



369 Brookby Road, Clevedon, Auckland 2576

Grazing Rules –

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1) APPLICATION

- a) All grazers must be financial members with Pony Club or Adult Ride before an application for grazing will be accepted. This is not an acceptance of grazing rights. Pony Club members have preference over Adult Ride members. Facility users do not qualify for grazing.
- b) An Adult Ride member can be asked to leave the grazing to accommodate Pony Club members. Four weeks' notice via email will be given.
- c) To be eligible for grazing on Pony Club property the horse must be no less than 4 years of age. The horse must be broken in and rideable. A stand down period of 6 months will apply to horses recently gelded, and a Vet Certificate will need to be attached to the Application Form and accepted by the committee.
- d) Horses that are known windsuckers will be assessed on an individual basis by the committee and if allowed onto the grounds must always wear a preventative collar. Any damage to rails or posts will be fixed by the farm manager at the owner's expense.
- e) If a horse/pony is accepted and then deemed not suitable for the grazing it was accepted for the committee reserves the right to terminate the grazing with four weeks' notice via email. Examples of this could be acceptance for a herd place and then becomes grass affected needing a segregated paddock or accepted and then deemed to be dangerous for herd grazing.
- f) Upon acceptance horses must be pasted and be immunised for Tetanus/Strangles prior to coming onto Pony Club grazing. Vaccinations must be kept up-to-date.
- g) All applications for grazing must be approved by the committee and the applicant must have filled out the appropriate forms for the committee to make their decision.

2) FEES (as of the 1st September 2023)

a) Fees are:

Herd grazing \$150.00 per month

Segregated grazing \$300.00 per month

Payments are to be done on the first of each month and must be arranged before the member takes up grazing. Payments are for the month in advance.

- b) Where horses move onto grazing mid-month, the first month grazing payment will be pro-rata, with full monthly payment to start on the 1st of the following month
- c) Failure to pay grazing fees within 14 days of due date may result in termination of grazing.
- d) Onsite storage cost for trucks is \$45 and floats \$35 per month payment method as above. The Pony Club takes no liability for any vehicles parked at the club.
- e) One locker is allocated to each grazing member as part of grazing fees.

3) CARE

- a) Horses must be checked a minimum of five times a week by owner or family member.
- b) Neglect or ill treatment will not be tolerated at any time. The Ministry of Primary Industries code of welfare for horses and donkeys is the guiding document.

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/11003/direct>

4) HAY

- a) Will be supplied at the Grazing Officer's discretion over June and July, and grazing members will be asked to help. Outside of these months is at the grazing managers discretion. Every horse is allocated at least one biscuit of hay per day, when grass supply is low (allocated hay cannot be accrued if not used) but if for dietary reasons your horse needs to be on a hay only diet the grazing member will supply their hay. Pony club is not responsible for private hay on the grounds.
- b) Hay is brought in by Papatoetoe Pony club and grazing members are required to do an extra 5 hours towards there total 18 working bee membership hours required.

5) DRENCING

- a) Pasting will be arranged by the Grazing Officer. Product will be supplied by the Pony Club and all grazing members must meet on the arranged day/time to collect and the Product. Failure to do so will incur a \$35.00 fee per horse unless prior arrangements have been made and approved by the Grazing Officer.
- b) Invoices for the product will be raised and are due within 7 days.

6) HARD FEED

- a) Is not to be fed within the same paddock or vicinity of herd paddocks where horses are grazing for safety reasons.
- b) Hard feed cannot be fed to horses on rally or competition days in the concrete covered yards, please use the wooden pens in paddock 9. If your horse/pony has aggression problems while feeding always use the wooden pens in paddock 9

7) INJURED / SICK HORSES

- a) In the case of veterinary emergencies, your nominated vet will be called immediately, and all fees incurred will be at the grazer's cost.
- b) The pony club or any other grazing member is not liable for any injury to any horse/pony grazing at the club.
- c) A vet certificate/care plan needs to be provided to the grazing manager for any injured horses needing to be out of their paddock herd
- d) Covered yards are available for \$50 per week. Horses must have a companion adjacent. The weekly cost is for two yards. Hay must be supplied at the owner's expense not from pony club supply. If extra shavings are needed or there is no pile from pony club events this is also at owner's expense.
- e) Covered yards must be mucked out twice a day, horses checked twice daily for hay and water.
- f) Open pens (sick pens) by the shearing shed are available for injured horses at no extra cost.
- g) Pens must be mucked out daily, horses checked daily for hay and water.
- h) It is not OK to have a gap of 36 hours between checks. For example, one morning, followed by next evening is not acceptable.

