



# BUSSELTON HORSE AND PONY CLUB INC.

## Representation at Pony Club Western Australia State Championships



Your commitment to ride, as part of what we hope will be a successful team, is greatly appreciated.

Representation of Busseton Horse and Pony Club at PCWA State Championships is conditional on Rider and Parent/Guardian acknowledgement of the conditions of representation.

Busseton H&PC will cover the cost of competition entry to the State Event that the rider/horse combination is qualified for. Parents/guardian/rider will be responsible for all other personal costs involved, but not limited to, getting to and from the event, camping, ground fees, stabling, costumes, uniform, horse/pony requirements etc.

### RIDERS

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As a member representing the club at a State Championship, I shall;

- comply with PCWA Codes of Conduct as attached,
- comply with all reasonable direction of, and arrangements made by the President, Team Manager or Organising Committee,
- comply with PCWA Gear Checking Rules and addendums,
- wear the formal Busseton Horse and Pony Club uniform on all occasions when representing the club in competition and at presentations,
- be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team,
- demonstrate good sportsmanship and conduct at all times,
- support of fellow team members.

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*(Name of Rider)*

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*(Riders signature)*

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*(Date)*

### PARENTS/GURDIANS:

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As the parent/guardian of the above mentioned rider who will be attending the State Championship Event, I shall;

- demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under the age of 18 years, as my words and actions are an example,
- comply with the PCWA Codes of Conduct as attached,
- comply with PCWA Gear Checking Rules and addendums,
- Immediately contact the team manager if for some reason my rider is unable to attend the event. In the event of having to scratch due to ill health of horse or rider, I will supply a vet or medical certificate as needed. If this is not provided within 5 days I acknowledge that the club will invoice me for reimbursement of entry paid.

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*(Name of Parent/Guardian)*

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*(Parent/Guardian Signature)*

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*(Date)*

## **CODES OF CONDUCT** (from 2018 PCWA Handbook)

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Pony Club Western Australia promotes the following codes of conduct to all people involved in any way with the sport of pony club. These codes of conduct highlight the principles and values of Pony Club WA and our related policies.

In competition, breaches of the Codes of Conduct, including the use of bad and/or abusive language, by competitor, parent, team manager, coach or official may entail disqualification of the individual competitor or team. At all other times, breaches of the Codes of Conduct by persons involved in the sport of pony club will follow disciplinary procedures as outlined in the Disciplinary Policy.

### **General Code of Conduct**

As a person involved in any way with the sport of pony club, the following standards of behaviour are expected.

#### **Fairness**

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
2. Encourage opportunities for participants to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
3. Encourage participation in all aspects of the sport.
4. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others.

#### **Respect**

5. Treat each person as an individual.
6. Be a positive role model.
7. Display control, tolerance and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
8. Value the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

#### **Safety**

9. Ensure your actions contribute to a safe environment.
10. Ensure your actions contribute to a harassment free environment.
11. Do not tolerate violence or abusive behaviours.
12. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.

#### **Responsibility**

13. Be aware of Pony Club WA's standards, rules and policies including, but not limited to, the Member Protection Policy.
14. Ensure interaction with persons under the age of 18 years is appropriate and that unaccompanied and unobserved activities are avoided wherever practical.
15. Always make responsible choices and adopt appropriate behaviours with respect to alcohol and recreational, illicit and performance enhancing drugs.
16. Act with integrity and accept responsibility for your actions.
17. Make a commitment to providing quality service.
18. Understand your responsibility if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of these Codes of Conduct and other Pony Club WA rules, regulations and policies.
19. Be a positive role model.

Please initial to indicate your understanding of the above: Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rider**

1. Abide by the General Code of Conduct.
2. Ride by the rules.
3. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your Team Manager approach the Official during a break or after the competition.
4. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other competitors, deliberately distracting or provoking other competitors is not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
5. Work equally hard for yourself and/or for your team. Your team's performance will benefit; so will you.
6. Be a good sport. Applaud all good efforts whether they are by your team or other competitors. Treat all participants in your sport, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with your coach, teammates and other competitors. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

**Parent/Guardian**

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

**Spectators supporting Rider**

1. Abide by the General Code of Conduct.
2. Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
3. Never ridicule or scold a young rider for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
4. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials or riders.
5. Show respect for other competitors. Without them there would be no competition.
6. Do not use violence, harassment or abuse in any form (that is, do not use foul language, sledge or harass riders, coaches, officials or other spectators).
7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

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