

Keep as Information

Long Run Pony Club Mounted Meetings Policy

The Coordinator who schedules our mounted meetings will send out an email with the meeting days and set a deadline for RSVPs from the members. Each member is responsible for responding in a timely manner for each meeting so that riding groups can be organized for that meeting. Once a member RSVPs for a lesson, they must notify the Officer in Charge /DC in advance or a cancellation fee will apply. The cancellation fee for group mounted meetings is \$25, cancellation fees for special clinics or lessons will be the amount necessary to recoup LRPC's expense for said member. In inclement weather a decision to cancel lessons may be made with no financial obligation to member.

Member should arrive in time to prepare their horse for the mounted meetings. Typically 30 minutes before the scheduled time. Meetings will begin promptly at the stated time. The instructor will not wait on late arrivals or those still grooming or tacking up. Member should leave the arena/ring promptly at the end of the scheduled lesson. Members will be expected to help clean up the facility used before leaving. Please remember to thank the landowner and the adult volunteer present.

Attire for Mounted Meetings

- Properly fitted ASTM/SEI approved helmet with secure chinstrap
- Medical armband with completed USPC Medical card
- Long hair should be pulled back and secured neatly
- Shirts with sleeves are required when mounted and are to be tucked in
- Pony Club pin
- Breeches or jodhpurs
- Belts are to be worn if belt loops are on pants
- Footwear for riding must have a hard sole with a heel
- No dangling jewelry will be allowed
- Safety vest if going cross country

When dismounted, acceptable footwear is a shoe that entirely covers the ankle and has a thick sole, such as paddock boots.

If a member wants to rent a school horse for the lesson, they must notify the Coordinator in order to check for availability, submit a check to the farm for the fee, catch the horse, tack it up and take proper care of it after the lesson. It is the responsibility of the member and their family to prepare for meetings, not that of anyone else in the club, barn staff, or the instructor for the day. Families whose children have no experience riding or handling horses will need to arrange for enough lessons with an instructor of their choice that they and/or their child are able to independently prepare a rental horse for the mounted meetings.

Parents of UR and D children need to be present during mounted meetings. The only exception to this is if another adult has been specifically placed in charge of your child. The instructor or coordinator is not responsible for your child and/or horse during mounted meetings. They have the entire group to maintain and it is not possible for them to be in charge of a specific member and/or horse.

Please be sure to bring all necessary equipment for your horse, for example: water bucket, tack and equipment, and extra items in case something breaks.