

WAINONI PARK PONY CLUB INC.

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Rules for non-members

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Gates and Security

- Please close and latch the entrance gate. This must be kept closed at all times. (If it is locked, please get a member to open for you. Please ensure that you are not the last to leave as the gate needs to be locked when there is no one there)
- All other boundary gates should be hooked closed and padlocked whenever they are not in use.

Parking and Cars

- 5kph speed limit at all times on pony club grounds.

- Park in designated areas only. Floats should be parked between the clubhouse and the containers. There is also space on the other side of the clubhouse.
- No parking or driving along the race or in paddocks
- Do not warm up your horse in any of the areas around the containers or car park. Horses may be walked down the race to warm up or cool down.
- No float loading/unloading of horses or parking floats in the dog club carpark.

Grooming Bay and Horse Handling Areas

- The grooming bay and covered pens are members only areas (unless there is extremely heavy rain or hail and you need to get your horse under cover)
- The wash bay may only be used by non-members when the tanks are full from rain. Please check with a member before using
- Only tie horses to baling twine on designated tying posts or rails via a lead rope to a halter.
- Never tie a horse to a float that is not attached to a vehicle.
- Pick up any poo (including from the driveway and arena) and put in manure pile straight away (before leaving the area for any other activity). (Also see Arena Rules).
- Clean as you go. All mess must be swept and tidied straight away. This includes any feed/dirt/hay etc. which must also be swept and cleaned up.
- Do not leave any feed unattended anywhere that another horse can or may get to it.
- If there is sufficient water and you use the wash down facilities, please tidy the hoses when finished and be very careful with the use of water. This is tank supply. Turn all taps off when not in use.
- Please take note of anything written on the whiteboard in the grooming bay — this often tells you which paddocks are open and any other important information.

Arena Rules

- Pick up any manure! If you cannot do it immediately, ensure you come back to the arena asap once your horse is tied up.
- If you notice any maintenance issues or concerns in the arena or surrounds, please email secretarywppc@gmail.com
- If one of your fellow riders isn't following the rules, give them a friendly heads-up as to the arena requirements.
- If you are cleaning up your horses' poo and notice that there is more there – clean it up too! Next time someone will do it for you. Let's all work together to create a great Club and a great environment to learn and have fun.

Arena Etiquette and Riding Rules

- When approaching another rider head on, pass left shoulder to left shoulder. When in a situation you are unsure of, please call indicating where you intend to go e.g. "rail" or "inside" so there is no misunderstanding.
- When passing another rider from behind, please pass on the inside. Please let the rider know you are passing, vocalize "passing on the inside."
- Slower traffic should ride on the inside. Faster on the outside.
- The riders in the faster paces have the right of way on the track.
- A circle must give way to the outside track.
- Do not get too close to another horse as some may kick. Rule is one horse length away. Horses that kick should have a red ribbon in their tail.
- When stopping to make any kind of equipment or clothing adjustments, please move out of traffic and do so in the centre of the arena out of the way.
- Mount out of the way: Mount and dismount in designated areas or in the centre of the arena, not on the track or in front of the ingate.
- Please look where you are going and where other people are riding. If you are unsure, vocalize what you are doing.
- You must always have contact with your horse when it is in the arena.
- Cooling down: stay on the inside track and do not block other riders.
- In an emergency, dismount: If a rider falls off, there is a power failure or a horse gets loose, all riders must dismount.
- Headphones including bluetooth earbuds are NOT permitted during open riding for safety reasons unless you are riding by yourself.
- Cell Phones can be answered if you go to the nearest corner out of the way.
- Only one horse can be lunged in the small arena at a time (ie you cannot lunge if others are using the arena so lunging needs to be done at a quiet off-peak time). No lunging in the big arena
- If someone has a private lesson in the small arena, be considerate. Coaches may ask for 5 minutes of solitary use of the small arena to fully run through a dressage test, typically at the end of a lesson. Please step out of the small arena for this.
- Please don't cut in and use jumps that are being used for a lesson. Check which jumps are being used before you start and set up some additional ones for yourself if required. If there is a coach giving lessons, check which part of the arena they are using before you start jumping.
- Please always be courteous and respectful to all other riders and coaches in this shared space.
- If the arena seems quite full - wait for riders to finish before you go in.

