

“Branch membership is for those with a pony of their own, but if you don't have a pony you may wish to join a Pony Club centre.”



# PONY CLUB



## Branch Membership

## What do we do?

The Pony Club pride themselves on the fun and unique way they teach, and members can demonstrate their knowledge by taking tests and earning badges in a range of equine and non-equine subjects.

As well as having plenty of fun, The Pony Club provides the ideal opportunity for members to make new friends and learn essential skills such as sportsmanship and teamwork.

There are also opportunities to compete at all levels and in a number of different disciplines. You may even qualify for The Pony Club Championships – the pinnacle of a Pony Club member's competitive career.

The Pony Club has something for everyone; from riding and horse care basics to schemes developed for teenagers looking for informal social and training opportunities. We also offer programmes specifically designed to support members working towards talent pathways, careers in the equestrian industry and future coaches.



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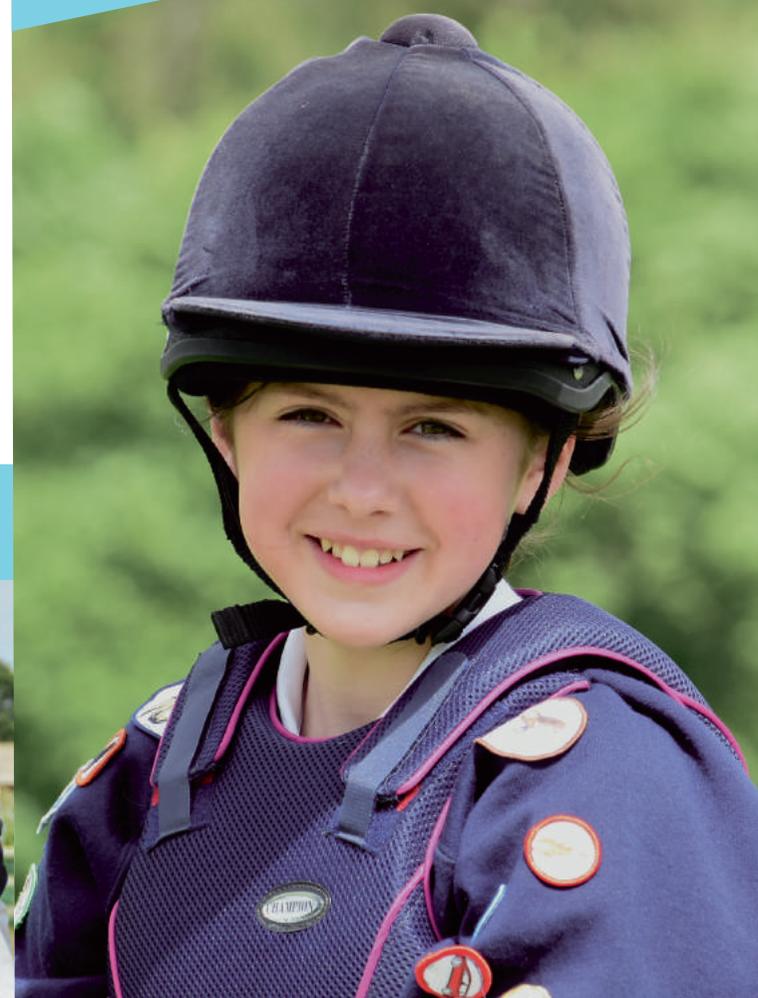
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## What is the Pony Club?

The Pony Club is 'the' starting point for anyone who wants to ride and care for horses. Membership is open to anyone up to the age of 25; from complete beginners to equestrians who want to further their skills and experience, with or without their own horse or pony.

Founded in the UK in 1929, Pony Clubs can now be found in 22 countries with over 110,000 members worldwide. As an independent charity, The Pony Club is run by a large network of volunteers who form the backbone of the organisation; giving their time and expertise for the benefit of young people.



## What is Branch Membership?

Pony Club Branches are for those who own, loan or share a pony and have access to transport to take them to a Branches designated meeting point, such as a field or equine facility, depending on the activity.

Members subscribe annually for a 12 month period, or can join part way through the year for a reduced fee.

Run by an army of invaluable volunteers, there are 340 Branches around the UK providing fun learning and competitive opportunities for over 25,000 members.



## What are the benefits?

### LEARNING

Members can learn a range of skills through our popular Achievement Badge scheme, and gain sew-on badges to prove their knowledge. Topics such as camping, points of the pony, farming, plaiting, road safety, grooming and lots more can be learnt at two levels; mini for those starting out full versions for older members.

Pony Club Efficiency Tests provide an excellent basis for any equine enthusiast. Beginning with the E Test where members learn basic skills, the system goes all the way up to the much sought after A Test.

Competition Badges are designed to encourage correct training in each of the nine Pony Club disciplines of dressage, show jumping, eventing, polo, polocrosse, mounted games, endurance, tetrathlon and pony racing.

### FUN

Branches organise a full programme of working rallies (taught sessions) after school, at weekends and during the school holidays. These can include mounted and dismounted lessons, competitions, visits, social events and talks from equine professionals such as nutritionists and vets.

### COMPETITION

Branches run plenty of competitions throughout the year across the disciplines. Some are just for fun, and some act as qualification including area level for those looking to attend the The Pony Club Championships.

Competitions are also held at some of the most prestigious venues in the UK such as Royal Windsor Horse Show, Horse of the Year Show, Olympia and the Royal Highland Show to name but a few.

### PONY CLUB CAMP

Good times are guaranteed at Pony Club Camp; the summer essential for thousands of members. Most Pony Club camps incorporate opportunities for members to work towards and take their badges and tests, as well as fun competitions where there are always plenty of rosettes and trophies to be won.

Some Pony Club camps are residential, so members are able to show their ability to care for themselves and their ponies under the watchful eye of coaches and volunteers.

### INSURANCE

Members are insured for equestrian related Personal Liability (Third Party) 24 hours a day, up to £ 30,000,000 for any one claim, excluding business activities.

To find your nearest Pony Club Branch visit [www.pcuk.org](http://www.pcuk.org)