8) PADDOCKS & GROUNDS

- a) Herds graze communally and will be allocated paddocks to rotate through at the herds discretion. Paddock leaders must work with their paddock herd members to graze between their allocated paddocks. Grazing Officer is to be notified no less than the day before the move.
- b) Herds are sorted by gender and similar grass requirements. Herd size is a maximum of 6. This can be altered with discretion of the grazing manager.
- c) Herd paddock maintenance like trough cleaning and rabbit holes is done by the herd. Spraying, topping and harrowing is requested through the Grazing Officer to the farm manager.
- d) Segregated paddocks need to have all manure removed by the grazer. Maintenance like trough cleaning and rabbit holes is done by the grazer. Spraying, and harrowing is requested through the Grazing Officer to the farm manager.
- e) It is the responsibility of all grazing members to report any damage caused to fencing, troughs etc. including pens and property. The Pony Club reserves the right to ask the owner of the horse to reimburse or compensate the Pony Club for any damage caused.
- f) The Gator may only be driven by people aged 16 or over as per Worksafe guidelines and following an induction.

9) SECOND HORSE / PONY

Are subject to the following:

- a) There being sufficient grazing space
- b) All other waitlisted grazing members being accommodated, or not needing grazing
- c) Where the owner's primary mount is injured
- d) The owner is meeting all current welfare requirements for their first horse
- e) If the primary horse is not injured (ie available to be in full work), the second horse will be asked to leave the grounds if space is needed for additional grazers before any first horses (pony club or adult ride) are asked to leave.
- d) Second horses may be accepted at the discretion of the committee following the standard application process, they are accepted by a case-by-case basis.

10) COMMUNICATION

- a) All grazers are encouraged to communicate via the herd or segregated chats, via the closed grazing Facebook page or if privacy is needed directly to the grazing officer via email, phone call or direct message.

11) GENERAL

- a) All grazers must notify the Grazing Officer when a horse will be removed overnight or longer, privately via email or in the herd or segregated grazing chats.
- b) No one may disregard the Grazing Officer and/or Committee's instructions.
- e) Horse owners with Club grazing must participate in 60% of the Pony Club rallies with no less than 30% being ridden rallies of the normal rally season (Sept-April) and does not include winter rallies. Adult Ride need to participate in three rallies per season.
- f) If required on competition days, horses must be caught and moved no less than 1 hour before the start time to an alternative paddock as directed by the Grazing Officer.
- f) The Pony Club has the right to ask the owner to remove the horse if it is deemed troublesome to other horses, people, or does not fit into communal grazing.
- g) Horse welfare is the primary concern when dealing with Health and Safety concerns or issues arising from horse behaviour or horse welfare requirements, and the Club and all grazing members commit to finding constructive solutions to horse health and safety concerns and issues before termination is considered.
- h) Grazers must be available to move their horses when requested or have made prior arrangement to have them moved by someone else. The Paddock Leader will give a minimum of 48 hours' notice of horses needing to be moved.
- i) One tape and 16 standards are allocated to every herd. Segregated grazers supply their own tape and standards.

J) Covered yards are available to use at the cost of \$25 per night if they are not booked for a show.

k) The committee reserves the right to alter/amend these grazing rules at any time. Grazers will be given 14 days' notice of changes to rules.

It is a privilege to graze on Pony Club grounds and it is in the best interest of all grazers that every one of you ensures the safety and welfare of all horses grazing and the health and safety of all parents and members involved in managing grazing. If there is a problem at any time do not hesitate to contact the Grazing Officer in the first instance.

The Executive Committee, or Committee reserves the right to terminate grazing for any horse or member at their sole discretion, 4 weeks' notice will be given of termination, except where the termination is related to a Health and Safety issue caused by the horses behaviour, this notice period may be shortened at the discretion of the Executive Committee.