



CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct applies to **ALL** Southside Pony Club (SSPC) members. By signing below the named member acknowledges they have read, understood and agree to abide by SSPC Code of Conduct and SSPC By-Laws.

- All horses are privately owned. Without due cause, It is not permitted to use, or touch any other horse without prior agreement from the owner, or SSPC Committee.
- SSPC encourage the use of club equipment on the condition that it is respected, and that all items are packed away after each use. Please advise in writing ponyclubsouthside@gmail.com in the event of any damage.
- To ensure your safety please make sure you always have closed in shoes whilst on the grounds.
- If you are riding or lunging, it is mandatory you wear a helmet and boots. These must comply with Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules 2022.

I agree to demonstrate responsible behaviour by –

- Securing gates, even if you didn't open them!
- Pick up poo, don't leave it for someone else or in the trolley, dispose of it in designated poo areas.
- If you're under 18 years and want to ride/lunge then you must make sure you have an adult supervising!
- If you're under the age of 16, then you must **always** have an adult with you supervising you whilst on club grounds.
- Cross country jumps –these are only permitted to be used in the presence of an accredited coach.
- Remember to complete the electronic 'Incident Report' should you hurt yourself at any time – these are available in the clubhouse.
- Be courteous, if a lesson is happening in the area you wish to gain access to then seek approval before moving in and setting yourself up!
- Love your horse, treat it with respect, there's no need to use a whip unnecessarily, continually jump or overwork.
- Never leave your horse unsecured and it's not permitted to secure your horse just with the use of a bridle.
- Bullies are never welcome, not at the club and not online. This behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Stealing will automatically terminate your membership, it's just not worth it.
- Non-members are not permitted to ride on Southside Pony grounds at any time, and it's NOT ok to let them ride your horse – no matter how nice they are – DON'T DO IT!
- If you're not sure on something, then don't do it, ask, don't assume as it will get you nowhere.
- If you nominate and need to scratch after the draw, and a Pony Club helpers list has been published, then you will still be required to attend as allocated jobs still need to be covered off.
- You can use your phone but not while you're on a horse – enjoy being away from technology.
- When riding, your horse at minimum must have bridle and bit fitted.

SSPC 3 step disciplinary process (SSPC Member Protection Policy contains documenting paperwork) –

1. Verbal reminder of SSPC club rules.
2. Breach - SSPC Code of Conduct – SSPC Committee representative will meet with member for discussion and reflect on rules of the club. This may result in reflection, time away from the club – a subsequent breach to the above will result in SSPC Committee allocating time of suspension during which time non agisters/ lease families will be prohibited from being on SSPC grounds or at any SSPC or PCAQ event for suspension duration. Agisting members, suspension will prohibit any participation in any SSPC or PCAQ event for suspension duration. There is the expectation that agisters will provide care for their horse during this period.
3. Revoke of membership. SSPC will use their discretion, and arrange a meeting for further discussions.

Member/ Rider: _____

Member / Rider Signature _____

*Junior SSPC Member under 18 years of age

Parent/ Supervisor: _____

Parent / Supervisor Signature _____

Date: _____