff/hounds to pass.
- Do not rate (speak to) a hound unless requested to do so by one of the hunt staff.
- Keep a horse's length between your horse and the horse in front of you. When following at a coop/fence, do not jump until the horse in front has cleared it.
- Do not talk while hounds are working.
- Hard hats must be worn while mounted at all hunt activities.