

PCAV - CODES OF CONDUCT

Participants/Riders

- ★ Participate and compete within the rules.
- ★ Never argue with an official. If you disagree, discuss your concerns with the organising committee or use official protesting procedures to lodge your complaint.
- ★ Control your temper. Verbal abuses of officials, organising personnel or other individuals are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- ★ Work to better yourself there is always satisfaction in improving your performance.
- ★ If working in a team, work to support your teammates and be positive about your team mate's performance.
- ★ Be a good sport.
- ★ Treat all participants in your sport, as you like to be treated.
- ★ Cooperate with your coach, teammates and organising personnel. Without them there would be no competition or activities to be involved with.
- ★ Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- ★ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents/Guardians

- ★ Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- ★ Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- ★ Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- ★ Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- ★ Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- ★ Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate skilful performances by all participants.
- ★ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- ★ Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- ★ Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- ★ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Officials

- ★ Understand and accommodate the skill levels and needs of young people.
- ★ Compliment and encourage all riders.
- ★ Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- ★ Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all individuals.
- ★ Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- ★ Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.

- ★ Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- ★ Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- ★ Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- ★ Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- ★ Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Coach/Instructor

- ★ Remember that young people participate for different reasons, for many winning is only part of the fun, participating, learning and enjoying others company is often just as important.
- ★ Never ridicule or yell at a young person for making a mistake or not coming first.
- ★ Be reasonable in your demands on young people's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- ★ Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your Pony Clubbers to do the same.
- ★ Ensure that the time spent with you is a positive experience. All Pony Clubbers are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- ★ Avoid focussing on the talented riders; the just average participants need and deserve equal time.
- ★ Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all riders.
- ★ Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches/instructors, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your Pony Clubbers to do the same.
- ★ Show concern and caution toward sick and injured riders. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured Pony Clubber is ready to recommence riding at rallies or competition.
- ★ Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching/instructing practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- ★ Ensure you understand the motivational reasons for your Pony Clubber being involved with Pony Club and develop your sessions to meet these needs.
- ★ Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the Pony Clubber's skill development.
- ★ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Administrator

- ★ Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to their Club and activities.
- ★ Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
- ★ Create pathways for young people to participate in Pony Club not just as a rider but as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- ★ Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and rally schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young riders.

- ★ Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior riders.
- ★ Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
- ★ Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- ★ Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- ★ Give a Code of Behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to follow it.
- ★ Display all Code of Behaviour sheets in a prominent place so that all spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, view them at any time.
- ★ Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- ★ Support implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy.
- ★ Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- ★ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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