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Dear Parent / Guardian

Pony Club Membership

I am writing to invite you to renew your daughter's / son's membership of The Pony Club. This falls due on January 1, 2012, and covers membership for the whole of the calendar year 2012. Both membership and insurance cover will automatically terminate if the subscription is not paid by January 31. A Membership Renewal Form is attached for you to complete and return to your Branch Membership Secretary.

The Branch Membership subscription has been unchanged since September 2004. However, in those 7 years, the Retail Price Index has risen by 26%, and an increase in the subscription is now unavoidable, despite very tight control of costs. The subscription for 2012 will be £58 per individual Member. Families, where there are three or more children in The Pony Club, will pay a family subscription of £145, irrespective of the number of children in the family.

Price increases are always unwelcome, but the Trustees of The Pony Club have rigorously examined the Budget, and are satisfied that there are no unnecessary areas of cost. Membership still costs less than one visit from the farrier, and not only gives your child access to high quality instruction and fun and friendships, but also provides you with the reassurance of an extensive £30 million liability insurance package which is extended automatically to every Member of The Pony Club, and which is summarised on the attached sheet.

May I ask you to complete and sign the Gift Aid Declaration at the foot of the Renewal Form? As a registered charity, The Pony Club is entitled to treat your subscription as a donation, and to claim back from the Inland Revenue the notional tax. On the individual subscription of £58, we can recover £14.50, so it is a very important source of income that helps to keep subscriptions down. You are entitled to sign the Declaration if you are an Income Tax payer or a Capital Gains Tax payer, and it will cost you absolutely nothing.

Finally, I do hope that you will be renewing your child's membership. The Pony Club is a unique organisation, which promotes the highest ideals of sportsmanship and citizenship, thereby leading to the development not only of riding skills, but also strength of character and self-discipline.

With best wishes,

Cherry Michell

Cherry Michell
Chairman

Summary of Insurance Cover

Members of The Pony Club are covered by Third Party Personal Liability Insurance up to £30 million. This cover exists 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Members are insured for legal liability for any accidental bodily injury or property damage caused to a third party arising out of the use or keeping of their own or a borrowed or hired horse or pony, provided that the horse or pony is primarily for the use of the Member. The cover extends to anyone riding a Member's horse or pony with the Member's (or parent's) permission, if they have no cover elsewhere. (The Pony Club's existing Liability Insurance Policy runs until June 30, 2012. It is the firm intention of The Pony Club to renew the Policy, subject to acceptable terms being offered by the underwriters).

It is important also to outline the main things the insurance does not cover, which are: -

- ❑ Injury to, or damage to the property of, anyone in the Member's family, household, or employment.
- ❑ Property in the care, custody, or control of the Member (e.g. a borrowed pony trailer, or a horse transported for a friend).
- ❑ Racing under Turf Authority Rules (except for the UK Pony Racing Series), Point to Point, Steeplechasing, Team Chasing or any other form of racing.
- ❑ Accidents to the Member.
- ❑ Business activities, or use for hire or reward.

The above summary is subject to all the Terms, Exceptions, and Conditions of the Policy, of which a full Policy Summary is available from Pony Club Headquarters or from our website www.pcuk.org, click on "Parents & Officials".

The £30 million Liability Insurance cover provided to Pony Club Members represents outstanding value. If a child were to be knocked down by a horse, and suffered permanent injury, the compensation awarded by the courts could exceed £10 million. Since the typical Household Insurance Policy has a maximum Public Liability limit of £2 million, with cover more specifically designed for small domestic animals, and the policy conditions being much more restrictive than under the Pony Club Policy, the owner of the horse could well be facing personal bankruptcy if they rely on a Household Policy for their liability insurance.

If an incident occurs which could give rise to a claim by a third party, it is absolutely essential for details to be reported **immediately** to The Pony Club's insurance brokers, even if you believe that it will not result in a claim. If such a matter is reported late, Underwriters may refuse to provide indemnity.

