

River Valley Pony Club



Membership Handbook

RVPC Overview

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. started in 1954 to teach riding and the proper care of horses. It is based on The British Pony Club, which was created in 1929 as a junior branch of the Institute of the Horse. Since then, Pony Club has expanded to many countries around the world, with the main goal being to promote sportsmanship, stewardship and leadership through horsemanship.

Pony Club is the largest equestrian educational organization in the world. *This is where it all begins!* Pony Club is a family experience. The cornerstones of our foundation are education, safety, sportsmanship, stewardship and FUN. Members learn riding and the care of horses through mounted sports. The skills, habits and values instilled through horsemanship will apply to every part of a member's life.

River Valley Pony Club was founded over 27 years ago at Cherokee Hill Farm in Tryon, NC. It was originally called 'TLC Pony Club' which stood for Tryon, Landrum, & Columbus. Our current membership is 30 riders strong who live in Western NC counties and Upstate SC counties. Most of our club activities still occur in the Tryon, Landrum, and Columbus vicinity including at FENCE (Foothills Equestrian and Nature Center).

Membership Benefits

Active members have access to:

- ❑ educational standards and achievements
- ❑ the Pony Club online community
- ❑ scholarships and awards
- ❑ sponsor discounts
- ❑ participation in activities:
 - Lessons & Clinics
 - Certifications

- Rallies and Competitions
- Championships and Pony Club Festival
- Fox hunting with local Hunts

Competition is important to any individual's development. It builds confidence, helps with goal setting, planning, relationships, and team work. Competing creates a need to better oneself and promotes a healthy drive to succeed in all aspects of life. Pony Club organized competitions are team based and are called "Rallies". Club members compete at Rallies based on their age and certification level.

As members learn and develop at their own pace, they have the opportunity to progress through the Pony Club Certifications. Certifications outline a clear progression of skills in riding and horse management. Each Certification level requires an increasing depth of knowledge and abilities. Certifications are held throughout the year which evaluate a member's horsemanship in both riding & knowledge.

Our Members:

Members join pony club when they can ride the walk, trot, turn, and stop their mount independently. They all have an enthusiasm to listen, learn, and strive to improve their horsemanship. Varying in age from 5 to 65+, RVPC members are active in various equine activities. These include:

Eventing

Showjumping

Hunters

Fox Hunting

Dressage

Tetrathlon

Distance Riding

Trail riding

Working Equitation

We have several members interested in sports not recently represented at a local rally yet still promoted in Pony Club. These sports include: Games, Polocrosse, Western Dressage, Combined Driving, and Vaulting.

Yearly Outline

A typical year at River Valley Pony Club:

- ❑ Winter camp weekend in January (additional fee)
- ❑ Monthly combined mounted and unmounted meetings
- ❑ Club sponsored clinics with National examiners 3-4 a year (additional fee for clinic day)
- ❑ Rally Season: begins with Quiz Rally in February then followed by Show Jumping, Tetrathlon, Dressage, and lastly Eventing Rally in May.
- ❑ Two club level certifications (D1-C2) one Spring and one in the Fall
- ❑ Additional Certification preps based on need including for National Certifications (C3/HB+)
- ❑ Fox Hunting with local clubs, Cubbing in autumn, official Season begins around Thanksgiving
- ❑ 2 Hunter Pace (or similar) fundraisers, one Fall, one Spring, with an additional fundraiser added when available or needed.

How We Do Things....

Joining Pony Club

Membership sign-up and Renewal

Sign-up can be confusing as we need to have many signed papers. Please be sure to submit all paperwork with payment to the appropriate board members. As with any equine activity insurance coverage is a huge driver. Having complete sign-up materials will ensure eligibility and guarantee you're covered by USPC insurance.

Instructions about how to submit are included in the Sign-up Checklist or paperwork may be submitted at our Fall Sponsors, Member Renewal and Sign-up Meeting.

Prospective Members are highly encouraged to attend a meeting (as unmounted) to observe and ask questions before joining.

New Members

Four to five documents will be included with your check made to RVPC:

- 1) National USPC sign-up sheet with all spots signed **must submit hard copy**

The following can be printed or emailed.

