

# FRESHWATER AND DISTRICT HORSE AND PONY CLUB

## GENERAL CLUB RULES

### MEMBERSHIP

1. New members must complete both an APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP Form and a LIABILITY, WAIVER, RELEASE and INDEMNITY form and pay fees. The membership application will be presented at the next Meeting of the Club. If the application is accepted at the applicant will become a Freshwater Pony Club Member subject to the standard probationary period of three rally days. The Executive Committee reserves the right to accept or reject new members after their probationary period. Fees will be fully refunded with a written notice of rejection.
2. Renewing members must also fill out an Application for Membership and Liability, Waiver, Release and Indemnity form and pay fees for each renewal year. The Executive committee is also able to accept or reject renewing members as per Model Rules.
3. FEES :  
Membership includes both Freshwater Club Fees and PCAQ (Pony Club Association Queensland) Fees.

#### FRESHWATER PONY CLUB FEES:

- Single \$ 50 OR Family \$ 70 per year
- 4. Maintenance Levy \$50 -refundable on completion of working bee/tuckshop/event duties
- 5. Rally Day Fee \_\_\_\_ (no fee atm)

#### PCAQ FEES

-Riding \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Social \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as set by PCAQ

All members under 18 years must have a parent or guardian as a financial member, riding or social.

PCAQ fees include public liability and personal accident insurance.

### DRESS

1. Rally Days: members are expected to wear jodhpurs, black/brown elastic sided smooth soled riding boots, approved safety helmet (AS 2063), white long sleeved, collared polo type shirt with Freshwater Pony Club logo printed on the front and back. (These can be bought from the Club). Riders undergoing probationary period are expected to wear clean, neat clothes with long sleeves and collared shirt, riding boots and approved safety helmet. No other type of t-shirt or singlet will be allowed.
2. Gymkhanas, Official and Unofficial Events: beige jodhpurs, black/brown riding boots, approved safety helmet, long sleeved white, collared shirt, red tie and Freshwater Pony Club saddle cloth as above.
3. No person will be allowed to participate and compete at any time without proper uniform. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. All long hair must be tied back or in a hairnet.
4. Approved safety helmet and boots must be worn at all times when mounted - no exception. This includes to and from the pony club grounds -. Protective/closed in footwear must be worn at all times whilst on club grounds including handling/tending horses. Failure to follow

Club safety rules are a serious breach of Club Rules and will be referred to the Executive Committee.

5. All club members both social and riding, visiting members from other clubs and volunteers etc must wear protective/closed in footwear whilst on club grounds even if they are not directly handling/tending horses. Spectators and visitors are expected to keep outside the fenced club grounds and if they must enter for some reason must also wear protective footwear. Anyone found inside club grounds without protective footwear will be asked to leave the grounds and will not be allowed to re-enter until they have changed to appropriate closed in footwear.

## **BEHAVIOUR**

1. All Club members- riding, social, adults and children must be polite, courteous and respectful at all times towards all instructors, other members, committee members, visitors, spectators etc.
2. Riders must ALWAYS follow the directions of the instructor.
3. Whilst under instruction, riders will not be permitted to eat, drink or smoke.
4. Rudeness, teasing or aggravation of other riders or members will not be tolerated.
5. Bad sportsmanship, bad language, drinking alcohol, and other forms of misbehaviour and disobedience by any member will not be tolerated.
6. Any show of bad sportsmanship/ behaviour shall be dealt with at a meeting of the Executive Committee, and can result in a suspension from Club activities and representative teams.
7. Any misbehaviour by a Club member, whether inside or outside this club, or any other Pony Club event, which can reflect adverse criticism on other Club Members in general, shall be dealt with at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
8. Club members are expected to conduct themselves according to Club rules at all times and to address Instructors appropriately at all times during Club rallies.
9. Any one instructor has the right to stand down any offending member during the running of an event until another instructor is available to deal with the matter. Offenders may be stood down for any period agreed upon by any two of the instructors.
10. It is a breach of Club Rules for anyone to interfere with other peoples gear or horses. This also applies to Instructors handling mounts without the authority of the owner or rider.
11. All members are expected to learn traffic laws applying to horses and to abide by them at all times including riding to and from Pony Club

