

HSPC Code of Conduct

Expected Behavior

Horse Sense Pony Clubbers show respect for others.

- ◆ They keep their hands and feet in their own space.
- ◆ They do not pick, poke, push, hit, threaten or fight with one another.
- ◆ They do not tease, call people names, or do things that might hurt other people's feelings.
- ◆ They do not use profane language, derogatory slang or gestures.
- ◆ They do not demean others regarding race, religion, physical ability or economic status.

Horse Sense Pony Clubbers are team players.

- ◆ They let every member feel welcome as part of the team.
- ◆ They work together to help each member to do his or her best.
- ◆ They are supportive of their team members when something goes wrong.
- ◆ They show respect for officials and chaperones, or others in authority.
- ◆ They take pleasure in the competition and are gracious in victory or defeat.
- ◆ They are responsible for knowing and complying with the rules of the sport and/or activity.
- ◆ They do not cheat, steal or intentionally destroy property.
- ◆ They do not possess, use or distribute any illegal drugs or alcohol.
- ◆ They do not use tobacco at any Pony Club activity.
- ◆ They do not possess any object intended to be used as a weapon.

Horse Sense Pony Clubbers show respect for themselves.

- ◆ They set goals for themselves.
- ◆ They come to Pony Club activities properly and safely prepared, with the correct equipment and correct dress.
- ◆ They do not judge their own ability by what others are doing but rather by their own progress.

Horse Sense Pony Clubbers show respect for their horses.

- ◆ They care for their horses in a safe and timely manner.
- ◆ They do not physically abuse their horses.
- ◆ They use good judgment in determining if mounted activities are too difficult or too strenuous for their horse.
- ◆ They do not demean others' horses regarding looks, breed, age or athletic capabilities.

Horse Sense Pony Club is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, teamwork, and well-behaved members. HSPC expects appropriate behavior for all members participating in any Pony Club activity. Any member not conforming to this Behavior Code is subject to the following actions: **Immediate suspension from the activity with possible expulsion from Horse Sense Pony Club will occur for:**

- ◆ Possession, use, or distribution of any illegal drugs or alcohol
- ◆ Possession of any object considered to be a weapon
- ◆ Assault

Reprimand or suspension of participation from Pony Club activities may occur as punishment for:

- ◆ Use of tobacco at a Pony Club activity
- ◆ Profanity - vulgar language or gestures
- ◆ Harassment - using words that intimidate, threaten or persecute another
- ◆ Stealing or cheating
- ◆ Defiance of authority or of the stated rules
- ◆ Abusing a horse
- ◆ Intentionally destroying property

I have read the Code of Behavior and I understand the Consequences of Inappropriate Behavior.

(Pony Clubber's signature)

(date) _____

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Parent's Pledge

I pledge to provide positive support and encouragement for my child who is participating in Pony Club activities by following this Code of Behavior.

- ◆ I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all members, coaches and officials at every activity.
- ◆ I will ask my child to treat other members, coaches, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- ◆ I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the members ahead of any personal desire for my child to win.
- ◆ I will promise to help my child enjoy the activity and will do my best to assist with whatever I may be asked to do.
- ◆ I will remember that Pony Club activities are for the members and not for the adults.

I will do my best to make Pony Club fun for my child.

(Parent signature) _____

(date) _____