- 2) RVPC Club Sign-up and Checklist
- 3) Sponsors Form
- 4) RVPC Code of Conduct
- 5) Current Coggins for mount used in pc activities (not required if you don't yet have a horse)

New membership paperwork can take a couple weeks to process before the member is eligible to participate with a horse. USPC requires a hard copy of the National Membership form and a check from RVPC on that person's behalf. That means that once the paperwork is mailed to the RVPC Treasurer, it must be then mailed to USPC in Kentucky with another check and processed. USPC will send a confirmation email to the new member with online Log In instructions once the process is complete.

Renewing Members

- 1) National renewal is completed online through USPC.org

The following can be printed or emailed

- 2) RVPC Club Sign-up and Checklist
- 3) Sponsors Form
- 4) RVPC Code of Conduct
- 5) Current Coggins for mount used in pc activities (not required if you don't yet have a horse)
- 6) Intent to Certify Form for Fall/Spring

Communications

We have four main sources for contacting everyone and keeping you updated.

- 1) **Email:** RiverValleyPonyClub@gmail.com Most communications are conducted first through email.
- 2) **Facebook:** Email will usually be followed by a post on Facebook *River Valley Pony Club –Members* Group.
- 3) **Text:** Finally, messages and last minute changes will be conducted by use of texting through the *Remind App*. If you do not text, the messages can go to an email address. We will need to know this is your preference. Furthermore; if any details, names, acronyms or addresses have you scratching your head, please ask. We remember what it was like to be new here and try to include all information *somewhere*.
- 4) **Website:** RiverValleyPC.com The website is heavily reliant on a webmaster able to update it, so if you have these skills please let us know.

Remind: text to 81010 message @rvpci we have two
text to 81010 message @rvpcinfo

Facebook is used by many including RVPC. We have 3 different presences on the format.

River Valley Pony Club –Page: This is our public profile on Face book. It’s where anyone looking to know what RVPC is and what we do can go to find information. It is not meant to share personal opinions or preferences other than for our club and pony club values. We try to limit personal information on this public page.

<https://www.facebook.com/rvpc2018/>

River Valley Pony Club –Members –Group: This is a PRIVATE group for current members of RVPC. We share club meeting information, addresses, posts, etc. with members only as to limit access to personal information and access to our minor members from the public. Much of our club sign up information for meetings will be posted HERE:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/719950054821502/requests/>

River Valley Pony Club –Friends –Group: This group is open to members and the greater equestrian community. It will allow trainers, business owners, and members to share info, articles, tips, clinics etc. to all supporters of RVPC without compromising protections for members privacy if they so choose.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=river%20valley%20pony%20club%20friends>

Calendar

RVPC events will be shared in various ways. First, our website calendar is updated as often as possible. RVPC events are in **purple**. This calendar will also include various local events which we are aware our members participate in competing. Dates with **Red** dots are unconfirmed, meaning they are subject to change based off instructor & venue availability, etc.

Secondly, *Events*, on our *RVPC FB Page* will be updated as we gather details.

Mounted Events will have a Google Sign Up Form emailed to members/parents approximately 2 weeks prior to the event. This sign up for is the way members will RSVP and allow our leaders to form rider groups and schedule the day.

Lastly, it is up to members to seek out information on events if they feel they have missed a posting. Please contact board members by email, text, or ask on FB or other members.

Meetings

When We Have a Meeting

Watch for an email and FB post saying 'MONTHLY Sign-up'. This will include a link to a Google form to sign-up. You will also see another link to the spreadsheet to check your submittal. **Details** about the meeting will be ***in the form***, not always the email. Fill out the form and submit ***by the deadline***. You should receive an email confirmation. Timely sign-ups ensure we have enough leeway to plan the day and arrange the groups.

River Valley Pony Club usually hires an instructor for the mounted portion of our meetings. We are very fortunate to live in an area with so very many talented trainers and instructors. For 3-4 of our meetings a year, we will hire an outside National Examiner (NE) to ensure our members have the proper eye on the standards. Additionally, members, parents, and affiliates with an area of talent are encouraged to offer their knowledge through instruction in our club.

Horse Management will be a part of our monthly meetings to ensure we are covering the Pony Club Standards. Groups based on rating level, age and experience will alternate presenting material to another group. 90% of learning a topic comes from teaching it. Furthermore, teaching and presenting is an essential part of the pony club curriculum.

