## **CLEVEDON PONY CLUB BRANCH RULES**

WE RUN UNDER THE NATIONAL GUIDELINES OF THE NEW ZEALAND PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION. ALL NZPCA RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NZPCA WEBSITE.

**Supervision**: It is the sole responsibility of the parent to ensure junior riders have adequate supervision when riding on Pony Club grounds on days other than rallies. There is to be absolutely no jumping without supervision.

**Rally Supervision**: All riding at rallies must be carried out under the supervision of a coach or other authorised person. Parental assistance is always welcome and parents must stay on the grounds at all times except for riders 18 years and over. No one may ride in a reckless or dangerous manner and all riders must regard the safety of others at all times.

**Helmets**: Approved helmets must be worn at all times when riding on Pony Club grounds or on the road. Check the NZPCA website for approved safety standards and identification for helmets.

**Pony Club Uniform**: approved helmet, jodhpur boots or long riding boots, jodhpurs and either a white shirt, green tie and Clevedon Pony Club jacket (Manukau District Pony Club uniform), or a Clevedon Pony Club long sleeved shirt.

If Manukau District Pony Club uniform is worn your Pony Club Badge and certificate pin should be pinned to your tie knot.

**Interfering During Rallies**: Parents and riders may not interfere during any lesson being conducted by a coach. Members who have any complaints, criticisms or suggestions are to be forwarded to the Secretary or Head Instructor in writing.

**Closed events**: You must have done 3 ridden rallies to compete in our closed events. The rallies must have been on the mount you wish to compete on.

**Behaviour**: Bad language, excessive use of whips or spurs, or cruelty to horse/pony will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

**Representing Clevedon at District or Area level**: The rider must have completed the required rallies for their certificate level. Please check NZPCA rules for your level.

**Etiquette**: Members are expected to share facilities and amenities such as arenas and jumping areas. If you have booked private lessons, that does not entitle exclusive usage and you are expected to accommodate other members who wish to use facilities at the same time. If you require exclusive use of an area for lessons, you need to set up an area (not in the grass arena) with equipment required and replace it afterwards. Club members take precedence over adult riders at all times.

Within reason you should leave jumps in a similar formation (not necessarily the same height) as you found them with all poles lifted off the ground.

**Gumboots**: Gumboots are not permitted for riding at any rally.

**Spurs**: Rowelled (sharp) spurs are not permitted.

**Kicking**: Any ponies or horses that kick or are likely to endanger other horses/riders must have a red ribbon tied to the tail.

**Unruly Horses**: All horses must be under control at all times. Owners of dangerous or unruly horses will be told to remove them.

**Stallions & Horses under 4 years**: are not permitted on Pony Club grounds during rally time or in the arena and enclosure at booked times.

**Reporting to your coach**: Report to your coach before joining a ride if you are late. If you have to leave early, do the same.

**Riding on the Road**: Members riding on any public road MUST NOT ride on footpaths and must obey the road code and local authority by-laws AT ALL TIMES.

**Jumping Enclosure**: There are to be no loose horses in the enclosure at any time.

**Cross Country**: When jumping cross country, you must wear an approved back protector at all times.

**Parking**: All hay and horse poo must be removed and taken home with you.

**Show Jumps**: Show jumping poles must not be left on the ground after use.

**Health and Safety**: All members must read and familiarise with the CPC Hazard List and the policies and procedures contained within the Health and Safety manual. Members must adhere to all directives in briefings, signage and wall notices and share responsibility for the safety of themselves and other people using the grounds.

**Accidents and Incidents**: An accident report must be completed for any accident requiring first aid that occurs on the club grounds. All minor incidents must be recorded in the incident book (kept inside the clubroom office).

**Concussion:** If concussion is suspected, a rider must not be allowed to remount after a fall, irrespective of the wishes of their parents or coach. Any rider with a concussion or suspected concussion should be immediately removed from participating in the activity and should not return until they are assessed medically.

Any concussion injury, whether confirmed by a medical professional or suspected, must be recorded in the incident book (kept inside the clubroom office) and a Green Concussion

Card given to the parent of the injured rider, or to the rider if over 18. NZPCA must be informed of the concussion or suspected concussion. A rider must not compete or participate in mounted Pony Club events or activities for a minimum of twenty one days following a concussion, without a doctor's written clearance.

**Dogs:** All dogs must be on leash when there are horses on the grounds.

By way of completing Clevedon Pony Club's online registration process, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to adhere to Clevedon Pony Club's rules outlined above.