



Ride Together ★ Train Together ★ Compete Together ★ Have Fun Together



Guidelines For Lead Rein & Assisted Rider Jumping Classes

Showjumping is such great fun that we thought it was time to offer a class that everyone can enter and enjoy! Starting with our first showjumping show in February 2025, we are adding a new 40cm/50cm class for any rider or horse who doesn't want to go higher and with a special section for the younger lead rein riders and riders that need assistance in the arena. Here are some helpful Dos & Don'ts to help lead rein riders, handlers and arena assistants have a successful competition and enjoy competing in the showjumping show.

- **Do** check out the BRC competition rules which may be found on our website - <https://www.rearsbylodgeridingclub.co.uk/club-rules.html>
- **Don't** wear spurs.
- **Do** carry a baton jumping whip if you wish. Jumping whips are allowed, to be carried by the rider.
- **Don't** overuse the whip.
- **Do** attach the lead rein to a cavasson noseband.
- **Don't** attach the lead rein to the bit rings, a flash (it can be on the cavasson part of a flash above the bit) or drop noseband. The rider needs to be able to steer the pony/horse independently.
- **Do** use the correct type of lead rein, an example is in the picture below.



- **Don't** use a lead rein with a chain or one that you would use on a headcollar.

LEADERS

- **Do** ensure that you are over 16 years or over can run alongside the rider and pony to step in and help for safety reasons only.
- **Do** wear gloves and suitable shoes or boots that you can run (and jump) in. It is recommended that you also wear a riding hat.
- **Do** make sure you lead the pony correctly remaining at the pony's side and ensuring you are in a safe position over the fence.
- **Don't** pull the pony behind you drag forward or hold the pony back.
- **Don't** touch the pony's bit or bridle.
- **Do** allow the riders themselves to steer at all times with the reins and the leader must not do this for them.
- **Do** make sure that the rein goes directly from the bit to the rider's hand, with no extra aids or attachments to or on the saddle.
- **Do** assist your rider with verbal guidance only if required.
- **Do** hold the lead rein with the outside hand, so that the inner hand may be used in an emergency situation to help the young rider. A good idea is for the handler to put their inside hand behind their back and only use this hand in an emergency situation.
- **Don't** be scared of the Judge & the Stewards! They all want you and your horse/pony to do your very best and get a clear round if you can.
- **Do** wait for the bell to ring before you start.

ASSISTANTS

- **Do** run alongside the rider and pony and step in and help for safety reasons only.
- **Do** help your young rider verbally.
- **Don't** shout at your rider or pony or chase the pony.
- **Do** offer words of encouragement and praise.

And most importantly.... Have A Fantastic Time!