



# **PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA INC**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**



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**PREAMBLE**

The prime objective of National and International Competitions is the meeting, exchange of views and better understanding between Pony Club members from Countries taking part and the broadening of the scope of the Pony Club movement. Good sportsmanship, team spirit and the ability to cheerfully participate in all activities planned by the host Country or the host family is of paramount importance when representing the Pony Club of Australia Inc..

1. All riders, coaches, managers and or chaperones representing Pony Club Australia (PCA) in Australia or overseas must comply with PCA Policies including the Member Protection Policy, the Anti Doping Policy and the attached Alcohol and Smoking Policies for International riders, coaches, managers and or chaperones.
2. Disciplinary action may be taken against a person who is found in breach of any of the Policies and or Codes of Conduct may also result in disqualification of the individual rider or the team.

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*Greg Bailey*

Pony Club Australia President.

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**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

This document is to be read and signed by every rider, coach, manager and or chaperone selected to represent the PCA in or at an International or National event.

*Please sign this two page document and return to PCA Headquarters.*

I, ..... (print name), as a representative, of the PCA at an International/ National event, acknowledge that I have read and understand the attached Code of Conduct and undertake to comply with the requirements contained in this document.

SIGNATURE OF RIDER

DATE:

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NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (if rider is under 18)

DATE:

**As from 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011, any member representing the PCA having been found NOT to have upheld the 'Aims and Objectives' of Pony Club or to have been in breach of the PCA 'Code of Conduct', will NOT be considered for selection in future International/National Events .**

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**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL MEMBERS**

Members should be aware of the Aims and Objectives of Pony Club in Australia, these are:

- i To encourage young people to ride and learn to enjoy all approved kinds of sport connected with horses and riding;
- ii To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship and to instill in members the proper care of their animals; and
- iii To promote the highest ideals of fellowship, citizenship and loyalty, and to cultivate strength of character and self-discipline

Members should also be aware that:

- i Pony Club is a youth movement and has always maintained a high standard of behavior and presentation;
- ii when representing Pony Club in any shape or form, their behavior must never compromise, bring into disrepute or embarrass the Pony Club Association;
- iii they are ambassadors of the PCA and their actions will reflect upon everyone, including members or teams representing the PCA in future International and or National events; and
- iv they should be proud of their involvement in the Pony Club movement and in their Pony Club uniform.

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**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RIDERS**

Riders come under the supervision of the Coach, Manager and or Chaperone from the time they leave their home state until they return, during this time riders are expected to behave appropriately at all times and to obey instructions and or directions given by either the Coach, Manager or Chaperone.

1. Ride by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your Team Manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviors in any sport.
3. The use of bad or abusive language may entail disqualification from any event.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you:
  - i treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair
  - ii advantage of another competitor.
  - iii cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents.
  - iv respects the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
5. A high standard of behavior is essential and specifically includes:
  - i compliance with PCA policies; the Member Protection Policy, Alcohol Policy, Anti Doping Policy and Smoke Free Policy;
  - ii **no** use or possession of recreational or illicit drugs;
  - iii **no** sexual liaisons, physical aggression or assault;
  - iv **no** theft or vandalising of facilities or property;
  - v **no** leaving a billet or group without permission;
  - vi **no** cruel actions or abuse of horses;
  - vii the official uniform is to be worn when representing PCA and at all times as directed by the Coach Manager or Chaperone;
  - viii no rider is to be a passenger in a vehicle driven by a person under 18 years of age. Should a rider experience any difficulties while staying with a host family, it is important that they advise their Coach, Manager or Chaperone or immediately.

**Failure by a rider to comply with the above Code of Conduct may result in him/her being dismissed from the team and required to return to their home state immediately.**

**Parents, Guardians or Riders aged 18 yrs and over, will be responsible for any additional costs incurred should a rider be required to return home prior to the scheduled departure date.**

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**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OFFICIALS**

A Coach, Manager and or Chaperone of riders representing PCA at National or International events must exercise their duty of care in being responsible for the safety, health and well being of riders under their supervision from the time they leave their home state until they return. During this time riders are expected to behave appropriately and to obey instructions and or directions given by the Coach, Manager or Chaperone.

1. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions. Remember, you set an example. Your behavior and comments should be positive and supportive.
2. Ensure riders comply with the Code of Conduct for riders.
3. Condemn unsporting behavior and promote respect for all opponents. Emphasis the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
4. Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
5. Keep up to date with the rules of the competition.
6. Place the safety and welfare of the riders above all else.
7. Give all riders a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
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  - **no** use or possession of recreational or illicit drugs;
  - **no** sexual liaisons, physical aggression or assault;
  - **no** theft or vandalising of facilities or property; and
  - the official uniform is to be worn when representing PCA and at all times as appropriate.

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## PARENT/GUARDIAN'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn by best example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect event officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate. **Please also note that for the entirety of the Tour, Team Officials appointed by the PCA and/or State are the sole arbitrators of the Team and Members**
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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## **ADMINISTRATOR'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.

- Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not over emphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behavior and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to follow it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behavior and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Support implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy.
- Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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## **SPECTATOR'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a young rider for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials or riders.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- 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)
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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