

SOUTHPORT PONY & HACK CLUB BY-LAWS

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These by-laws will apply in conjunction with the PCAQ by-laws.

Membership

1. Any person desiring to become a member shall be proposed and seconded by two financial members of the Club, in writing and notified of their acceptance after the Executive Meeting. A probationary period may be imposed at the discretion of the committee.
2. Any member being accepted into the above stated Club shall at all times come under the instruction and disciplines of the Instructor/s or Official/s of the Pony Club at Pony Club rallies or fixtures or while using the Southport Pony Club grounds or facilities.
3. Definition of a **Riding Member**: A riding member must come mounted or prepared to mount, to take active part during the day's procedures.

Definition of a **Social Member**: A social member is any financial member who does not ride.

4. **Membership Age**: Under 17 years - Juniors 17 & under 26 - Associates 26 years & over - Seniors

5. **Membership Fees**: Fees are set out at the Annual General Meeting.

* Currently this is a flat fee of \$50 for **individual** or **family membership** plus,

* Insurance levy for **each individual rider** of \$50

* \$15 for each **social member** (this is to cover parents and volunteers while on the grounds).

* Insurance monies are paid to PCAQ.

* **Participation Levy**: This levy will be determined at the AGM and will be refunded at the end of the year if members satisfy the requirements outlined at the time. Members satisfying those requirements earlier in the year may apply in writing to have the levy refunded at an earlier date.

* **Participation Levy monies** which have not been refunded may be used by the club and deemed appropriate at club committee meetings.

* Regarding refunds of participation levy in the event of leaving the Club: Applications are to be in writing within 90 days of cessation of current financial year of membership. (Memberships ends 31st December each year.) Applications to be tabled at next Club Meeting and refunds may take up to 90 days to be processed.

6. Riders must be financial members **before** they can represent the Club. All fees are payable by the first rally day.
7. Members can only belong to one Pony Club. Members wishing to transfer to another club must obtain a clearance from the Club.
8. Members 17 & under joining the club must have a parent join as a Social Member and also a parent present at each rally or competition attended or while using the grounds and facilities.

Committee

9. Any member missing 3 consecutive meetings without leave shall automatically forfeit their position.
10. The Committee shall have the power to accept or exclude any application for membership, and may discipline any member in the Club for any cause.

Club Uniform

11. The club colours will be blue long sleeved shirt, maroon tie, fawn jodhpurs, brown or black boots with matching leather gaiters optional and ASA 3838 or better helmet and club saddlecloth must be used. For pony club rallies, a blue club polo shirt may be worn. Vests and pullovers are optional.
12. Juniors competing in graded competitions in Dressage, Combined Training, ODE or Show Jumping (if they have a performance card) may wear long boots or leather gaiters matching their short boots. (Do not apply for grading in Show Jumping if you do not intend to compete as this will affect the grading for Combined Training).
13. Pony Club uniform **must** be worn when representing the Club at fixtures or other events. The club saddlecloth **must** be used when representing the Club at fixtures or other events.
14. A helmet and riding boots must be worn at all times when mounted on the pony club grounds.

Competition Entries

15. Any member wishing to take part in Club events at competitions must notify the Nominations Secretary for lodging of nominations. Fees are to be paid to the Treasurer with name/invoice (or description of nominations) and

correct money in an envelope. An invoice will have been generated from the Treasurer.

16. Persons must be financial members of a Club at least one month and attend 3 rallies before competing in Pony Club events. The Committee may at any time prior to an event refuse such nomination or entry without assigning any reason for such. Financial members of the Club are covered by Insurance only whilst engaged in official Pony Club activities.

Instructors

17. The Club's Chief Instructor will have complete control of rallies, with the power to ask any member for assistance.
18. With the help and assistance of all Club Instructors and parents, children shall be prepared for their proficiency Certificates.
19. All instruction carried out as laid down by the Pony Club Association of Queensland.

Dogs on Pony Club Grounds

20. If a dog is taken onto the ground, it **MUST** be kept away from the instruction/competitive area and the canteen, and it **MUST** be kept under control and on a leash **AT ALL TIMES.**

Stallions and Rigs

21. No stallion, colt, entire or rig is eligible to take part in any event, competition, rally or otherwise at any function conducted by the Club.

Ownership of Mounts

22. A horse may be either owner ridden, leased to or owned by a financial member and regularly ridden at Pony Club.

Stables

23. Stables are available to members for use on rally days, competitions and schools.
24. Members may request short stays (less than a week) by contacting the Vice President. Approval by the Committee is required for any extended stay.
25. Stables must be left clean – Stable Etiquette rules to be adhered to.