



Pony Club Queensland

State Chief Instructor Medal

COPPER Criteria





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On The Ground

Demonstrate

- Correct safety equipment for riding and ground handling work
- Catch and let go of the horse
- Lead the horse correctly
- Tie up a horse safely
- Stop and go responses while leading your horse
- Turn horse left and right
- Turn horses shoulders left and right
- Junior Handler Workout

Show an understanding

- Need for gloves, boots, helmet, long pants, long sleeves, shirt tucked in, lead rope held correctly when working around a horse

Under Saddle

Demonstrate

- Saddle and bridle a horse – assisted if necessary
- Mount and dismount safely and handling reins in a safe manner
- Hold rein correctly
- Two (2) rein holds
- Basic elements of the correct riding position
- Ride a pattern – change of direction, walk, trot and canter, halt
- Demonstrate riding on the correct diagonal
- Walk, trot (rising & sitting) and canter in an open area.
- Stop / slow, go forward and turn the horse at walk, trot and canter
- Riding a sporting event with control

Show an understanding of

- A correctly fitted noseband
- Rules and setup of the demonstrated sporting event

Horse Management

Demonstrate

- Knowledge of
 - parts of the horse: nostril, mane, wither, forelock, knee, flank, fetlock, ears, forehead, throat, elbow, pastern, dock, coronet, hips, hock, stifle, ribs, cheek
 - horse colours - chestnut, bay or brown and grey
 - markings - star, blaze and socks
- Basic grooming and name items found in the grooming kit eg. dandy brush, body brush, curry comb, hoofpick
- Knowledge and understanding of what the horse requires to be healthy - roughage, water, shade, shelter, friends
- How to clean and look after tack.
- Knowledge of back of the tack - bridle, bit, reins, cheek strap, brow band, nose band, throat lash, saddle, girth, stirrups, pommel, leathers, seat, crupper, surcingle, cantle, waist, gullet, stirrup bar, sweat flap
- Show the parts of the hoof – wall, sole, frog, heel

Show and understanding

- Care of the horse hoof
- Horses living conditions and daily horse health check – water, fences, gates, pasture, rug
- Signs of a healthy horse
- Some common illnesses or minor injuries – girth gall, cold, colic, laminitis

Journal

One journal entry per month for three (3) months via Electronic/Hard Copy with your Medal Leader.