Bring a binder, a checklist for your next rating level (found on USPC.org) and paper to take notes. Write down what you covered/learned in your mounted session to record for your Health and Maintenance Record Book (D2+). D2's working on their D3 will need 3 months, D3 for C1 will need 6 months, etc.... Create good habits now, journal and record to be prepared and help recall what you have been learning.

Teaching in PC

Teach!

Cooperation, confidence, and leadership are all traits that Pony Club develops in its members and these are best built up in our youth members through teaching, while our adult Horse master members develop these traits through volunteerism. Teaching and volunteering is the best way for members to work together, gain self-confidence in their skills, and learn how to lead others. It is also a great way to really cement what they have learned.

Peer-to-peer teaching is a very important part of Pony Club where a more experienced Pony Club member is assigned to a new member. The mentor member can answer questions (or refer the question to someone who can), encourage participation, explain the intricacies of Pony Club, and to just "be there" for the new member. As new members become integrated into the club and progress in their learning, they in turn are expected to help newer members.

As youth members reach the C level, they will begin to learn how to formally teach. They will begin with teaching Horse Management skills and advance to teaching riding skills. With the help of instructors and other adults in the club, members will learn how to make and implement a lesson plan, how to handle the unexpected (i.e., uncooperative mount, distressed child, etc.), how to evaluate the progress of students, and so much more.

General Behavior

All **members and parents** are expected to be courteous to instructors and club officials at all times. Everyone must abide by the USPC code of conduct at all Pony Club activities. Profanity is not allowed. You as a member are expected to be on time for activities. If in the first group, please arrive approximately an hour before your ride time or more if your mount takes longer to acclimate, *minimum* ½ hour. Take him/her for a walk. When unavoidably late, you must ask permission of those in charge to join the activity. It's also beneficial to watch other lessons and help set jumps. Additionally, unmounted practice and instruction may be going on in the barn

or stabling area such as wrapping and bandaging, so please *read the schedule* to plan your travel and arrival times.

Horse management

- ❑ All horses and ponies must be clean and groomed to your certification level. Tack should be in good repair, well-fitted, clean and supple.
- ❑ Please bring water, 5 gallon minimum per horse, & enough to sponge horse after ride.
- ❑ Please recoil hoses after use.
- ❑ Secure equipment around trailers in the event of a loose horse. For example, halters attached to leads when tied to trailers: keep them off the ground.
- ❑ Before leaving for the day cleanup hay, shavings and manure around your trailer.
- ❑ Manure, please make use of your muck buckets and clean up after your horse.
- ❑ Manure, haul it home or ask for appropriate dumping site from land owner upon arrival

Expectations

In pony club we try to leave things better than when we find them. So.....

If you open it	-close it	If you turn it on	-turn it off
If you unlock it	-lock it	If you break it	-fix it
If you can't fix it	-report it	If you borrow it	-return it
If you make a mess	-clean it	If you move it	-put it back
If you don't know	-please ask		

Mounted Meetings

1. Lesson times will be posted for each group of riders by 7:00 pm the day before, but usually several days in advance.

2. Attend events to which you have committed, regardless if the unexpected happens and you will now not be riding. A *no show* at an event is assessed a \$30 fee paid to RVPC *before* participation in the next club sponsored event. Few exceptions.
3. **All** individuals supporting riders around mounts, trailers, and courses must wear appropriate foot wear that covers the foot and be over the ankle bone.
4. Safety checks (by a certified C+ member) will occur prior to mounting your horse/pony to ensure safety of tack and equipment.
5. There shall be *no interference* (coaching from the rail) in a member's lesson by parent or guest.
6. Members whose mounts are unable to be at a mounted meeting should attend the meeting dismounted and ready to ride.
7. To ensure a young rider's safety at mounted meetings, the parent or adult responsible for a young rider (*under 12*) must be able to assist them in handling and preparing their pony.
8. Any member under the age of 16, unless rated C2 or above, must be accompanied throughout the mounted meetings by a parent or a designated adult.
9. Wear appropriate attire for MM meetings...

