

## **LED RIDERS POLICY**

1. The lead rein should be attached to a well fitted head collar or halter or to the cavesson noseband of a bridle. The lead rein should be less than two metres in length.
2. The leader should be positioned level with the girth, so they are within reach of the rider. If the leader runs out in front of the pony and the rider starts to fall, the leader will not be able to reach them in time. The lead should be held the hand furthest from the horse to ensure that the hand closest to the horse is free to catch the rider.
3. The leader's job is as a safeguard should things go wrong. It is expected that the child will attempt to steer and stop their pony themselves with backup from the leader when necessary. Remember the goal is to get the rider to ride independently as soon as it is safe to do so.
4. The leader must concentrate on the pony and rider at all times.
5. The leader must wear appropriate boots, gloves are recommended.
6. It is strongly recommended that led riders also have grass reins as these will help the rider to control the pony.
7. It is important that the above applies to competition as well as to training. A child should not be led just so they can win.
8. Organisers should choose appropriate competitions for led rein classes.

### ***THE SHOW RING***

Where possible separate led and non-led riders into separate classes. Where it is not possible to separate led and non-led, led riders should not place over non-led riders. Led riders should not be asked to trot as a group or to canter.


### ***MOUNTED GAMES***

Where possible separate led and non-led riders into separate classes for competition. Where it is not possible to separate led and non-led, led riders should not place over non-led riders.

### ***JUMPING***

Jumping is not permitted for led riders as the led rider does not have the balance to go with the movement when the horse actually jumps. (Poles on the ground are not classed as jumping)

Signing off:

President...  ..... Print name...Ann Olsen

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