

Irish Pony Club Policy – Travelling with children Guidelines/regulations for Instructors/Selectors/Trainers/authorised volunteers.



The Irish Pony Club recognises the extra responsibilities taken on by Instructors/Selectors/Trainers and authorised volunteers when they travel with children to events. This responsibility is even more onerous when overnight stays are involved.

Cars used to transport members/teams: Those who use their own vehicles to transport members must ensure that they have adequate insurance cover and be careful not to carry more than the permitted number of passengers.

- Avoid being alone with one member (e.g. travelling to a venue or consulting/ advising in closed off room – if necessary leave the door open and be in earshot of others).
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact outside normal Instruction. “Certain types of coaching may require a “hands on approach” i.e. it may be necessary to support a child in order to physically demonstrate a particular technique. This should only occur when necessary and in an open and appropriate way with the knowledge, permission and full understanding of the child concerned and his/her parents/guardians”.
- Remember casual comment can be open to misconstruction.

At residential events the following rules should apply:

- Adults should not enter a member’s room/tent without first knocking.
- All group socialisation should take place in communal areas (i.e. not boys in girls’ rooms and vice versa).
- Alcoholic drink, smoking or other illegal substances are forbidden to members.
- The behaviour of the group should at all times be such that the good name of the Irish Pony Club is upheld
- There should be at least one authorised adult of each gender with a mixed party.
- Lights out times should be enforced.
- Members should be under reasonable supervision at all times and should never be allowed to leave the accommodation or sports area without prior permission.

Injury(s): Make a brief record of injury and action taken.

Behavioural Problems: Make a brief record of the problem/action/outcome.

Familiarise yourself with the IPC Complaints, Disciplinary, and Appeals Procedures. Submit report on return home.

Instructors/Selectors/Trainers/ Authorised Volunteer asked to travel with the group in a supervisory capacity must sign up for each trip – parents of children on the team should not be asked to accept group responsibilities.

Parents: Must sign an agreement that their children will abide by the rules laid down.

Members: Must sign a behaviour agreement.



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Travelling away with Underage Members:

EVENT: _____

VENUE: _____

DATES: _____

INSTRUCTORS/SELECTORS/ TRAINER/CHAPERONE

I hereby agree to abide by the guidelines and regulations contained in The Irish Pony Club Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.

Name: _____ Role _____ Date _____

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AUTHORISED VOLUNTEER

I hereby agree to abide by the guidelines and regulations contained in The Irish Pony Club Rules and Code of Practice.

Name: _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN OF TRAVELLING CHILD

I have read and accept the conditions and rules set down by The Irish Pony Club for members travelling to competitions and other away trips.

Parents/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

IPC MEMBER TRAVELLING

I have read and accept the conditions and rules set down by The Irish Pony Club for members travelling to competitions/away and I agree to abide by those rules.

Name _____ Date _____