## **SUPERVISION**

1. All members under 17 yrs must be supervised by a parent or appointed adult guardian (see below) at all times whilst on Club Grounds. Members under 17 must not be left unattended or unsupervised at Club grounds for any reason.
2. Whilst Children are attending rally days a parent must also be present. If a parent is unable to be present, another responsible adult must be appointed in writing by the parent, to be guardian in their absence.
3. All riders must be signed into the attendance book for all rally days. Members under 17 must be signed in by their parent/appointed guardian.
4. The guardian can only accept responsibility for one family in addition to their own.

**The Executive Committee shall reserve the right to expel any member abusing Club Privileges or breaking Club and PCAQ Rules or Regulations. Instructors shall be invited to attend such meetings.**

## CARE OF MOUNT

1. All horses must be properly groomed; feet must be kept trimmed if not shod.
2. In the case of lameness, the Instructor informs the rider that he/she will be unable to ride at that rally/event.
3. Horses must have water buckets when tethered or in stalls.
4. If a member's mount is known to kick out at other horses a red bow must be tied into the tail to warn other riders to keep at safe distance.
5. Any act or series of actions which, in the opinion of the instructor or a member of the Committee, can clearly and without doubt be defined as cruelty shall be suspended from the activity and asked to leave the grounds. They may also be suspended from further membership activities and representative teams and be referred to a meeting of the Executive Committee. Such acts will include excessive use of whip and/or spurs and horse yanked in the mouth in a cruel manner
6. Horses are only to be tied to twine at designated tie-up areas and never hard tied. The **top rail of the arena fence which is the clubs water supply is never to be used for tie up** (horse or dog) and members will be responsible for cost of repairs if water pipe is damaged as a result.

## SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT

1. Any saddles that are in good order and safe for both rider and horse are allowed. All saddles must correctly fit the horse. Most types of stirrups are acceptable but should fit with 10mm clearance each side of the boot.
2. Bridle with bit is compulsory. Snaffle bits are preferred. Other bits may be used with permission or as advised by instructor. Reins must not be longer than necessary; the end should not be near the rider's foot. Reins must always be joined; if reins are knotted the buckle must be undone.
3. A nose band -Cavesson, dropped, cross over, flash/Hanoverian may be used with a snaffle bridle.
4. Breast plates are permitted.
5. Running martingales may be used with permission or as advised by the instructor
6. Boots and bandages may be used but must be correctly fitted/applied
7. Dummy Spurs may be worn with permission or as advised by the instructor.
8. A pony club whip or dressage whip may be used with permission from the instructor.
9. Any equipment not mentioned here will not be allowed to be used at rally days, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Instructor.
10. **ALL GEAR** must be kept clean, oiled and in good repair and within Pony Club recommendations.
11. Gear checks are conducted by a instructor prior to start of each rally day or event. Riders **cannot** participate if they do not pass Gear Check.
12. For specific disciplines/competitions refer to specific PCAQ Gear Check Rule book.

## DOGS ON GROUNDS

**Dogs on grounds are viewed by PCAQ and the committee as a potential safety issue.**

1. **Unofficial and Official events** including rally days and clinics- No dogs at all to be brought on to club grounds. Campers must keep dogs on a leash at all times and at camp.
2. **All other times,-** Dogs must be on a lead and under the control of their owner.
3. Any dogs wandering the grounds must be tied up and the owner (if known) will be notified to come and remove immediately. (and if unsuccessful contact local authorities)
4. Dogs are not to be tied to the top rail arena fencing (water pipe)
5. Dogs tied to a vehicle must not be able to move outside the perimeter of the vehicle.
6. **Outside the grounds-**Dogs must be in control as per Cairns Regional Council bylaws and in accordance with FWPC lease conditions.