Dress Code

Members must wear a Medical Armband on either upper arm with a completed USPC or USEA Medical Card or Medical Bracelet for all Pony Club activities. An approved (ASTM, PAS or AS/NZ) helmet must be worn for any mounted Pony Club activity, this includes horse inspection and longeing. In addition the following are required or expected for all mounted activities:

- For all pony club activities, members are expected to dress in a manner that conveys respect for themselves, others, our sport, and our organization.
- Britches or Jodhpurs are recommended: no jeans. Half-chaps may be worn. Ds may wear any style half-chaps. Half-chaps worn by Cs and up must be smooth leather and match their boots.
- A conventional type of riding footwear with a heel is required (e.g., leather, synthetic or rubber riding boots, Jodhpur boots, paddock boots or the equivalent)
- Shirts must have sleeves and be tucked in.
- Belts are required if there are belt loops on riding pants.
- Long hair reaching below the shoulders must be neatly secured away (pony tail, braids or hair net) from the eyes.
- No excessive jewelry. See current USPC Horse Management Hand book - Rules for Rallies.

River Valley Pony Club Parent Responsibility

Pony Club is a shining example of volunteerism at its best and it takes a substantial time commitment for parents and other adult volunteers. As a Pony Club parent, you join many thousands of volunteers working at the club, regional and national level. Pony Club Parents are a vital part of our club's many activities and the reason for much of our club's continued success. As an RVPC parent you will be called upon to help the club in the following ways.

Attend Club Meetings & Events

Any member under the age of 16, unless rated C2 or above, must be accompanied throughout the mounted meetings by a parent or a designated adult.

*To ensure a young rider's safety at mounted meetings, the parent or adult responsible for a young rider (**under 12**) must be able to assist them in handling and preparing their pony.*

Attend events to which you/your child has committed, regardless if you/your child will now not be riding.

Parents are encouraged to attend club meetings and events. We also invite parents to become involved in the administration of the club by becoming a Club Officer or Club Sponsor. In general, Pony Clubs are administered by parents and other adults who volunteer to operate the club and organize activities. Individual adults can become Club Sponsors, from which the club leadership: District Commissioner, Joint District Commissioner (optional), Club Secretary, and Club Treasurer will be chosen. In addition to selecting officers, Club Sponsors are the official voting members of the club. Talk with your DC and /or refer to the USPC Bylaws for Registered Clubs for more details. Not everyone, of course, can or wants to be an officer, but ideas and suggestions are always appreciated.

Volunteer Opportunities

Even if you are not a horse person, volunteers are needed to support the ongoing activities of the club. We always need volunteers as:

- Rally Coordinator
- Certification Coordinator
- Winter Camp Coordinator
- Summer Camp Coordinator
- Plan Special activity

- Provide Food and beverages at meetings or competitions for officials
- Chaperone at Rally
- Unmounted Horse Management Coordinator
- Jump Crew, set up or take down jumps
- Instructor Hospitality, provide water & food
- Thank you note organizer
- Hunter Pace Volunteer Coordinator
- Trailering to events
- Apparel Coordinator
- Web Master
- Community Sponsorship Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Rating Checklist Reviewer
- Camp food Coordinator
- HP Food Coordinator

Fundraising

Every Year, RVPC hosts at least two fundraisers to continue being 'self supported.' Fundraisers may include Hunter Paces, hosting a rally that is open to all regional pony clubbers, or a hosting a horse show. These events require dozens of volunteers and many hours of planning and preparation in order to make them successful. The funds raised allow RVPC to pay for activities such as our monthly mounted meeting instruction as well as financial assistance to attend pony club competitions, camps, certifications and clinics. In order to continue to subsidize these activities for our members, we encourage RVPC members and parents to volunteer at all fundraisers that our club plans for the year.

Foothills Equestrian and Nature Center (FENCE)

RVPC is able to provide many of our mounted meetings throughout the year at little to no cost as well as winter camp due to a very special relationship we are fortunate to have with FENCE. For the last few years, RVPC provides volunteers to help clean and organize the TROT Barn (Therapeutic Riding of Tryon) at both the start and end of their lesson seasons. Furthermore; a portion of the proceeds from our Fall Hunter Pace benefit TROT. Pony club encourages land conservation and stewardship. RVPC values the opportunity for service and the lessons this partnership provides.

Understanding Pony Club Lingo

Being a new member in Pony Club can be really confusing, what with the onslaught of new information and ways of doing things around your horses and ponies. When you add all the new terms and acronyms on top, it can be a bit overwhelming. But, have no fear; we've come up with this handy guide to help you demystify all that lingo!

