WHITFORD PONY CLUB RULES

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Whitford Pony Club is an Incorporated Society run under the Rules, Regulations, Code of Conduct and Constitution of the New Zealand Pony Clubs Association (NZPCA).

Whitford Pony Club (WPC) rules sit within the NZPCA framework and should be read in conjunction with this. WPC rules are primarily designed to ensure the safety and well being of riders and horses on WPC grounds.

Access to grounds

WPC paid- up members have access to the grounds via the main gate. Entry is enabled by a coded lock. Members may ride on the grounds and in the arenas as long as the grounds are not closed. If the grounds are closed, a sign will be on the gate showing whether arenas are also open or closed. Grounds may be closed due to poor weather or ground conditions, or prior to an event.

Non Members can book online in advance to use the grounds. They must sign a declaration of liability and pay a fee to use the grounds.

The main gate must be closed on entry and exit, and must be kept closed while there are riders or horses on the grounds.

Riders aged 16 years and under must be supervised by a parent or other adult

If a rider of any age is jumping, there must be another person present over the age of 16.

Approved safety helmets must be worn at all times when riding on WPC grounds.

An approved back protector must be worn when using the cross country jumps.

Gumboots are not permitted to be worn while riding.

Any damage to the grounds or facilities should be reported to the Groundsman or President.

Any injuries to either horse or rider that require medical or vet assistance should be logged on the NZPCA form (in locker outside the clubhouse).

Stallions are not permitted on WPC grounds. Mounts under 4 years of age are not able to attend rallies or competitions. Horses should be kept under control. Owners of unruly or dangerous horses may be asked to remove them.

All horse poo in arenas and yards must be picked up and removed. Yards and facilities to be cleaned after use.

Show jumping poles are to be picked up after use. This prevents them being used excessively in one place causing potholes. It also keeps them up off wet ground which can erode and damage paintwork.

Members are required to contribute a minimum of 12 hours of work during the season eg at working bees and events. A fine of $400 may be charged (or contributed) if members are unable to fulfill their working hours.

Dogs must be under control around the arenas and clubhouse. They are not permitted in the kitchen. Dogs should be kept on leads during rallies and events.

Rallies

Rallies usually take place on Saturday mornings. Sometimes they might also take place after school during the week. Rallies involve 1.5 hrs of riding instruction plus .5 hr of theory (horse management).

There are to be no other riders riding on the grounds while a rally is taking place.

All rally riders must wear pony club uniform including approved helmets.

The head coach shares the rally dates in advance on FB and riders must let her know if they are coming to each rally by the Thursday prior to the Saturday rally. It they fail to turn up twice in a season without acceptable reason then they may be charged $25 (towards the cost of the coach).

Riders must report to their Head Coach/Instructor at the start of the rally.

Parents are requested not to interfere during any lesson being conducted by an instructor.

If a horse or pony kicks then it should wear a red ribbon in its tail.

Verbal abuse of horse or person, excessive use of whip or spurs, unkind or cruel treatment of a horse will not be tolerated under any circumstance. The yellow card system may be used in such a situation.

Riding on the road

Members riding on the road must wear reflective clothing (hi viz). When crossing the road the rider must always dismount. Riders under 16 years crossing the main road into pony club must be accompanied by an adult. It is preferable if the horse also wears a hi viz cover. Always obey the road code and wait for motorists to pass.

General

Whitford Pony Club promote the safety, welfare and education of our riders and their horses/ponies. We are privileged to own these grounds of approximately 32 acres. These rules enable us to pursue our equestrian activities in a safe and respectful way.