Small arena:

No jumping or poles in the dressage arena. Flat work only.

Use of Paddocks

When conditions permit, the grounds are open for riding (from July to October the paddocks are completely closed for riding unless there is direct communication to the contrary):

- Existing cross-country fences may be jumped until 2 weeks prior to an event held at WPPC using the cross-country course (ODE or Show Cross). New

fences may not be jumped until after the event for which they were built.

- The Grazing Officer or Cross-Country Committee may close individual fences, or the course, for ground condition or safety reasons.
- Electric tapes must be replaced after use.
- If show jumping in the paddocks, move the jumps to prevent wear of the ground in front or behind the jumps. If you see that the ground is wet or your horse is damaging the ground when jumping please stop (even if the grounds are still officially open.) Don't wreck the paddocks!

Manners and Etiquette

- Treat others with respect at all times. Any rudeness is completely unacceptable.
- No smoking or swearing on the grounds.
- Always behave with consideration around other horses and riders — for example, do not canter past a person walking or leading their horse, or if someone is working their horse, do not ride through that area.

Utilities

- Please turn off any/all lights once you have finished in an area, e.g arena and grooming bay lights — even if you didn't turn them on.

Dogs

- Dogs must be under control at all times.
- Dogs in the carpark must be kept under supervision to avoid any accidents with vehicles.
- Dogs are not permitted in the clubhouse, arenas or grooming bay area
- Dogs are not allowed on club grounds during show or event days.
- You must pick up your dog's poop and dispose of it accordingly.

General Riding

- **NZPCA approved & Tagged helmets must be worn at all times when riding.**
- No riding in a halter
- If under 14 years of age, you must have an adult/caregiver accompany you at all times.
- Back protectors must be worn at all times when jumping cross-country fences. The new regulations kick in in 2020 - ensure your back protector meets the required standard.
- Whips and spurs should be used only when appropriate and not to excess.
- When jumping you must be in the company of another mounted person 16 and over or in the view of an agreed unmounted adult/caregiver.
- In an emergency, dismount: If a rider falls off and a horse gets loose, all riders should dismount.

- Paddocks being grazed are closed for riding.
- Obey instructions regarding "Closed for riding". This means no riding or any form of exercising, schooling or lunging.
- Please do not ride in worn tracks.
- Show jumps and moveable dressage arenas must be moved periodically to avoid ground wear.
- No galloping unless you are under a Coach's supervision.
- Any arenas and show jumps set up specifically for an event must not be used prior to the event.

Consideration for the Community

- When road riding, it is most important that you and your mount are safe. Bright clothing must be worn, preferably a bright high vis safety vest. If needed, ride in company or have a walker with you. If an unsafe situation arises, coming off the road to be safe is acceptable. Return to the road as soon as you are able to do so.
- As a matter of course, do not ride on the grass berm or verge; the hoof prints are not appreciated.
- Do NOT ride on private property or driveways.
- **Any horse manure on the public road and footpath must be picked up as soon as possible. If you cannot do whilst riding, please go back straight away and pick it up.** Greenhithe is not the countryside that it was, this is now a residential suburb and dog and horse poo is not appreciated.
- Road riding on public roads must be done in a saddle and bridle. Bareback and halter riding are not permitted for safety reasons.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- All accidents and near misses must be reported in the accident register book. The health and safety officer must also be informed via email. Handswppc@gmail.com
- If you find any broken equipment if possible, please place somewhere that it cannot be harmful to others or their ponies, and notify fixitwppc@gmail.com as soon as possible.
- Wear sturdy covered footwear around horses.
- Red ribbons should be worn on the tails of horses that kick.
- Non-riding children must be under supervision at all times.
- Never ride through or into a paddock with horses grazing in it.
- Horses may be ridden at a walk in any area besides the arenas and paddocks
- In case of emergency please call 111 and evacuate to the dog club car park keeping clear of the access driveway.