

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.
- 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. Forms can be obtained from the Membership Secretary.
- 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.

2) FEES

- a) The grazing member must pay grazing fee by automatic bank payment one month in advance. Fees are \$120.00 per month. 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.

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 wellbeing of the horses grazing on Pony Club grounds is a direct reflection upon the Club and its members.
- 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.
- e) Hay will be supplied at the Grazing Officer's discretion and grazing members may be asked to help with this duty.
- f) In the case of veterinary emergencies, your nominated vet will be called immediately and all fees incurred will be at the grazier's cost.

4) PADDOCKS & GROUNDS

- a) Horses graze communally and will be rotated as instructed by the Grazing Officer. Mares and geldings are separated and rotated on a regular basis.
- b) Paddocks may be set up to accommodate horse/horses with special requirements at the Grazing Officer's discretion or direction. This may incur an extra charge.

- c) Grazing members may be given tasks such as trough cleaning, weed control, mucking out or feeding hay etc. These tasks must be completed to the Grazing Officer's satisfaction.
- d) It is the responsibility of all grazing members to report any damage caused to fencing, troughs etc. including pens and club rooms. 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) Grazers are not allowed to change paddocks, put up pens/tape at their own discretion.
- f) The Gators may only be driven by people aged 16 or over as per Worksafe guidelines
- g) Storage of floats and trucks incurs an additional cost. Refer to the Pony Club Information book for more information.

5) RULES

- a) All grazers must notify the Grazing Officer when a horse will be removed overnight or longer.
- b) No one may disregard the Grazing Officers instructions.
- c) Horse owners with club grazing must participate in 60% of the rallies on the mount(s) grazed.
- d) If required, on competition days horses must be caught and moved no less than 1 hour before the start time.
- e) 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.
- f) 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.
- g) Grazers' horses must be placed where the Grazing Officer deems fit. Grazers must be available to move their horses when requested or have made prior arrangement to have them moved by someone else. The Grazing Officer will give a minimum of 48 hours notice of horses needing to be moved.
- h) 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 of all parent 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.