

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

Riders

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official at a suitable time.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good performances whether by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with your instructors, coaches, judges, officials, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and instructors.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents

1. Remember that children participate in sport for **their** enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Show appreciation for instructors, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every member regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Administrators

1. Involve members in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
2. Give all members equal opportunities to participate.
3. Create pathways for members to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
4. Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of all riders.
5. Provide quality supervision and instruction for riders of all levels and ages.
6. Remember that members participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
7. Help instructors and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of instruction and officiating.
8. Ensure that everyone involved in sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
9. Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, instructors, riders and the media, and encourage them to follow it.
10. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
11. Support implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy.
12. Make it clear that abusing members in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
13. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every member regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Officials

1. Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of members.
2. Compliment and encourage all participants.
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
4. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
5. Emphasise the spirit of the competition rather than the errors.
6. Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable.
7. Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
8. Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of members.
9. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
10. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
11. Give all members a "fair go" regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Instructors/Coaches

1. Remember that members participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a young rider for making a mistake or not coming first.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on riders' time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your riders to do the same.
5. Ensure that the time riders spend with you is a positive experience. All members are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented riders; all riders need and deserve equal time.
7. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all riders.
8. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, instructors, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage riders to do the same.
9. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured riders. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured rider is ready to recommence training or competition.
10. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of members.
11. Any physical contact with a member should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
12. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every member regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Signing off:

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This policy or code is set for review every twelve months by Pony Club Association of S.A. Incorporated.