

# TE ATATU PONY CLUB

## General Rules

### GENERAL RIDING RULES

1. Supervision: It is the sole responsibility of the parent/caregiver 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 and juniors **MUST** have adult supervision when jumping.
  - a. **Junior members under the age of 16:** Must always be accompanied by an adult (18 and over) when on pony club grounds.
  - b. **Junior members 16 – 17:** May ride on pony club grounds if other members are on the pony club grounds. However on no account are they to ride alone. If people cease to be on the club grounds you must stop riding immediately.
2. Supervision (Rallies): All riding at rallies, events, specialized days and any organized pony club activities must be carried out under the supervision of an instructor and with the presence of the Person Responsible for the horse.
3. Hard Hats: Approved safety hard hats **MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES** when riding on Pony Club grounds or on the road.
4. Pony Club Uniform: This is; safety approved hard hat, jodhpurs, boots or long riding boots. and a Te Atatu Tee shirt or sweatshirt. For District Events the Uniform of West Auckland is white shirt and red tie also red jerkin may be worn over the white shirt. It is important that when you represent Te Atatu at District Level you wear this uniform with your Pony Club Badge and certificate pin.
5. Kicking: Any ponies or horses that kick or are likely to endanger other horses/riders must have a **RED RIBBON** ties to the tail.
6. Unruly Horses/Ponies: All horses/ponies must be under control at all times. Owners of dangerous horses will be told to remove them.
7. Horses/ponies under 4 years of age may not be jumped on Pony Club grounds.
8. Riding outside Pony Club grounds: 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**. Members are not allowed to ride in the adjoining parks.
9. All riders ride at their own risk.
10. No Riding sign: No member shall ride on the club grounds whilst the “No Riding” sign is shown on the club gate. When some parts of the grounds are open, members shall ride only in those paddocks indicated on the blackboard in the clubhouse window.
11. Working Bees: There is to be no riding on pony club grounds whilst working bees are in progress, unless prior arrangement has been made with the Grazing Manager, President or the event organizers of the day.

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1. Front gate: The last person leaving the club grounds locks the main front gate. Persons found not to be adhering to this regulation will be made to forfeit their key.
2. Shoeing: All shoeing on club grounds must be done in the ***hitching paddock*** area. It is the responsibility of the owner to pick up old nails and shoes, and the toils of new nails.
3. Hitching Bay: While in the hitching rail area, all horses must wear a halter or head collar. There are to be no loose horses in the hitching area. For safety reasons, horses should not be hitched or tied to the fence wire, battens or sheds. Horses must not be an annoyance to the other members gearing up or feeding their horses.
4. Pony Club Hay: Hay stored in hayshed area is for feeding grazers' horses under the supervision of the Grazing Manager. It is not there for tidbits or snacks for your pony.
5. Behavior: Bad language, excessive use of whips or spurs, or cruelty to horse/pony will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
6. Drugs: Any member found to be using illegal drugs on pony club grounds will result in instant dismissal from the club. Your membership fee will be forfeited as a result of the dismissal.

### OVERNIGHT GRAZING

1. Members of Te Atatu Pony Club not currently grazing on club grounds may graze their horse free for 1 night in the starve paddocks before or after a rally or event. Members will need to book this, to check availability, with the Grazing Manager. Hay and feed are not included.
2. Members or other people may book the starve paddock for overnight grazing, with the Grazing Manager, at a cost of \$6.00 per night and must provide own supplement feed. i.e. hay.

### YOUNG HORSES

Mounts under the age of 4 years are not able to attend rallies or competitions but may be ridden on the grounds at other times with consideration for other riders. Members may apply in writing to the committee for dispensation from this by-law. Application will be considered on a case by case basis. The committee reserves the right to withdraw any dispensation given if there are any problems arising from the young horse or pony attending rallies or events.

### STALLIONS

Stallions may be allowed at competitions at the discretion of the Branch Committee and permission must be obtained prior to the event.