

IRISH PONY CLUB

Administration Rules (Updated February 2020)



The Irish Pony Club Administrative Rules are being amended in line with good governance and our new constitution.

When consulting the Administration Rules please check for an amended version and for any additional rules, all of which will be available on the Downloads page of the Irish Pony Club website. **Once published these rules take immediate effect.**

For further information or to offer contributions to this process, e-mail tara@irishponyclub.ie.

Irish Pony Club Transfer Rule

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 Irish Pony Club.

Transfers must be requested by completing the Irish Pony Club transfer application form, available on the IPC website. No transfer applications will be considered until the fully completed form has been received by the Irish Pony Club office.

Transfer requests will be considered by a Transfer Committee, which shall comprise the District Commissioners and Area Representatives of the branches and area(s) concerned, together with a member of the IPC Executive Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee. In the event of an application for a transfer pursuant to Rule 5 below, then the Representative from the Executive Committee shall be the Chairman of the Discipline referred to in the transfer application form.

Transfer requests pursuant to Rules 5 and 6 below should be submitted between the 1st November and the following 1st March; any Transfer requests received outside this 'window' will only be considered after the following 1st November.

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. The completed transfer form must be submitted within six months of the change of residence as after this time it will carry the competitive restriction described in rule 7 below.

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.

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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.

1. Where a different Branch becomes more convenient because of change of permanent address, rule 7 does not apply, providing the transfer application form is received by the Irish Pony Club office within six months of the changed circumstances.
2. Those whose permanent address is within 24 km or 15 miles of the border between Northern and Southern Ireland, as the crow flies, may choose 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.
3. 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 7 will not apply.
4. A lapsed member must apply to the Transfer Committee for a transfer by fully completing a transfer application form, if not re-joining his or her original branch
5. 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 the event that the transfer is permitted, then the competitive restrictions will not apply to that specific activity, which must be clearly stated in the transfer application form. However, in the case of Mounted Games, the Transfer Committee shall apply all of the competitive restrictions described in Rule 7. With the exception of selection for international teams.
6. 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.
7. Members, granted permission to transfer to a different branch, whose reasons are not included above will forfeit the right to compete or represent their new branch as a team member or as an individual in any of the following for a period of twelve months:
 - Qualifiers for the IPC Festival or Eventing Championships
 - The Royal Dublin Society Horse Show
 - Any IPC Championships
 - Selection for any international teams or exchanges

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.

In the case of Rule 7 applying, members may request to compete Hors Concours (H/C) at Area Qualifiers with the permission of the event organiser.

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Application forms to request a transfer are available to print from the IPC website.

<https://irishponyclub.ie/images/pdf/2018/membershipforms/ipctransferform-sept2018.pdf>

Original, fully completed and signed transfer forms should be posted to the Membership Administrator, Irish Pony Club, Main Street, Urlingford, Via Thurles, Co. Kilkenny.

Should the transfer be refused the member may appeal the decision. An Appeals Committee will be appointed by the Chairman of the Executive and will comprise of those unfamiliar with the member requesting the transfer. The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final.