

<b>2017</b>	<b>HENDRA PONY CLUB – INFO SHEET PCAQ GENERAL</b>	<b>3</b>
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- PCAQ recommends close supervision of juniors jumping at all times. The supervisor must either be; the riders parent, or appointed guardian, a course builder or show jumping instructor.
- When being ridden (including at a walk) horses must have a bit in its mouth.
- If a rider is riding in a saddle with stirrups, approved PCAQ footwear, with a heel, must be worn (sports shoes with laces are prohibited).
- Riding boots should have a smooth sole (textured tread must be no more than 3mm in depth) with a smooth border around the outside of the tread pattern. Lace-up riding boots with eyelets and hooks are allowed only if the hooks are covered by gaiters. Cuban heels are allowed.
- The wearing of body protectors at competitions is optional, except on a Cross Country course when they are compulsory.
- Bit guards, horse boots (both front and hind), including bell boots and bandages and martingales are NOT allowed in Dressage or the Dressage phase of any Event (Combined Training and eventing).
- At competitions necklaces and bracelets are only allowed when worn under a shirt (they must not be visible). Rings are only allowed under gloves. Only sleepers or stud earrings are permitted in the ears. At Mounted Games competitions jewellery is prohibited at all times.
- Gear check (at an event) is a compliance check rather than a safety check and it is the responsibility of riders to ensure their gear is safe. Should any gear check reveal gear which appears to be unsuitable, the rider will be advised immediately and sent away to adjust the equipment and return for a further gear check before competing. Failure to do so can result in disqualification.
- A Pony Club saddle is an English-type saddle, saddles with horns are not permitted. All saddles must have two fastenings to the girth, or if there is only one fastening then a surcingle must be used. Surcingles must be fastened over the girth to ensure they do not pinch. If a surcingle inhibits the release of a stirrup leather from the stirrup bar, then use of safety/breakaway stirrups is required.
- Ear Hoods are permitted to be worn at the following disciplines jumping, combined training, dressage, Equitation and Eventing (ODE's) under the following conditions: a) the ear hood must not cover the horses eyes, b) the ear hood may be made of material that provides for sound reduction, c) ear hoods may not be attached to the nose band, d) no additional insulation or ear plugs are placed into the horses ears. Ear Hoods are NOT permitted at Gymkhana's, Campdraft, Sporting and Mounted Games.