

Papatoetoe Pony Club Grazing Rules

1) APPLICATION

- a) All grazers must be financial members 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.
- b) At any time an Adult Ride member can be asked to leave the grazing to accommodate Pony Club members. Four weeks' notice will be given.
- c) To be eligible for grazing on the 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 at all times wear a preventative collar.
- e) 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.
- f) Upon acceptance horses must be pasted and be immunised for Tetanus/Strangles prior to coming onto Pony Club grazing. Owner must produce a Vet Certificate or proof of purchase to this effect and keep this updated while grazing at the Club.

2) FEES

- a) The grazing member must pay grazing fee by automatic bank payment one month in advance. Fees are \$145.00 per month herd grazing, segregated grazing \$70.00 per week. This is to be done on the first of each month and must be arranged before the member takes up grazing.
- 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 removal of grazing privileges.
- 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.

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>
- c) Drenching and 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. Invoices for the product will be raised and are due within 7 days.
- d) Hard feed is not to be fed within the same paddock or outside of the paddock where horses are grazing for obvious safety reasons. 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.
- e) Hay will be supplied at the Grazing Officer's discretion and grazing members may be asked to help with this duty in winter. 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 own or can buy hay from Pony Club at \$10 per bale.

f) Hay is collected each season and every grazing member must allocate at least one person to help with collection for at least 5 hours.

g) In the case of veterinary emergencies, your nominated vet will be called immediately and all fees incurred will be at the grazer's cost.

4) Injured/sick horses

a) A vet certificate/care plan needs to be provided to the club for any injured horses needing to be out of their paddock herd

b) Covered yards are available for \$50 per week. Horses must have a companion adjacent. The weekly cost is for two yards.

i) Covered yards must be mucked out twice a day, horses checked twice daily for hay and water

c) Open pens by the shearing shed are available for injured horses at no extra cost

i) Pens must be mucked out daily, horses checked daily for hay and water

ii) It is not OK to have a gap of 36 hours between checks. IE, one morning, followed by next evening is not acceptable

5) 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 and tape as required. Grazing Officer is to be notified no less than the day before the move.

b) 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.

c) Segregated paddocks need to have all manure removed by the grazer. Maintenance like trough cleaning and rabbit holes is done by the grazer. Spraying, topping and harrowing is requested through the Grazing Officer to the farm manager.

d) 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.

e) The Gator may only be driven by people aged 16 or over as per WorkSafe guidelines and following an induction

6) GENERAL

- a) All grazers must notify the Grazing officer when a horse will be removed overnight or longer.
- b) No one may disregard the Committee's instructions.
- c) Second horses in the herds \$145 per month will be allowed subject to;
 - i) There being sufficient grazing space
 - ii) All other waitlisted grazing members being accommodated, or not needing grazing
 - iii) Where the owner's primary mount is injured
 - iv) The owner is meeting all current welfare requirements for their first horse
 - v) 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 in segregated grazing \$70 per week. If there is space, and no one on the waitlist for segregated grazing, second horses may be accepted at the discretion of the committee following the standard application process.
- e) Horse owners with Club grazing must participate in 60% of the Pony Club rallies and three Adult Ride rallies on the mount(s) grazed.
- 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, grazers or 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) The committee reserves the right to vary 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. 14 days' notice will be given of termination, except where the termination is related to a Health and Safety issue caused by the horses behaviour, where the termination period may be shortened at the Executive Committee's discretion.