



Green Road, Dairy Flat

**INTRODUCTION AND GUIDE  
FOR  
PARENTS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
SILVERDALE BRANCH of  
North Harbour District Pony  
Club Inc.  
2018 / 2019 SEASON**

This guide is for all parents and members as an introduction to the Silverdale Branch of the North Harbour District Pony Club Inc. Please never hesitate to ask for advice or help if you need it and your help is always appreciated at Pony Club, no matter how small i.e. helping to put out jumps, set up dressage arenas and games equipment.

## **Branch Club officials for Silverdale are:-**

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Peter Hannet, Sarah Cornelius, Cathy Cook (Life members)

### **There are three Branches in the North Harbour District Pony Club:-**

Silverdale Pony Club, 124 Green Road, Dairy Flat

Dairy Flat Pony Club, Horseshoe Bush Road, Dairy Flat

Kaukapakapa Pony Club, Sinclair Park, Henley Road, Kaukapakapa

The word District means that the Club has Branches.

The North Harbour District Pony Club Inc officials are:-

District Commissioner: Debbie Logan

Assistant District Commissioner: Antoinette Leuthard

Secretary: Irene Flynn

Treasurer: Ian Stradwick

District Chief coach: Sarah Revis

The North Harbour District Pony Club is part of the Waitemata/Rodney Area.

The New Zealand Pony Club Association is our Governing body. There are 16 Areas in New Zealand. These are: Northland, Waitemata/Rodney, Auckland, Franklin Thames Valley, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, King Country, Taranaki, Gisborne/Wairoa, Manawatu/West Coast, Wairarapa/Wellington, Marlborough/Nelson/West Coast, Canterbury, Ashburton/South Canterbury/North Otago and Otago/Southland

## **Rally Turnout**

Rider - Clean boots or shoes (no 'muckers', gumboots or sneakers), helmet, Teal and Black pony club shirt, Clean black or beige jodhpurs, tidy hair and NO JEWELLERY except a watch.

Horse/Pony: Clean body, clean and well brushed mane and tail, clean eyes, nose and dock, shoes in good order (if worn), clean and oiled hooves.

Saddlery: Clean bridle in good repair, clean saddle in good repair, clean bit of correct size, clean and soft girth and numnah/saddle blanket, correct stirrup size.

**ALWAYS ENSURE YOU HAVE A SPARE HALTER AND LEAD ROPE WITH YOU!**

**## Please note new helmet standards /regulations in effect as of August 1st 2017**

Rally Timetable There is 1 unmounted Horse management rally prior to mounted rallies starting once daylight savings start. The first two mounted rallies have in the past and likely to be at Woodhill Sands due to the grounds being too wet at Greens Rd. Rallies may also be unmounted if weather and ground conditions unable rally to be mounted. The Silverdale branch mounted rally nights are on Tuesday's from 5:30pm – 7:00pm (D Certificate and Lead Rein members only!) and 5:30pm – 7:30pm for all other certificate levels during the months of daylight saving at our Greens Road property, however we do occasionally get together with the other two branches in our North Harbour District for a combined rally or we may have an outing to another pony club within Waitemata who have advertised that they are holding a practice cross country evening..

If rallies need to be canceled due to ground or weather conditions a message will be placed on Facebook on our Silverdale Pony Club Closed page informing you by 4.00pm.

There is a BBQ held at every mounted rally where sausages and hamburgers are available to purchase for dinner. Parents are expected to help run the BBQ throughout the season.

Offers of assistance- refer to Event Commitment form Parents are expected as part of their child's membership to be available to:

- Set up or take down equipment at every mounted rally
- Work at 1 x Fundays
- Work at our Showjumping
- 1 x working bee
- BBQ Chef and/or shopper for mounted rally nights
- Help with delivery of the Dairy Flat Newsletter

This applies to Silverdale Pony Club Events only, if you/your child is chosen to represent at a team event additional assistance will be required.

## **SPC Gate Terms and Conditions**

All members who wish to have access to this property during the months when ground conditions permit must agree and sign the Silverdale Branch "Use Of Gate Lock Terms And Conditions Agreement" document before getting a key will be given. When grounds are closed at conclusion of the season the padlock will be changed and the new key given at renewal of membership for the following season.

