

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PONY RIDERS

INTRODUCTION

This code is designed:

- To maintain the element of enjoyment and satisfaction in Pony Show Jumping with absolute consideration being given to the welfare of the horse/pony.
- To make adults aware that young people participate to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy adults or members of their own peer group.
- To improve the physical fitness of youth by making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all young people.
- To constantly remind Administrators, Coaches, Officials and Parents that Show Jumping must be administered taught and provided for the good of those young people who wish to participate in the sport and to give education in the humane care of ponies and horses.
- To promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.

SIX VALUE STATEMENTS

- Enjoyment - for keeping the fun in sport
- Fairness - for competing fairly within the Rules
- Respect - for the show organisers, competitors, officials, horses and ponies and rules.
***REMEMBER* – NO RESPECT, NO SHOWS, NO SHOW JUMPING**
- Achievement – for doing our best rather than winning or losing
- Sportsmanship – for promoting the highest levels of sportsmanship
- Thanks - for the people who make sport happen

PONY RIDERS CODE

1. Know the rules.
2. Never argue with an official.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, show organisers, show secretaries or other riders is not acceptable. Under no circumstances must you lose your temper with your pony.
4. Treat all participants in your sport as you would like to be treated.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good results.
6. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and trainers.
7. Remember that the sport should be fun, forming a partnership with your pony and improving your skills.
8. Provide proper care for your pony at shows.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

PARENTS CODE

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in Show Jumping
2. Remember, young people are involved in Show Jumping for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to know and compete within the Rules. Respect the decisions of officials.
4. Teach young people that honest effort is as important as winning.
5. Help young people work towards improving their riding and good sportsmanship.

6. Remember young people learn best by example. Be a positive role model by showing respect for show organisers, officials; their authority and decisions and the rules and regulations of the sport.
7. Never use inappropriate language and gestures.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from Junior Show Jumping.
9. To ensure humane treatment of ponies/horses at all times.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

COACHES CODE

1. Encourage young people to develop their skills.
2. Create opportunities to teach appropriate sports behaviour as well as their skills.
3. Make young people aware of the positive benefits of participation.
4. Keep up to date with coaching practises.
5. Help young people understand that knowledge of the rules is their responsibility.
6. Promote the well being of the pony/horse and the requirement for their humane treatment at all times.
7. Display control, respect and professionalism for all involved with the sport. This includes competitors, officials, show organisers, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage riders to do the same.
8. Never ridicule or shout at a rider for making a mistake or not performing well.
9. Any physical contact with a rider should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the rider's skill development.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

OFFICIALS CODE

1. Know the rules.
2. Make a personal commitment to keep informed of rule changes
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous.
4. Be aware of the necessity to oversee the humane treatment of the ponies and horses whilst at shows.
5. Understand your authority and responsibility for ensuring fair competition.
6. Be aware of and discourage behaviour that may bring the sport into disrepute.
7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion,