



## **Samford Golden Valley Pony Club (The Club)**

The Club is place where all members and their families should be able to enjoy the many benefits of membership of a club with a group of people with a common interest. It must provide an environment that is safe, supportive, encourages and allows all members no matter their age or skill level to participate with confidence.

The Club's Code of Conduct has been prepared to provide all members with a clear understanding of expected behaviour with respect to Sportsmanship and Horsemanship that is consistent with the Pony Club Association of Qld Constitution and SGGVPC Constitution and Bylaws.

## **Code of Conduct and Behaviour**

### **Sportsmanship**

1. To encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding;
2. To promote the highest ideals citizenship, sportsmanship and loyalty there by cultivation of strength of character and self-discipline.
3. To maintain and enhance standards, quality and reputation of Pony Club for the collective and mutual benefit and interests of members and PCAQ
4. Any rider wishing to leave the Club grounds during Muster times must have the permission of the Instructor in charge.
5. Approved helmets (see below) and riding boots must be worn at all times when mounted.
6. Any rider wishing to leave his/her group must first obtain the permission of the Instructor
7. Any rider whose gear is considered to be in an unsafe condition will be prevented from riding until the deficiency is rectified
8. Bad sportsmanship, bad temper and bad language will not be tolerated
9. Bullying of any kind(including Social Media)will not be tolerated under any circumstances
10. Eating or drinking and smoking is not permitted whilst mounted
11. Smoking is not permitted in or around the stables
12. Riders should follow the direction of the Instructors at all times and should be polite and respectful to instructors and all club members
13. Set a good standard of behaviour and show respect for all gear and equipment

### **Horsemanship**

1. To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship and to instil in members the proper love and care of their animals
2. To promote the highest ideals of horsemanship
3. Galloping or jumping without permission is not permitted
4. Dangerous Riding / Abuse of Horse - Any rider who affects the safety of any horse, rider or third party will be considered to have acted dangerously. Abuse of Horse includes (but limited to), excessive use of whip and/or spurs, rapping, riding an exhausted horse, excessive pressing of a tired horse, riding an obviously lame horse. These actions and any others deemed to be Dangerous or Abusive will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
5. Even our horses need to behave so if your horse kicks, it must wear a red ribbon in their tail

Finally and most importantly as members we all have a responsibility to ensure all of these things are committed to and complied with.

If anyone has any concerns about any of these items being ignored or breached by a Club member or visitor, please ensure you speak to a member of our Committee.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct will result in action being taken by The Club.

Actions may include the following;

1. Removal from an activity for a period of time
2. Being asked to leave a muster or an event
3. Being placed on a period of good behaviour
4. Issuance of a Yellow Card\*
5. Suspension of your SGVPC and PCAQ membership (Based on Yellow card these can be deleted?)
6. Cancellation of your SGVPC and PCAQ Membership

**\*Yellow cards:**

***Abuse of horse, dangerous riding or incorrect behaviour may result in the issuance of yellow card by the Technical Delegate at a competition, Chief Instructor or Acting Chief Instructor at a muster.***

***Riders who receive two yellow cards within a twelve-month period will be suspended from the club for two months, PCAQ will be advised of this. Repeat offenders may have their membership cancelled.***