Certification:

Members begin their Pony Club career with the basic equine knowledge and riding skills at the D-1 level. Members progress at their own pace through the Standards of Proficiency at each level until achieving the A Certification which is a highly accomplished equestrian, capable of caring for and overseeing the training of a variety of horses. Your Certification tells instructors what level of riding ability you are and what you need to work on to achieve the next level. This also tells your HMJ what equine skills and knowledge you know so they may judge you accurately at rallies. Certifications may also be referred to as a "test" or "testing" when discussing an actual test scenario used to move up the levels.

Club Sponsors:

A Club's sponsors are individuals who have paid the Club-determined, nominal Sponsor's Fee and aid in the decision making process of the Club by attending annual Sponsor's Meetings.

Sponsors vote on any issues brought forth, elect the Club officers, and nominate individuals for DC and/or Jt. DC positions.

Health and Maintenance Record Book:

This is where you keep all of your mounts health records. It can be the paper version sold at Shop Pony Club or can be a product of your own design. You should keep track of all farrier and veterinary visits, along with the weekly activities and lessons you do with your mount. Upper Level members are required to keep a log of their mount's training program to present at their Certifications. You can track expenses like board and feed here as well. If you don't own the mount you use for Pony Club, ask the owner if they can help you fill out a record book to present at your Certifications.

Horse Management:

This is a biggie. Horse Management encompasses all things horse care. You are judged on this at rallies and are tested on different sections of it during your Certifications. Horse Management is what sets Pony Club apart from other equine clubs as our members are consistently taught to care for their mounts with respect due a partner.

Hunter Pace:

A hunter pace is a low-key competitive event derived from foxhunting, typically 7-10 miles in length. Teams of two or three riders follow an outdoor course laid out over terrain which is meant to simulate the riding conditions encountered during a foxhunt. The ideal time is determined by sending out a test teams to ride the course before the event. The team which completes the course in a time closest to the ideal is placed first. Most hunter paces are divided into two divisions, with different ideal times. Western NC HP series offers a "field hunter" division for those experienced in the hunt field who wish to take the course at a faster pace, and a "trail rider" division for those who wish to travel more slowly.

Pony Club Manual:

Pony Club currently has three manuals, one for the D Levels, one for the C-1 & C-2 Levels, and a third for the Upper Levels. Members are encouraged to purchase a copy of the manuals to aid them in their Certifications. The manuals explain everything from the basics of horse care, to riding expectations for each Certification. Manuals can be purchased via USPC website.

Pony Club Riding Center:

Typically a training/lesson barn, that has entered a contract with USPC to offer the Pony Club program through the administration of that facility. We do not have any in our area at this time.

Rally or Rallies:

In Pony Club, our competitions are called Rallies. Every discipline usually, but not always, has a Rally in most Regions. Rallies are comprised of a ridden competition specific to the discipline and a Horse Management competition. Members typically compete on teams of three or four riders and a stable manager. Rallies are held at both the Regional and National level.

Team Captain:

The leading member of the team. This person is the one who is responsible for speaking for teammates in all capacities at Rallies and Championships.

Pony Club ACRONYM Key or ("What does THAT mean?")

ACA = Assistant Center Administrator

AHMJ = Assistant Horse Management Judge

ASTM-SEI = American Society for Testing and Materials/Safety Equipment Institute

BBP = Basic Balanced Position

BRHJA = Blue Ridge Hunter Jumper Association

CA = USPC Riding Center Administrator (boss of the center)

CT = Combined Training or Combined Test

DC = District Commissioner (boss of the club) (JDC=Joint DC)

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standards

DR = Dressage

EBTH = Everything But The Horse Rally (also called "Horseless Rally")

ES = Exceeds Standards

FENCE = Foothills Equestrian & Nature Center

FI = Formal Inspection; inspection of the turnout of horse and rider, aka Turnout Inspection

GFPC= Greenville Foothills Pony Club

HF = Harmon Fields: 117 Harmon Field Rd, Tryon, NC 28782, show grounds

HM = Horse Management

HMJ = Horse Management Judge (CHMJ=Chief HMJ // AHMJ=Asst. HMJ)