Do not admit liability or make any offer or promise of payment, as this could invalidate the insurance. Any correspondence received from the third party or a solicitor should be sent to the brokers unanswered. They will deal with the matter on your behalf.

Contact details for The Pony Club's insurance brokers are shown below

The Pony Club's insurance brokers are: -

The Equestrian Insurance Division of Windsor Partners Ltd., 71, Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 4BS. Tel: 0207 133 1200. Fax: 0207 133 1500.

Should you have any queries or correspondence relating to an incident that happened prior to July 1, 2007, then you should contact: -

THB British Equestrian, 107, Leadenhall Street, London, EC3A 4AF.
Tel: 0207 469 0100.

Membership Renewal Form 2012

(Please use the Application Form if you are not a current Member)

Member's Names, with preferred Forename & Surname	Female / Male	Date of Birth	Age on 1/01/12	Annual Subscription	Amount Due (£)
1.				£58.00	
2.				£58.00	
3.				£29.00	
4.				free	
5.				free	
6.				free	
				*Manual of Horsemanship @ £12.95	
				Branch Administration Fee	
				Total	

The annual subscription is £58 for each Member. Family membership, where there are more than 2 Members in one family, is charged at £145.00 regardless of the number of children in the family.

*Strongly recommended

Member's Address

☐ Please tick this box if you have changed your address in the past 12 months.

Postcode Tel Fax

Email Mobile

Parent/Guardian Name in Full

Address (if different)

Postcode Tel Fax

Email Mobile

Parental Consent – (Applicants aged over 18 may sign for themselves)
I would like those listed above to be enrolled in The Pony Club.
I agree to my son/daughter/ward/myself taking part in Pony Club activities and understand that riding is a risk sport. I agree that they/I will be bound by the Rules of The Pony Club and that neither I nor they will hold the Club liable for any personal injury to the Members or injury to their ponies or loss or damage to any of their equipment. If emergency medical/dental or veterinary treatment is required in my absence, I authorise the appointed Pony Club official to obtain such treatment as they reasonably consider necessary.
I hereby consent to The Pony Club keeping Membership details on a computer and using them for the purposes registered under the Data Protection Act and outlined on The Pony Club website at www.pcuk.org

Signed ..... Dated .....

Please enclose details of any relevant medical conditions such as diabetes, epilepsy, fainting etc.

Photographic Rights –
Members and their parents/guardians give permission for any photographic and/or film or TV footage taken of persons or horses/ponies taking part in Pony Club activities to be used and published in any media whatsoever for editorial purposes, press information or advertising by or on behalf of The Pony Club and/or official sponsors of The Pony Club. I understand that The Pony Club will select photographs for publication with care and respect for those shown.

Signed ..... Date .....

Please return this entire form with a cheque made payable to:

The Ledbury Hunt ..... Branch of The Pony Club

Mrs Julie Harper
Brook Farm
Quarry Lane
Gorsley
Herefordshire
HR9 7SH

GIFT AID

As a registered charity, The Pony Club is able to treat the subscription as a donation, and to reclaim the notional tax under Gift Aid. We would be extremely grateful if you would complete the Gift Aid Declaration below, which will enable us to do this. Completing this declaration does not mean that you will have to pay any additional tax.

FOR BRANCH USE
Date received:
Records Updated:
Membership Card sent:
Other items sent:
Gift Aid:

***Please ensure that the Gift Aid Declaration is completed in full, as it will be detached from this Membership Form.**

* GIFT AID DECLARATION

(Please complete this Declaration using Block Capitals)

On completion, the Branch should retain this Declaration until requested to send it to Pony Club Headquarters.

I (First Name & Surname of the DONOR)

of (address)

Postcode

declare that I have made a donation to The Pony Club (charity No 1050146) of £ _____* and wish it to be treated as a Gift Aid donation. I confirm that I pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that The Pony Club will reclaim on my donations in the tax year.
*Enter the amount of your total donation, e.g. £58, £116, £145, or such donation that you have given.

Signed ..... Date of Payment .....

Name(s) of Member(s)

Branch