<http://www.silverdaleponyclub.com/ground-use-rules.php>

## **Use Of The Farm - Rules**

- \* **Strictly no Dogs at all times.** There will be No Exceptions! This is a working farm.
- \* No hay is to be left on the property at any time.
- \* No jumping of the Hunting fence spars as these belong to Waitemata Hunt.
- \* Remove all rubbish and horse manure from the property at all times. No Exceptions!

## **Safety**

The two ponds located on the Branch's grounds and their immediate surroundings are out of bounds at all times. OSH Liability will apply. Some fences are electric and should be treated as live at all times.

## **Property Residences**

Both private residences on the property are out of bounds at all times.

Access and Parking Access to the Branch rally grounds is to be only via the designated public gate and the parking area as instructed.

## **Public Events**

All events held on the property will be held under New Zealand Pony Club Association (NZPCA) rules. All other conditions which apply to the Silverdale Branch sub-lease will also apply to any public events which it may hold.

## **Damage To Property**

Any damage to fences etc caused by any member or members of the Silverdale Branch during notified club event days or from public events held on the property run by the branch, will be required to be repaired by the branch. Please report any damage asap to a member of the committee.

Branch Equipment All equipment must always be kept in a tidy fashion and stored away in their designated areas of storage at the end of the season.

## **Helmet's**

The wearing of an approved safety helmet is compulsory...please refer to the below link for standards

<http://www.nzpca.org/asset/downloadasset?id=507f25a7-b2b5-4b32-9c6a-e3ffe373b471>

Although these standards are presently correct they may alter occasionally. Your Pony Club Head Coach or your local saddlery stockist will be able to advise you of any change to the above. The fitting of the helmet is of utmost importance. If not fitted correctly the helmet will not only fail to offer proper protection but may actually itself be a hazard. Always ask for assistance when trying a helmet and note the following points:

- The helmet should sit level, and be about 2cm above the eyebrows.
- Fastenings and straps must be secured firmly.

- Place a hand on top of the helmet and rock it from side to side and back and forward.
- The helmet should not slip but should move your child's scalp with it.
- If the helmet has been involved in a heavy fall or dropped, it should be replaced, as there may be damage that you cannot see.
- For the same reason do not buy a second-hand helmet.
- Follow any manufacturer's instructions on the care and cleaning of the helmet.

## **Footwear**

Footwear must be suitable and safe, both for riding and when working around ponies. Jodhpur boots are ideal, or failing this, solid shoes with a smooth sole and a solid heel. Boots with gripped soles are not safe (such as most types of gumboots) as they will not slide freely from the stirrup in the event of a fall.

## **Body Protector**

Also known as a safety vest, a body protector is designed to offer protection to the upper body, and should be worn when show jumping and is **compulsory when doing cross-country**. It is also compulsory that a rider must wear a body protector at any One or Two Day Event in the cross-country part of the competition and failure to be wearing a body protector at "Gear Check" prior to commencing the cross country phase or during the cross country phase will incur automatic elimination from the competition.

Always ask advice when buying a body protector as there are several different models available. With wear they often tend to mould to the rider's shape, so for this reason buying second hand is not always a good idea.

Currently New Zealand does not have a safety standard for body protectors, however the acceptable international standards include: BETA 2000 (British Standard), EN 13158(European Standard), ASTM F1937-04 (American Standard). Please check the updated standards for back protectors before purchasing as they are currently in review.

# **NZPCA ACHIEVEMENT BADGES**

## What's it all about?

The thinking behind the Achievement Badge Initiative is to give encouragement for PC members to keep progressing through the certificate system, in a simple and fun way. It is a motivational incentive, aimed at our most junior riders, with or without a horse, through to our future Olympians. The Generic Badges are for everyone who attends Pony Club. Level One and Level Two Badges are aimed at D through to C Certificate level but everyone can achieve them in any order and at any time. The badges are to be sewn onto a black square saddle blanket to be worn as part of the Silverdale Branch uniform.

## **CERTIFICATES**

### **Lead Rein Achievement Card**

This card has been introduced to give our riders on the lead rein a program of simple tasks so they can work towards gaining a certificate which can be awarded once all tasks have been achieved and the coach has signed them off. This card is not designed to be a test but a simple set of tasks which will help the rider learn the skills necessary to be able to ride independent off the lead rein and provide the basic care of their pony.

