

Te Atatu Branch
West Auckland District Pony Club

By-Laws –2009/2010 Season

In these rules, 'Horse' covers both horses and ponies.

A. **MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any person who wishes to become a member of the club must apply in writing on the official form of application provided by the branch and all the particulars therein must be properly filled in.
2. All junior members (16 years and under) **must** have a parent/guardian join –as either a riding or non-riding member.
3. Application for junior membership must be signed by a parent/guardian of the person applying.
4. Junior members are not entitled to vote. However, their financial parent /guardian can hold office and exercise voting rights.
5. All members are required to do 75% of working bees or helping with events. Non riding parents or guardians are required to help also. Failure to meet this minimum requirement may result in membership being refused. Working bee/ helper hours are recorded as from 1st September each year.
6. The working bee levy is not charged. If the member fails to do at least 75% of working bees or helping with events, loss of grazing will be the result.
7. All junior and senior members must have completed at least 75% of all called rallies to be entitled to enter closed days within the club, or to be eligible for cups and trophies.
8. Adult members are reminded that pony club is for riders under 25, so adult riders are not eligible to join in rallies or sit pony club exams. However they may join in closed events and social functions as well as private instruction they wish to organize.
9. Adult riders must have completed 5 ridden rallies to participate and be eligible to enter closed days within the club or to be eligible for cups and trophies.
10. The committee of Te Atatu Pony Club reserves the right to revoke any application for membership as they see fit.

B. SUPERVISION:

1. It is the sole responsibility of the parents/caregivers to ensure junior riders have supervision when riding on Pony Club grounds on days other than rallies.
2. **Junior members under the age of 14:** Must always be accompanied by adults (18 and over) when on pony club grounds. Junior members under the age of 14 may not ask senior members to supervise them. Children 14 and under wishing to be provided with supervision when own parents/caregivers unable to do so must negotiate with another adult each time they require this i.e. daily. In addition they must leave the pony club at a specified time. Junior members must always have an adult actively supervising their jumping activities by being in attendance with them.
3. **Members 14-16:** May ride on pony club grounds if other people are involved in pony club activities. On no account are they to ride alone. If people cease to be on the club grounds you must stop riding immediately.

Members 14-16: must be accompanied by a responsible person actively supervising their jumping i.e. same paddock and observing rider jumping.

4. **Senior riders (17-25):** To show responsibility and be a role model for our younger riders. Pony Club recommends you never jump alone.
5. All riders ride at their own risk.
6. **SMOKING**
 - a) The clubhouse, private sheds and/or other dwellings or buildings are all No Smoking Zones.
 - b) No Member under 18 years of age may smoke on the club grounds.
 - c) The possession of (or smoking of) illegal substances on the club grounds will result in instant dismissal from the club and police action.

The Parents of any young person found violating 6(b) will be informed and asked to address this issue with the young person concerned.

GENERAL RULES

1. The last person leaving the club grounds locks the main front gate. Persons found not to be adhering to this regulation will be made to forfeit their key.
2. All shoeing on club grounds must be done in the *hitching paddock* area. It is the responsibility of the owner to pick up old nails and shoes, and the toils of new nails.
3. Horses are to be tied with halters or head collars and lead rope. Horses must be tied to a readily breakable fastening (e.g. twine). On no account shall bridles or reins be used for tying up horses.
4. While in the hitching rails area, all horses must wear a halter or head collar. There are to be no loose horses in the hitching area. For safety reasons, horses should not be hitched or tied to the fence wire, battens or sheds. Horses must not be an annoyance to the other members gearing up or feeding their horses.
5. The hitching area and any club sheds in this area are to be kept clean and tidy at all times. If your horse does a poo, this is to be shoveled into the bins provided immediately. All rubbish is to be placed in the sacks or bins provided. Do not use glass jars or drink bottles in the shed/hitching areas.
6. All horses must be under control at all times. Owners of unruly or dangerous animals will be asked to remove them.
7. Hay stored in hayshed area is for feeding grazers' horses under the supervision of the Grazing Manager. It is not there for titbits or snacks for your pony.
8. No horses are to be in the clubhouse area on event days. Horses may be seen by dentists or vets in this area if necessary. On rally nights horses maybe unloaded on the gravel area and must be immediately tethered in the hitching paddock area and trucks and floats moved to the truck parking area or to the parking area beside the clubhouse.
9. No dogs are allowed on clubhouse grounds on rally nights or on event days. Dogs may be on a lead during course walks prior to events. Any dog, which is worrying, horses or children or which is not adequately supervised will be banned from the club grounds.

RIDING RULES

10. Hard hats must be **worn at all times** when riding on club grounds. Approved NZ Safety Standard crash hats (See Rule D2 below) must be worn at all times when jumping.
11. Rowelled (sharp) spurs are not to be worn.
12. No member shall ride on the club grounds whilst the “No Riding” sign is shown on the club gate. When some parts of the grounds are open, members shall ride only in those paddocks indicated on the blackboard in the clubhouse window.
13. There is to be no riding on pony club grounds whilst working bees are in progress, unless prior arrangement has been made with the Grazing Manager, President or the event organizers of the day.
14. Members riding on any public road must not ride on footpaths or grass verges and shall at all times obey the Road code and local authority by-laws.

OVERNIGHT GRAZING

1. Members of Te Atatu Pony Club not currently grazing on club grounds may graze their horse free for 1 night in the starve paddocks before or after a rally or event. Members will need to book this, to check availability, with the Grazing Manager. Hay and feed are not included.
2. Members/Other people may book the starve paddock for overnight grazing, with the Grazing Manager, at a cost of \$6.00 per night and must provide own supplement feed. i.e hay.

The committee of Te Atatu Pony Club Inc., reserves the right to alter, delete or add to these rules as and when they see fit.