



## **CHNPC guidelines for attending activities, rallies and training**

**Below are a few notes about attending activities and training that we hope will help members and their parents to be prepared for branch life:**

- Please try and bring yourself and your pony in correct pony club dress for the rally/training/activity you are attending i.e. clean tack, plain numnah/girth, hacking/show jacket (if a competition) or branch sweatshirt, shirt and Pony Club tie or branch polo shirt and Pony Club badge (with felt if applicable!). Coats may NOT be worn when riding, (unless raining or snowing), however branch fleeces or gilets can be worn. The PC tack and dress code can be found in full in the discipline rule books for each discipline at [www.pcuk.org](http://www.pcuk.org) or you can ask any committee member, or contact our new member liaison committee member, Sally Hayward. Please note that The Pony Club, and most importantly CHNPC, ENCOURAGES plain tack. Items of embellishment will be marked down if there is a turnout competition.
- Branch clothing can be purchased from committee member, Caroline Thomas, (contact information in Newsletter).
- It is important that your pony is fit for the activity you are attending; make sure its vaccinations are up to date before camps and that you have new shoes on if shod.
- A pony with badly fitting or dirty uncomfortable tack will not be able to work and perform well; please make sure your tack is clean and fitting well and that will make your pony very happy, if you are unsure of the fit of tack please speak to your Instructor or the rally organiser.
- Please make sure that you arrive in plenty of time to tack up correctly and start the rally/training on time, as those who arrive late are disruptive and may miss vital safety checks and briefings. Members who are more than 10 minutes late may not be able to join in, depending on the activity. Text the organiser if there is a potential issue.

- It is really important that you thank the instructors, organisers, and land owners if present, at the end of a rally. This is just as important when attending any other branch competition/rally.
- The Pony Club Training structure encourages members to take tests which enable them to learn progressively about horse and pony care and riding. The tests are taken at recommended ages and are designed with certain objectives in mind. Please look at PC website on the test section for more details of the objectives <http://www.pcuk.org/output/tests/> . E – D+ tests can be taken at working rallies. The C test is tested outdoors on grass. The C+ is examined by external Instructors however still organised within the branch. The B test is organised by Area 5; there is a full B test each year at the end of August with a Horse & Pony Care test and re-sit at Easter each year. The AH/A test is organised by PCHQ. At each working rally with Stable Management, criteria from each relevant test syllabus is covered. We also run additional training sessions throughout the year. Information can be found in the branch newsletters.
- If you have any queries, don't hesitate to contact the Discipline organiser, (number is on each rally/training list), any committee member or email the District Commissioner, Joan Deakin, at [j.deakin@stb.coop](mailto:j.deakin@stb.coop)