### **D Certificate**

Recommended age for D Certificate is 8 or 9 years.

The objective for the rider is to gain confidence in riding and in the handling of their pony and to be keen to improve and learn.

### **D+ Certificate**

Takes two seasons of work.

Recommended age for D+ Certificate is 9 to 10 years

Candidates must hold their D Certificate

Height of jumps for D+ certificate are approximately 50cm. This certificate was introduced to bridge the gap between the D and C Certificates. The objective is to work towards having a secure seat on the flat and over simple fences and to demonstrate an increasing knowledge and confidence in the care of their pony.

### **C Certificate**

Takes two seasons of work.

Recommended age for C Certificate is 11 years and over

Candidates must hold their D+ Certificate Maximum height C certificate jumping is 65cm. The objectives are to attain a firm seat, independent of the reins on the flat and over small fences, to know and be able to apply the correct aids for simple movements and be in the control of the pony at all times. Understanding the Road Code and to show common sense and courtesy when out and about with their pony and to also have a knowledge of the daily care and working of the pony.

### **C+ Certificate**

Recommended age for C+ Certificate is 12 – 13 years and over

Candidates must hold C Certificate

Maximum height for C+ Certificate fences is 80cm

This certificate was introduced to bridge the gap between the C and B Certificates This certificate is much harder than C and riders must show a good riding standard well on their way to B Cert. The rider must be able to ride their horse in a collected frame and know what is meant by being “on the bit” and how it is achieved and how the horses outline changes. This certificate may be sat in two sections, Horse Management and Riding. On obtaining a pass in both sections only then will the rider have his/her full C+ Certificate. **Riders will be assessed before being put forward for any part of this exam.** The objective is to gain a practical experience and knowledge of the care and conditioning of a horse at grass and become an active, all-round rider, with knowledge for the aids and ability to apply them effectively and to be able to ride over simple show jumping and cross-country fences at a trot or at a canter and to have a thorough knowledge of the Road Code as it applies to ridden horses and ride safely and sensibly on the roads or in the country. Candidates must be capable of joining in with any suitable Pony Club activities.

### **B Certificate**

Recommended age for B Certificate is 14 – 15 years and over



Candidates must hold C+ Certificate to sit the full B Certificate, but may sit B horse management if they hold C+ horse management.

Maximum height for B Certificate fences is 95cm

This certificate may be sat in two sections, Horse Management and Riding. On obtaining a pass in both sections only then will the rider have his/her full B Certificate. Riders are assessed before sitting and the exams are arranged at Area level. The objective is to become an active, all-round rider, who knows the reasons for what they are doing, and is able to assess results, ride over different types of fences at specified paces and be capable of riding and jumping any well mannered horse or pony and comment on his way of going. Candidates must have gained knowledge and practical experience of the care and conditioning of horses, and to be able to look after a temporarily stabled horse. They must ride intelligently and with due regard for others on the roads and in the country with a knowledge of pace and distance. Candidates must also be capable of joining in any suitable Pony Club activities of interest to the rider (e.g. eventing, hunting, treks, gymkhanas etc) and of looking after the horse before, during and after the day's activity.

## **H Certificate**

Minimum age is 16 years and over

Candidates must hold B Certificate horse management.

Candidates are assessed before sitting this exam and this is arranged at Area level.

If the candidate passes their assessment their exam is done at National NZPCA level . This exam affords keen senior members and holders of B horse management or full B Certificate a worthwhile certificate in horse management. It is also the horse management section of A Certificate.

## **A Certificate**

A Certificate Minimum age is 16 years and over

Candidates must hold B Certificate

Maximum height for A Certificate fences is 1.10m

**Riders are assessed before sitting this exam and this is arranged at Area level. If the candidate passes their assessment their riding examination is done at National NZPCA level.** This is the highest award of the Pony Club. It provides a comprehensive examination in horsemanship and horse management for well trained and experienced members. Candidates must show that they can carry out in practice, in a logical sequence, all that they have learned from the New Zealand Pony Clubs Association manuals and from their coaches.