

MASSEY PONY CLUB – RULES

New Bylaws 7/10/09

Young Horses

Mounds under the age of 4 years are not able to attend rallies or competitions but may be ridden on the grounds at other times with consideration for other riders (which means if the youngster is playing up and likely to cause other riders a problem, it is to be ridden in a paddock on its own and other riders asked to keep away). Members may apply in writing to the committee for dispensation from this by-law. Applications will be considered on a case by case basis. The committee reserves the right to withdraw any dispensation given if, in its sole opinion, there are any problems arising from the young horse or pony attending rallies or events.

Stallions

Stallions may be allowed at competitions at the discretion of the Branch Committee and permission must be obtained prior to the event. Stallions are not permitted to partake in any other Pony Club activities. The Stallion must be accompanied at all times and must be in a secure location eg. a yard, so that there is no possibility of this horse coming into contact with any other horse on the premises. Full precautions must be taken whilst moving the Stallion from its enclosure to the transporter on arrival and on departure. Also whilst moving from its enclosure to the competition area. Should the stallion become unruly or be considered a hazard to other mounts or riders, the Ground Jury or Branch Committee shall have the right to insist that the animal be removed from the grounds.

General Riding Conditions

A horse, which is, in the opinion of the Coach, not fit for Club work for reasons of age, health or temperament, may be barred from the Club grounds. The horse may return to the grounds when the reason for it being barred has been remedied and approved by the branch committee.

WE RUN UNDER THE NATIONAL GUIDELINES OF THE NEW ZEALAND PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION THE MANIFESTO OF RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE ON THE NZPCA WEBSITE AND FORMS OUR CONSTITUTION.

- 1 Supervision: It is the sole responsibility of the parent to ensure junior riders have adequate supervision when riding on Pony Club Grounds on days other than rallies. There is to be absolutely no jumping without supervision and juniors must have ADULT supervision when jumping.
- 2 Supervision (Rallies): All riding at rallies must be carried out under the supervision of an instructor or other authorised person. Parental assistance is always welcome. No one may ride in a reckless or dangerous manner and all riders must regard the safety of others at all times.
- 3 Hard Hats: Approved safety hard hats MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES when riding on Pony Club grounds or on the road. Check the NZPCA website for safety approved numbers.
- 4 Pony Club Uniform: This is: safety approved crash helmet, jodhpur boots or long riding boots. Jodhpurs and a red Massey Tee shirt or sweatshirt. For District Events the Uniform of West Auckland is white shirt & red tie also red jenkins may be worn over the white shirt. It is important that when you represent Massey at District Leel you wear this uniform with your Pony Club Badge and certificate pin.
- 5 Gumboots: The wearing of gumboots is not permitted for riding at any Rally. CLEATED GUMBOOTS are NOT PERMITTED under any circumstances WHILST RIDING.
- 6 Spurs: Rowelled (sharp) spurs are not permissible.
- 7 Kicking: Any ponies or horses that kick or are likely to endanger other horses/riders must have a RED RIBBON tied to the tail.
- 8 Unruly Horses: All horses must be under control at all times. Owners of dangerous or unruly horses will be told to remove them.
- 9 Stallions: Stallions are not permitted on Pony Club grounds at any time. Horses under four years of age may not be jumped on Pony Club grounds.
- 10 Reporting to your Instructor: Report to your instructor before joining a ride if you are late. If you have to leave early, do the same.
- 11 Riding on the Road: Members riding on any public road MUST NOT ride on footpaths and must obey the road code and local authority by-laws AT ALL TIMES.

- 12 Interfering During Rallies: Parents and riders may not interfere during any lesson being conducted by an instructor. Members who have any complaints, criticisms or suggestions are to be forwarded to the Secretary or Head Instructor in writing.
- 13 Overnight Grazing: Permission must be given by the Grazing Manager BEFORE you may leave your horse overnight. If you need to graze your horse overnight on rally nights and/or the night prior to rallies, this will be free of charge and horses must be paddocked where a Grazing Manager directs. For any other nights there will be a fee of \$6.00 per night and will be at the discretion of the grazing manager.
- 14 Working Bees: Riding on Pony Club grounds during working bees is PROHIBITED unless prior approval is gained from the Grazing Manager, President or event organisers of the day.
- 15 Behaviour: Bad language, excessive use of whips or spurs, or cruelty to horse/pony will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- 16 Drugs: Any member found to be using illegal drugs on pony club grounds will result in instant dismissal from the club. Your membership fee will be forfeited as a result of the dismissal.