

THE IRISH PONY CLUB

New Membership Application Form



The Irish Pony Club is a Voluntary Youth Organisation. It is the main equestrian organisation that provides training and competition in Show jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Mounted Games, Combined Training, Hunter Trials, Tetrathlon, other fun activities and stable management for young people. It is affiliated to the Pony Club, the world's largest association of young riders with 110,000 members in 18 countries across the globe. In the Irish Pony Club, we have approximately 3,000 members spread throughout 55 branches across twenty-six counties. The Irish Pony Club is a Voluntary Youth Organisation.

OBJECTIVES

- To encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding.
- To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship, and to instil in members the proper care of their animals.
- To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline in a safe and fun atmosphere.

MEMBERSHIP

- Open to boys and girls up to 23 years of age.
 - Ordinary members up to 18 years.
 - Associate members are those 18–21 years.
 - Senior Associate members are 21–25 years.
- All standards and levels of experience are welcome.
- Owning your own pony is not a requirement.
- Membership of the IPC is €110 including insurance.

POLICY STATEMENT

- The Irish Pony Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members.
- Every individual in the Irish Pony Club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for their own and others' rights, safety and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Irish Pony Club and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children in Sport.
- The Irish Pony Club respects the equality and rights of all its members taking into account their ability and horse/rider partnership.
- It does not discriminate against any individual entrusted to it on the grounds of gender, civil status, family status, age, ability, race, sexual orientation, religious belief or membership of an ethnic community.



BENEFITS

- The overwhelming majority of Ireland's leading national and international riders both past and present started to learn their skills in the Irish Pony Club. They had a lot of FUN and so will you.
- Members will learn to ride safely and correctly while receive riding instruction at rallies which are usually held on land by permission of generous landowners. Other activities take place at riding centres or dedicated venues. Instruction is given in horse/pony care and riding skills.
- Each branch runs a camp which is the highlight of the year for most members, where they spend 4 or 5 days improving their riding skills and horsemanship and having fun.
- As a member of the Irish Pony Club, new horse/pony owners will have the help and support they need to learn new life skills.
- Members can do Pony Club Efficiency Tests which are graded from beginner to advanced and are often a stepping stone to professional qualification to work in the equine industry.
- Members also have the opportunity to collect achievements badges in a range of areas from competition badges like an eventing or dressage badge, equine achievement badges like feeding, handling and grooming to non-equine achievement badges like bird watching and country lore.
- Members have the opportunity to compete in many equestrian disciplines:
 - Show Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Mounted Games, Hunter Trials, Tetrathlon, Minimus etc.



HOW TO JOIN

- When you join the Irish Pony Club, you join through and belong to your local branch. However, this membership represents membership of the Irish Pony Club as a whole.
- To find your local branch:
 - Go to the IPC website at -
 - <https://irishponyclub.ie/index.php/about/branches-and-area-representatives>
 - Contact the Irish Pony Club office on 056-8832966 or by e-mail to office@irishponyclub.ie.
- Complete the New Membership Application Form, Page 2 of this document.
 - Fill in Part 1 and ask your parents or guardian to complete Part 2.
 - Send the completed form and annual subscription to the DC or Secretary of your nearest branch.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

PART 1 - Member Details (To be completed by the parents or guardians of the prospective member)

First Name:	Surname:
Address:	
Date of Birth:	Female / Male:
Age of 1st January of the current year:	
Branch:	
Areas of riding interest e.g.: Show Jumping, Mounted Games etc.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have read and understand the Code of Conduct of the Irish Pony Club (IPC) and agree to abide by the Code and Rules of the IPC. • I have read and agree to abide by the rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency. • As a member of the Irish Pony Club, I will stand for the best in sportsmanship as well as in horsemanship. I will compete for the enjoyment of the sport well-played and take winning or losing in my stride, remembering that without good manners, sport loses its cause for being. I will at all times treat my horse with due consideration. 	
Signature of Member:	
Date:	

PART 2 – To be completed by the prospective member’s parent or guardian.

Mother’s Name:	Mobile No.:
Father’s Name	Mobile No.:
Mother’s Contact E-mail Address:	
Father’s Contact E-mail Address:	
Guardianship / Custody arrangements and contact details for parental consent, if applicable:	
Please detail any relevant medical condition / disability, e.g. asthma / sight / hearing / dyslexia that the District Commissioner, Instructor / Examiners should be aware of:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I/we have read the Code of Conduct, Aims and Rules of the Irish Pony Club and the Guidelines for Parents, and I agree that the above named will be bound by the rules of the branch as published in the administration rules. I/We will respect branch members, branch officials, instructors, all officials and members throughout the organisation. I/We will encourage our child to treat other participants, instructors, selectors and officials with respect. I/We will respect the officials and their authority during rallies, camp, competitions and at all Irish Pony Club activities. I/We will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language. • I approve of becoming a member of the Irish Pony Club. I understand that riding is a risky sport participation therefore holds potential danger. Horses are sometimes unpredictable and do not always respond as expected and accept that my child will be taking part in the Irish Pony Club riding and associated activities. I agree to abide by any rules regarding safe and correct riding equipment (including footwear and hats) that our child must wear. If emergency medical/dental or veterinary treatment is required in my absence, I authorise the appointed Irish Pony Club Official to obtain such treatment as they reasonably consider necessary. • I, parent/guardian named above, have read and understand the Guidelines contained in Sport Ireland Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children’s Sport. I have read and understand the IPC Use of Photographic & Film Equipment Guidelines (available on www.irishponyclub.ie). I/We hereby give permission for any photographic and/or film or TV footage taken of persons or horses/ponies taking part in Irish Pony Club activities to be used and published in any media and social media whatsoever for editorial purposes, press information or advertising by or on behalf of The Irish Pony Club and/or official sponsors of The Irish Pony Club. I understand that The Irish Pony Club will select photographs/footage for publication with care and respect for those shown in the images. • I, the undersigned, understand that The Irish Pony Club will not share my personal information with a third party for the purposes of them contacting me directly or share some personal information with its partners for data analysis/research and development purposes, unless I give separate permission. Any organisation with whom my personal information is shared with will have to comply with the requirements laid out under the Data Protection Act for handling personal data and will only use the personal data I provide for its specified purposes and as outlined in the privacy policy on The Irish Pony Club website at www.irishponyclub.ie • I enclose the annual subscription of €110 per member. Subscriptions paid between October 25th, 2019 and January 31st, 2021 count for 2019. Please make cheque/PO payable to the Branch of the IPC you are joining and return this form to that Branch. See www.irishponyclub.ie List of Branches for details. 	
Signature (s) of Parent / Guardian	
Date:	