

BHA Horse Behaviour Rule

- (i) If a horse kicks out and makes contact with a player and/or horse the horse will be removed from the game and not allowed to return in that weekend.

- (ii) If a horse kicks out and makes no contact (1st time), it will be removed from the game until the next break in play.
If the horse kicks out again (2nd time) it will be removed from the game and not allowed to return for the remainder of the game.
If the horse kicks out again (3rd time) it will be removed from the game and not allowed to return in that weekend.

It is the responsibility of each **Player** to ensure they are safely riding their horses, anyone riding into the back of other horses or without control in an unsafe manner and making contact will be penalised in line with Bad Horse Behaviour (ii).

- (iii) If a horse rears and makes contact with another player or horse, the horse will be removed from the game and not allowed to return in that weekend.

- (iv) Horses rearing in a way the referee (Chair and Mounted) consider dangerous in the play of the game shall be removed from the game until the next break in play. (1st time).
If the horse returns to the pitch and rears again (2nd time) in a dangerous way in the play of the game it will be removed and not allowed to return for the remainder of the game.
If the horse rears again (3rd time) in a dangerous way in the play of the game it will be removed from the game and not allowed to return in that weekend.

It is the responsibility of the **Team Coach** to ensure their players and horses are well prepared to be playing in a match circumstance and any Horses sent off due to bad behaviour may affect your team rights to play and/or forfeit so you should take this into consideration. Regular training is advised and new horses to the sport are advised to be played in a lesser division before entering the high level of competition of 1st Division.