



## CANADIAN PONY CLUB



### Parental Code of Conduct

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Loyalty

Character

Sportsmanship

The Canadian Pony Club motto, "Loyalty, character, sportsmanship," is intended to represent the goals of the organization for active members and should therefore also be the basis for parents' standards of conduct. The Pony Club is a volunteer organization and depends on parents to help, where fairness should take precedence over competitiveness and teaching by example will foster caring and respect for all. Parents should therefore agree to abide by the following guidelines:

I will:

- Be a positive role model for my child and other members by respecting coaches, officials, volunteers and leaders; their authority and decisions; the rules and regulations under which the Canadian Pony Club operates.
- Agree to discuss any disputes/appeals at a suitable, agreed-upon time with the correct officials, within the appropriate level of the Pony Club organization, without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Always remember that Pony Club activities are intended to be educational, safe and fun to benefit the active members rather than parents.
- Demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free environment for Pony Club activities.
- Respect the horses and ponies and show humane care for them at all times.
- Respect the property and equipment used in any activities, considering safety uppermost in all situations.
- Be knowledgeable about the rules of the discipline or competition my child is taking part in and encourage my child to know, be familiar with, and follow these rules.
- Promote the physical and emotional well being of my child, other members and horses ahead of any personal desire to win or succeed in any activity.
- Teach my child that taking part, learning and showing sportsmanship in all competitions, testing situations, clinics, etc are more important than winning.
- Praise all active members equally for trying hard and competing fairly.
- Inform officials as soon as possible if myself or my child is unable to fulfill commitments or attendance at events.
- Help my child and others to understand the satisfaction of cooperation, group work and team spirit in achieving personal goals and growth, and good results.
- Volunteer my services and skills, whether equine-related or not, whenever possible.

I will not:

- Force my child or other members to take part in activities with which they are not comfortable, or disrespect the decisions of coaches/officials concerning the skills and abilities of my child or other members.
- Undermine the authority of coaches/officials by interfering with, or coaching any members from the sidelines, unless I am deemed an official coach at an activity.
- Dispute the decisions of coaches/officials and volunteers during an event or in front of my child or other active members.
- Engage in or condone unsportsmanlike behaviours such as booing, taunting, using profane language, refusing to congratulate winners, etc.