HMO = Horse Management Official/Organizer

HT = Horse Trial

IO = Impartial Observer

MS = Meets Standards
NE = National Examiner
NO = National Office
NYB = National Youth Board
NYC = National Youth Council
PC = Pony Club
PIP = Primus Inter Pares; “first among equals”; pertains to the lead examiner at a test with multiple examiners
RIC = Regional Instruction Coordinator
RS = Regional Supervisor (boss of the region) (VRS = Vice RS)
RVPC=River Valley Pony Club
S & C = Standards & Certifications; refers to clinic taught to increase understanding of the USPC Standards of Proficiency
SJ = Show Jumping
SM = Stable Manager
SoP = Standards of Proficiency; curricula for the USPC instructional program
UL = Upper Level (as in “upper level” ratings C3, B, A, HB, HA)
USDF = [United States Dressage Federation](#)
USEA = [United States Eventing Association](#)
USEF = [United States Equestrian Federation](#)
USPC = [United States Pony Club](#)
WFS =Windridge Farm Services, 882 Goodes Creek Church Rd, Mooresboro, NC 28114

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Expectations for RVPC Member

A Member in Good Standing as defined by USCP National #1002:

A Member is considered in Good Standing if they are current with all dues and fees owed the Registered Club/Riding Center Program, Region and USPC and when available participate in one or more of the following:

- 1. They show evidence of sincere interest in the activities of Pony Club at the local, regional or national level.*
- 2. They assist younger members in the learning process.*
- 3. They participate in Pony Club activities at the local, regional, or national level when and where appropriate, according to age, experience, and suitability of mount.*

Additionally, RVPC expects all participating members to abide by our RVPC Code of Conduct as signed each year: attached.

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork and well-behaved members. The USPC expects appropriate behavior from all members, parents, and others participating in any Pony Club activity. Inappropriate behavior includes:

- Possession, use, or distribution of any illegal drugs or alcohol (See USPC Policy 0500 for further guidelines.)
- Profanity, vulgar language or gestures
- Harassment - using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following Pony Club activities
- Failure to follow rules
- Cheating
- Abusing a horse



RIVER VALLEY PONY CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

The CODE OF CONDUCT is established to clarify RIVER VALLEY PONY CLUB guidelines and expectations for each member. *Please Initial.*

1. _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING ATTENDS MONTHLY MEETINGS REGULARLY (At Least Half).
2. _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING SUPPORTS CLUB FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES.
3. _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING PARTICIPATES IN Scheduled CLUB ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, CLINICS, FUNDRAISERS EXCEPT AS EXCUSED BY THE DC/JDC.
4. _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IS PROMPT.
5. _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING LISTENS CAREFULLY AND IS RESPECTFUL AT ALL TIMES TO ADULTS AND OTHER PONY CLUB MEMBERS.
6. _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING GIVES UNDIVIDED ATTENTION TO THE INSTRUCTOR OR COACH FOR THE DURATION OF THE LESSON UNTIL EXCUSED and ALWAYS SAYS THANK YOU.
7. _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING ENCOURAGES AND SUPPORTS OTHER MEMBERS.
8. _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IS CONSCIOUS OF SAFETY AT ALL TIMES.
9. _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING MAINTAINS PROPERTY BELONGING TO OTHERS IN THE SAME CONDITION OR BETTER THEN FOUND.
10. _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING ATTENDS EVENTS TO WHICH THEY HAVE COMMITTED.

_____ **Special Notes: Only a MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING is eligible for certification advancement, rally participation and other pony club benefits including Special Awards (scholarships). You will be asked to substantiate your eligibility & support of RVPC when requesting to represent the club in any of the aforementioned activities.** Each member is expected to attend 3 fundraisers per year. With prior notice a member may donate \$30 in lieu of participation for **one** of these fundraisers. A **NO SHOW** at activities such as mounted or fundraisers constitutes a **loss of good standing** & is assessed a \$30 fee paid to RVPC *before* participation in the next club sponsored event and reinstating their *member in good standing* status. DC/JDC has final say on excused absences.

****Adults accompanying minors while representing RVPC are expected to abide by the same standards.****

I _____ have reviewed the above CODE OF CONDUCT (*with my child*)
_____ and confirm that I/he/she respect and understand the COC.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature if minor: _____ Date: _____