

Our Structure

In Pony Club, we challenge our members to achieve through a rating system while allowing them to develop at their own pace.

- Our advancement system is tied more to ability than to age
- We encourage members to strive for higher levels of proficiency, but don't require them to test until they want to
- Younger members don't have to wait if they are ready to advance
- Older members joining don't have to "catch up" to the class



Contact us to find a club or center near you: www.ponyclub.org
859-254-7669

Pony Club is a Community

The core of Pony Club is the local club, and clubs are found in 49 states. Members are part of a support network that is large and closely-woven. Members who move, or go to school in a distant state, can find an instant, familiar family just by contacting the local club. Visit www.ponyclub.org to find the closest club.

USPC Mission Statement

The mission of the United States Pony Club is to provide a program for youth that teaches riding, mounted sports, and the care of horses and ponies, thereby developing responsibility, moral judgment, leadership, and self-confidence.

The Pony Club Pledge

"As a member of the United States Pony Club, I stand for the best in sportsmanship as well as in horsemanship. I shall compete for the enjoyment of the game well-played and take winning or losing in stride, remembering that without good manners and good temper, sport loses its cause for being. I shall endeavor to maintain the best tradition of the ancient and noble skill of horsemanship, always treating my horse with the consideration due a partner."

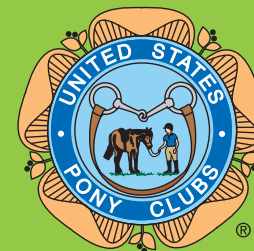
USPC is a national, non-profit equestrian organization that is open to both boys and girls. Members may participate up to age 25. USPC has over 600 clubs and centers through the United States. Each club and center is also part of a Region, which offers additional activities and learning opportunities to members. Contact www.ponyclub.org for information.

The Pony Club program closest to you is:

Learn to
Ride with **USPC** 
ponyclub.org

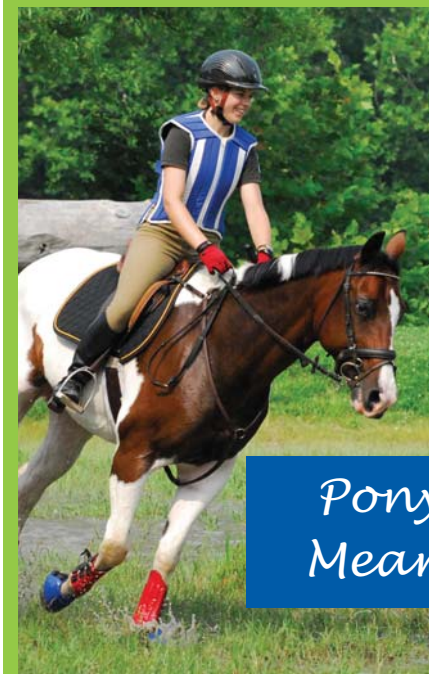
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Why Choose Pony Club?

A Guide to the Pony Club Experience



Pony Club Means FUN

If you like horses and ponies, consider choosing USPC!



Pony Club Means a FOUNDATION for the future...

Pony Club Develops Confidence as Well as Riding Skills

Pony Club puts an emphasis on personal responsibility and well-roundedness. Our instruction program teaches stable management, including veterinary care, equine nutrition, trailer safety, and tack care in addition to English-based riding sports, both in the riding arena and in the open.

Competition is an important part of our program. Members learn self-reliance and teamwork because they compete as part of a team—under adult supervision—without the assistance of parents.

USPC provides opportunities for members to learn self-analysis, public speaking and teaching. Peer teaching is a core skill of our rating examinations. Many shy members learn confidence in working with others and in public speaking through our program.

We hold competitions in:

- *Jumping*
- *Dressage*
- *Mounted Games*
- *Eventing*
- *Polocrosse*
- *Tetrathlon*
- *Quiz, an unmounted competition*

We're Devoted to Safety



USPC played an integral part in the development of the safety helmets worn in equestrian sports today and they are required equipment for all members. Performing a safety check before riding is a 'best practice' of clubs to ensure that tack is in good condition and properly adjusted.

- *Be a member up to age 25*
- *Learn to ride*
- *Learn excellent horse care*
- *Compete in 6 riding disciplines and Quiz*
- *Over 600 clubs and centers throughout the country*



Pony Club Means FRIENDS

Our Graduates

We are very proud of our USPC graduates. Many Olympic Equestrians started as Pony Club members, but just as important are all the non-riding roles of our former members. Our graduates have become:

- Research Scientists
- University Professors
- District Attorneys
- Military Officers
- Community Leaders
- Doctors and Veterinarians

Many of our graduates say that the foundation they received in Pony Club—striving for high standards, responsibility, teamwork, and compassion for other living things—helped shape who they are and what choices they made as adults.

In addition, our members have opportunities for:

- *Mounted Camps*
- *International Exchanges*
- *Regional and National Clinics on many topics*
- *College Scholarships*