

Transfer Procedure and Branch Membership in the Irish Pony Club

1. Transferring from one branch of the Irish Pony Club to a different branch is possible but may curtail the members competitive activities during the initial year. The need for a Transfer Rule arose in order to avoid the formation of super teams that are deemed to be unfair and are not in keeping with the ethos of the Pony Club.
2. A child will usually join the branch adjacent to his or her home. Should he or she change residence membership may be transferred to a branch that is more convenient to the member's new permanent address. This must be completed within twelve months as after this time it will be deemed to be a transfer request and will carry the competitive restriction described in rule 10.
3. Membership is confined to one branch only at any given time. However members may, with the agreement of both District Commissioners, attend activities with other branches. Normally tests are taken with the branch of which the child is a member. Only under exceptional circumstances and with the consent of their own District Commissioner and the District Commissioner of the host branch may a member be examined in a different branch. At any competitions, qualifiers or championships the member must represent the branch that he or she has joined.
4. Those whose permanent address is within 24 km or 15 miles of the border between Northern and Southern Ireland, as the crow flies, may chose to join either Area 17 of the UKPC or the Irish Pony Club. Those residing further away from the border must join a branch in their own jurisdiction.

5. A new member may within one year of joining transfer to a branch that is more convenient or more relevant to his or her needs. In this case the competitive restrictions in rule 10 will not apply.
6. A lapsed member must apply to the Transfer Committee if not re-joining his or her original branch.
7. Should a branch be unable to offer its members an opportunity to participate in any specific activity, or if it is felt that the child's needs are not being adequately catered for then a transfer may be considered by the Transfer Committee. In this case the competitive restrictions will not apply should the transfer be granted.
8. The centre of activity of a branch may alter from time to time because of a change of officers or available venues. In extreme cases this may give rise to genuine requests for transfers, in which case the competing restriction will not apply subject to the approval of the Transfer Committee.
9. While most branches are open to new membership, occasionally it may be necessary to refuse new applications due to excessive numbers in that particular branch. A branch is not obliged to accept new members or to accept those who wish to transfer. The branch committee makes the decision on such a matter.
10. Members, granted permission to transfer to a different branch, whose reasons are not included above will forfeit the right to compete or represent their branch as a team member or individual in any official qualifiers for the IPC Festival, at the Royal Dublin Society Horse Show, at any IPC Championships or to go forward for selection for any international teams for a period of twelve months. This rule is in place in an effort to avoid the formation of super teams,

that are deemed to be unfair and not in keeping with the ethos of the Pony Club.

11. The Transfer Committee will comprise of the current District Commissioner, the Area Rep and the District Commissioner of the requested new branch.
12. The Appeals Committee will be appointed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee and will comprise of those unfamiliar with the member requesting the transfer. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final.
13. Application forms to request a transfer may be obtained from the current Area Rep.