

To all parents, guardians and children attending camp,

Cudal Pony Club is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all participants, officials, committee members, and volunteers. To ensure the continued success and integrity of our events, inappropriate behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated. We expect children to be kind, considerate and encouraging to each other as we all try to learn new skills and make new friends at camp.

Any form of inappropriate conduct - including but not limited to verbal abuse, intimidation, harassment, bullying, or threatening behaviour - directed towards Cudal Pony Club Committee members, Officials, Instructors, Volunteers or fellow riders is strictly prohibited. When the instructor ends the session, the horse and rider must leave with the troop as directed.

Riders are encouraged to participate in all activities (unless previously discussed with the C.I. before camp acceptance). Our instructors generously give up their valuable time and it is appropriate that they have enthusiastic children to teach. If a task is too much for a child or horse or frustration sets in, please speak to your instructor so horse and child can take a break, dismount or an appropriate solution can be arranged. No rider is allowed to leave their troop during a scheduled session unless under their instructors advice, barring medical reasons.

All participants and supporters are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the values of sportsmanship, respect, and fairness. Please see the Pony Club Australia conduct policy attached.

#### **Horse Welfare:**

Horse welfare is paramount – please ensure your horse/pony is fit enough for three (3) days of intensive riding and is up to date with worming and shoeing/trimming. Horses should be receiving at least 3 to 4 significant exercise sessions each week leading up to the event. It is unrealistic to expect an unriden, over or under weight horse to handle three days of camp. *In order to set the horse and rider up for success, avoid frustration and ensure the ability to participate, please take this responsibility very seriously.*

The committee and instructors reserve the right to ask a rider to dismount if their horse is found to be unsafe, unfit, lame, or not suitable for camp. This decision is final.

In addition, any expression of rider frustration or upset inappropriately directed at a horse for example, excessive force on a bit or angered use of a whip, will not be tolerated and the rider can be asked to leave the camp. Such items of tack are suitable training tools and will not be allowed to become means of reprimand or punishment. Please see the Horse Welfare policy attached.

We are all very excited to bring you lots of exciting and challenging activities and look forward to seeing everyone at camp.

Regards,  
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Cudal Pony Club