

TRAINING BULLETIN

December 2017



Dear All,

Firstly the Training department would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you have a fantastic pony club 2017 season. We hope that you find the information on this bulletin useful. All of the blue links in the text will take you directly to the relevant webpage by clicking on them. We love to hear from you so please get in touch with any feedback or anything you wish to be included in the next one. Please e-mail us at Jackie@pcuk.org or katie@pcuk.org

LATEST NEWS

Coaches Conference 2018 – Small Change, Big Difference

We are very excited to announce that The Pony Club Coaching Conference will be held on the 12th February 2018 at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre, Mill Rd, Slapton, Leighton Buzzard LU7 9BT. This conference has once again been supported by The Worshipful Company of Saddlers. Guest speakers will include Russell Guire of Centaur Biomechanics, Charlie Urwin, Team GBR Sports Psychologist, Matt Lanni International Show jumper and talks from experts at Neue Schule with Dr. Caroline Benoist, and from The Society of Master Saddlers, Stephanie Bradley.

****Early Bird Ticket Prize Draw* - If you purchase your ticket before 12th January 2018 you will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win a Neue Schule bit.***

Please use this link to purchase tickets: http://events.pcuk.org/?page_id=5062

Coach Of The Year Awards evening

You still have time to get send nominations for the two categories of Coach of the Year and Young Coach of the Year 2017. Any Centre Proprietor, DC, or Area Representative can nominate. The form can be accessed via this link http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/training/coach_of_the_year_awards/

The evening is taking place on the 11th February at Aylesbury Vale Golf Club and is open for all to attend. The evening includes a 3 course meal and we have the brilliant Jonty Evans joining us as the after dinner speaker. Tickets are £38 so book now to celebrate our fantastic coaches and have a great evening http://events.pcuk.org/?page_id=5069

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New hat rules and body protector updates

Clare Gabriel has issued the following from Health and Safety department regarding the recent rule change for 2018.

It is mandatory for all Members to wear a protective helmet at all times when mounted with a chinstrap fastened and adjusted so as to prevent movement of the hat in the event of a fall. This rule defines the quality of manufacture that is required. The individual Sports also have additional requirements with regard to colour and type. It is strongly recommended that second hand hats are not purchased. We also strongly recommend that you have your hat fitted by a BETA qualified hat fitter.

**There have been some minor changes to be aware of -
ASTM 1163 is now 2004a ONWARDS
SNELL 2001 is ONWARDS.**

Hat tagging has also changed in that Pony Club, British Riding Clubs and British Eventing now share the same aquamarine tag - this means that a hat tagged at one event will be accepted by those other member bodies. To compete at Pony Club events, members will need to have the new tag in place from the 1st January or get it tagged at their first event

In 2018 it is anticipated that a new standard will be launched for body protectors (please check the Pony Club website and social media accounts for updates), however the BETA 2009 (purple tag) will not be removed soon - **so do not worry if you have bought one recently**, you will not be required to buy a new one for a few years.

Unity Update

A huge thank you to all who have updated their details on the Coaches Database we have had a great response to this push. Please make sure that your details and certifications are current. The following should all have valid current expiry dates.

- Pony Club approved CPD attended within the last 2 years.
- First Aid certificate
- Disclosure check/PVG check/Access NI
- Safeguarding
- Have access to a Coaches folder

Remember that we DO NOT have any data sharing with other member bodies so we will need to see a copy either sent into the office or to your Branch/Centre official. If you require any further help or would like to check your certificates then please contact Katie on katie@pcuk.org

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Safeguarding and DBS

Stef Brazier (Safety and Safeguarding secretary) has issued the following information regarding DBS and Safeguarding.

Disclosure Checks

It is a legal requirement for everyone working with children to have a disclosure check. There are different types of checks across the UK – DBS for England and Wales, PVG for Scotland and Access NI for Northern Ireland. You do need to have the disclosure check for the respective country you work in, not where you live. All disclosure checks need to be enhanced with child barred list and updated every three years.

For more information on the types of disclosure checks and how to obtain these, please follow this link: <http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/safeguarding/>

Safeguarding Workshops

You are required to attend an approved safeguarding workshop every three years as part of your coach certification. The initial course must be face to face and can be refreshed with the online course three years later.

All upcoming face to face courses can be found here:

http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/safeguarding/safeguarding_and_protecting_children_workshops/safeguarding_workshops/. We do also accept safeguarding courses organised by BEF Member Bodies and SportsCoach UK.

You can enrol for the online refresher course here:

http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/safeguarding/safeguarding_and_protecting_children_workshops/online_safeguarding_courses/

Pony Club Talent Pathway returns for 2018, supported by Aberystwyth University

After this year's training days and assessment days the camp was a huge success. The squad chosen showed all the qualities the coaches were looking for across all sections.



Assessment days have been re-named selection days and we are now able to offer sport-specific selection days to ensure members get a more focussed experience. Remember members do not have to have attended the training days to go forward to the selection days.

The criteria have remained the same as last year and the camp will be held at Solihull Riding Club from Friday 29th June until Sunday 1st July 2018.

For more information please see the website here

http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/training/member_opportunities/ponyclubtalentpathway/

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BHS mapping to The Pony Club efficiency tests

We have agreed the mapping of the revised BHS pathway to Pony Tests, so please take a look at where the relevant tests now sit. It is slightly different due to the modular system from the BHS but on the whole still quite similar.

Please see this link for the document.

http://www.pcuk.org/uploads/tests/Pony_Club_tests_BHS_mapping_17.pdf

Rule Changes for 2018

There have been a number of updates across the rules. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with them, as coaches, you will be asked my members and parents alike and it will give you the heads up!

Key Areas to read are:

- **Eligibility**
- **Spurs**
- **Vaccination Rule – NEW FOR 2018**

For all rule updates please see this link:

http://www.pcuk.org/index.php/parents_information/rules_of_the_pony_club/

**We wish you a fantastic Christmas and a
Happy New Year - Here's to a great 2018!**