



The Irish Pony Club

Membership Application Form

The Irish Pony Club is an equestrian youth organisation. It is affiliated to the Pony Club, the world's largest association of Young Riders with 110,000 members in 18 countries across the globe. In the Irish Pony Club we have approximately 3,800 members spread through 62 branches throughout the twenty six counties

- Membership is open to boys and girls up to 21 years, existing Members may continue until the age of 25.
- The overwhelming majority of Ireland's leading national and international riders both past and present started to learn their skills in the Irish Pony Club. They had a lot of FUN and so will you.
- Members receive riding instruction at Rallies which are usually held on land by permission of generous landowners. Other activities take place at riding centres or dedicated venues. Instruction is given in horse/pony care and riding skills.
- Each branch runs a Camp which is the highlight of the year for most members, where they spend 4 or 5 days improving their riding skills and horsemanship and having fun.
- Members can do Pony Club Efficiency Tests which are graded from beginner to advanced and are often a stepping stone to professional qualification to work in the equine industry.
- Members have the opportunity to compete in many equestrian disciplines: Show Jumping - Dressage - Eventing - Mounted Games - Hunter Trials - Tetrathlon - Minimus etc.

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ To encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding.
- ◆ To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship, and to instil in members the proper care of their animals.
- ◆ To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

HOW TO JOIN

Complete Page 2 of this Application Form. Fill in Part 1 and ask your parents or guardian to complete Part 2. Send the completed form and annual subscription to the DC or Secretary of your nearest branch (see www.irishponyclub.ie or panel below).

When you join the Irish Pony Club, you join through and belong to your local branch. However this membership represents membership of the Irish Pony Club as a whole. If you like you may order the Pony Club badge, tie and Manual of Horsemanship when you send in your application (check with the Secretary of your intended branch for current prices).

POLICY STATEMENT

The Irish Pony Club is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of its members. Every individual in the Irish Pony Club should, at all times show respect, and understanding for their rights, safety and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport and the IPC Health and Safety Statement.

The IPC's Code of Conduct incorporates the concept of friendship, respect for others and participating in the right spirit. It is also concerned with gamesmanship, the elimination of cheating, doping, violence (both physical and verbal), exploitation, unequal opportunities, excessive commercialisation and corruption.

Join the _

Branch of the Irish Pony Club

(DC or Membership Secretary's address to be printed here)





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

PART 1 - Members Details (To be completed by the prospective member)

Surname First name

Address

Date of Birth Age on 1st Jan of current year: Female / Male:

Areas of riding interest e.g.: Show jumping, Mounted Games, etc

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct of the Irish Pony Club (IPC) and agree to abide by the Code and Rules of the IPC. I agree to abide by the rules of the World Anti Doping Agency.

As a member of the Irish Pony Club, I will stand for the best in sportsmanship as well as in horsemanship. I will compete for the enjoyment of the sport well-played and take winning or losing in my stride, remembering that without good manners and good temper, sport loses its cause for being. I will at all time treat my horse with due consideration.

Signature of Member

PART 2 - (To be completed by the prospective member's parent or guardian)

Mother's Name: Mobile No:

Father's Name: Mobile No:

Contact Email Address:

Guardianship/custody arrangements and contact details for parental consent, if applicable:

Please detail any relevant medical condition/disability, e.g. asthma/sight/hearing/dyslexia that the District Commissioner, Instructor/Examiners should be aware of:

I/we have read the Code of Conduct, Aims and Rules of the Irish Pony Club and the Guidelines for Parents, and I agree that the above named will be bound by the rules of the club. I approve of becoming a member of the Irish Pony Club. I accept that riding is a high risk sport.

I enclose the annual subscription of €100 per member. Subscriptions paid between November 30 and December 31 count for the following year. Please make cheque/PO payable to the Branch of the IPC you are joining and return this form to that Branch. See www.irishponyclub.ie for List of Branches for details.

I, parent/guardian named above, understanding the Guidelines contained in the Irish Sports Council's Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport, hereby give permission for a photograph of my child, if chosen, to be published in a publication approved by the Irish Pony Club.

Signature(s) of Parent/Guardian

On completion of this form please send it to the Irish Pony Club Branch you have chosen to join