

## **PART B: CODES OF BEHAVIOUR**

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### **PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA INC.**

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##### **B 1. RIDERS**

1. Ride by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your coach or manager follow the correct procedure for objections at a suitable time.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other riders, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviors in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good performances whether they be by your team/club or the opposition.
6. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with officials, your coach, fellow club/team members and other club/team members. Without them there would be no rallies or competition.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability or disability, cultural background or religion.

##### **B 2. ADMINISTRATORS**

1. Abide by, support and promote this PCT Member Protection Policy and the policies included.
2. Involve young people in planning & leadership, evaluation and decision making related to Pony Club activities.
3. Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
4. Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a rider but as a coach, judge, administrator etc.
5. Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of all riders.
6. Provide quality supervision and instruction for young riders.
7. Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasize competition and winning but encourage the achievement of Efficiency Test awards.
8. Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behavior and skill development and help improve the standards of instruction and officiating.
9. Ensure that everyone involved in pony club emphasizes fair play and the care of their horse and not winning at all costs.
10. Promote the codes of behavior to officials, parents, coaches, riders and spectators and encourage them to follow it.
11. Remember, you set an example. Your behavior and comments should be positive and supportive.
12. Make it clear that abusing other people or a horse in any way or the use of bad language is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
13. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability or disability, cultural background or religion.

### **B 3. OFFICIALS**

1. Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
2. Compliment and encourage all participants.
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
4. Condemn unsporting behavior and promote respect for all opponents.
5. Emphasize the spirit of pony club competition rather than the errors.
6. Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable.
7. Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
8. Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
9. Remember, you set an example. Your behavior and comments should be positive and supportive.
10. Place the safety and welfare of the participants and horses above all else.
11. Give all young people a "fair go" regardless of their gender, ability or disability, cultural background or religion.

### **B 4. COACHES**

1. Remember to encourage riders to participate for enjoyment, winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a rider for making a mistake.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on riders' time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your riders to do the same.
5. Ensure that the time riders spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented riders or riders with talented horses; the just average need and deserve equal time and praise.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all riders.
8. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes officials, administrators, the media, parents and, spectators. Encourage riders to do the same.

### **B 5. PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

1. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the rider's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Insist that riders always to participate according to the rules and never resort to hostility or violence.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a rider for making a mistake or blame the horse for not winning a competition.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances by all participants.
7. Support all efforts to remove bad language or verbal and physical abuse of riders and horses from pony club activities.
8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability or disability, cultural background or religion.

## **B 6. VOLUNTEERS AND SPECTATORS**

1. Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
2. Never ridicule or scold a young rider for making a mistake. Positive comments are
3. motivational.
4. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials or riders.
5. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
6. Do not use violence, harassment or abuse in any form (that is, do not use foul language, sledge or harass riders, coaches, officials or other spectators.
7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.