

Code of Conduct for Members

The Pony Club aims to promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty to create strength of character and self-discipline in its members. Our Constitution tasks the organizing committee with maintaining the spirit of Pony Club and acting in the best interests of Pony Club and its members. To this end, we require our members, whenever representing Pony Club, at home or away, at rallies or competitions, to behave in a way that upholds the good name and good repute of Pony Club.

1. Members should:

- 1.1. Act with integrity, fairness, responsibility and care to fellow members and to the horses they ride, and which are in their care
- 1.2. Show respect for their ponies / horses, coaches, officials, competition organisers and stewards, hosts and their fellow members
- 1.3. They should support the other members of their branch, centre or team and other riders or competitors
- 1.4. When competing they should abide by the rules of the competition and accept the decisions of the event stewards and organisers
- 1.5. They may query a decision they do not understand politely and listen to the explanation
- 1.6. Treat their horse with consideration and in line with the protocols as set out in the Animal Protections Act and the FEI Horse Welfare Code and should respect the rights afforded to horses and animals as laid out in accordance with these
- 1.7. Provide the proper care to horses, in accordance with the training and education which underline the principals of Pony Club
- 1.8. Familiarise themselves with the constitution of Pony club, its branches and centres and with the rules and regulations

2. Members should not, at any rally, training, clinic or other event which they are attending as a Pony Club member:

- 2.1. Possess or consume alcohol or illegal and performance enhancing drugs
- 2.2. Administer illegal or performance enhancing drugs to their mounts
- 2.3. Smoke
- 2.4. Engage in sexual activity and/or sexual harassment
- 2.5. Dress inappropriately
- 2.6. Use foul and/or abusive language
- 2.7. Tolerate or be involved in discrimination of any kind
- 2.8. Act with violence towards any other person or animal
- 2.9. Leave an organised event unless accompanied by their parent or guardian or by a Branch / Centre official
- 2.10. Bully anyone including cyber bullying



3. It is unacceptable to criticise officials, instructors, volunteers or members on social networking sites or by the use of text messaging. Members may address any concerns, in person, with the organizing committee
4. It is unacceptable, under possible assault, to photograph or video an injured person

I, the undersigned member, and my parent(s) or guardian(s), understand and accept the prescriptions of this Code of Conduct, and agree to abide by them. It is understood that failure to abide by the Code of Conduct, or any conduct which brings injury to the reputation or character of Pony Club, may result in the activation of the Rules of the South African Pony Club (backed up by the Constitution), which allows for investigation of the complaint, and possible censure and/or disciplinary procedures against the member.

To be completed by Minor children, and their Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s)

I, _____ (Name of Member), ID number _____ have read this Code of Conduct with my parent/guardian. I understand the guidelines set out above and agree to comply with this contract.

Signature of Member

Date

I, _____ (Name of Parent or Guardian), ID number _____, as legal guardian of the above-named minor, agree and accept the guidelines of this Code of Conduct and undertake to ensure compliance with them.

Signature of Parent /
Guardian

Date

To be completed by any Members or Friends over the age of 18

I, _____ (Name of Member), ID number _____ have read this Code of Conduct. I understand the guidelines set out above and agree to comply with this contract.

Signature of Member

Date
