

Pony Club Centres



Member Dress Code Guidelines for Pony Club Tests, Demonstration Riders for CPD days and other Pony Club Activities

Over recent years the Pony Club has seen an increase in Centre members, and collaborations between Centre and Branch for Pony Club Tests, Badges, Rallies, Camps and other activities. The Pony Club is now able to offer, where possible, the same opportunities to both Branch and Centre members. Centres should be proud of their link to the Pony Club, be confident to offer a safe environment and make a good impression to visiting Branches, Coaches, Assessors, parents and visitors.

As a uniformed body, the Pony Club has a proud and longstanding tradition of presenting smart and safely dressed members and standard of dress needs to be upheld. The Pony Club remains mindful of the diversity of our members; we actively encourage irrespective of race, gender, ability, ethnic origin, social status or sexual orientation. For this reason we do appreciate that many members may not be able to afford expensive and/or new gear to wear to Pony Club activities.

Guidelines for Pony Club Tests

It is hoped that as children progress through the Pony Club Tests they start to embrace the safety values, ethos and tradition of the Pony Club.

Ponies & Tack

Members should be encouraged to assist in ensuring the pony they are riding is groomed and well presented - this makes a good impression! Some members, particularly younger ones, will require some assistance with this.

For Pony Club Tests up to D+ Level ponies are not required to be plaited, but candidates should be encouraged to assist with grooming and tack cleaning. Plaiting is recommended for C Test and above, and members should assist with presenting the horse or pony they are riding. Again, it will create a good first impression to external Assessors.

For all standards of Test it is particularly important to ensure that all tack is safe, fits correctly and that the stirrups and leathers are the correct size for the jockey (no twists in the stirrup leathers). As well as ensuring safety, this will avoid any delays on the Test day.

Dress Guidelines

At all times hair should be neat and tied back, ideally in a hairnet for girls, with no jewellery or earrings worn. Hoodies should not be worn for any Pony Club activities.

Although spurs are now permitted, they should only be used with the permission of the Centre Proprietor and the Assessors or Coach Educators in these circumstances.

Requirement	E Test	D Test	D+ Test	C Test	C+ and above
Riding Hat; correct standard + tag	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Body Protector; if worn, mandatory for Cross Country	*	*	*	* YES for XC	* YES for XC
Riding Boots; with well defined square cut heel. NO wellies, yard boots, 'muckers' or trainers	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Jodhpurs; if short boots are worn then clips to hold the breeches down over the boots really improve appearance. Chaps / Gaiters should be dark coloured and not have any tassels	* If not available trousers / leggings will be sufficient. NO SHORTS	* Dark or Beige. If not available trousers / leggings will be sufficient. NO SHORTS	* Dark / Beige / White	YES Dark / Beige / White	YES Dark / Beige / White
Pony Club Jumper	*	YES	YES	YES	YES
Competition / Hacking Jacket	*	*	*	*	YES for B Test and above
Pony Club Badge with felt from highest Pony Club Test taken	*	YES	YES	YES	YES
Pony Club Tie & Plain Coloured Shirt	*	*	YES	YES	YES
Gloves	*	YES	YES	YES	YES
Plaited Horse	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES

* YES if available

Parents

For D Test Level and above it is good practice for parents not to stand by the edge of the arena, and ideally not be in view of the Test. No assistance must be offered to their children in any way.

Health and Safety

Please ensure that you have up to date risk assessments for running all Pony Club Tests/Activities at your Centre, and be aware that External Assessors/Coaches may ask to see them. They should also be informed of the location of the First Aid box and given any emergency contact details.