



# Pony Club Queensland Electric Fencing Policy

## Introduction / Overview

This policy outlines the requirements for the use of Electric Fencing to contain Horses at Pony Club Events.

## Purpose / Aim

The Aim of this policy is to reduce the risk posed by the use of Electric Fencing.

## Application of the Policy

This policy applies to all Pony Club Events.

## Policy

### 1. The use of Electric Fencing

Where possible, Horses should be contained in yards, stables or paddocks with a properly constructed fence. However, this is not always practically possible, therefore Electric Fencing may be used. Due to the risks associated with the use of Electric Fencing, all clubs and zones must adhere to the requirements contained within this policy.

### 2. Requirements

Electric Fencing may only be used where:

- The Horse has been successfully contained within an Electric Fence previously.
- The fence has been constructed with a minimum of two wires on all sides.
- The electric charger is on while a Horse is contained within the fence.
- The Fence is not constructed in or near a camping area.
- The Pony Club grounds have a secure perimeter fence

A club or zone may impose additional requirements which must be communicated to members and event participants.

### 3. Recommendations

The following practices are highly recommended when using Electric Fencing:

- Electric Fences should be constructed near a stabling area.
- Each Horse should have an individually constructed Electric Fence, the yard to be of an appropriate size.
- Electric Fencing should not be used during bad weather.

### 4. Responsibilities of Clubs and Zones

Before each Pony Club Event, clubs and zones must perform a thorough risk assessment on the area where Electric Fencing will be used. This includes checking the trees for any loose branches that might fall on a fence. During the event, clubs and zones must monitor the use of Electric Fencing to ensure that it complies with this policy.

### 5. Consequences for Non-Compliance

If a club or zone finds that a person has not complied they must direct the person to rectify the issue. Failure to rectify the issue may result in elimination from the competition and being directed to leave the grounds.

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