



## Section 6 Horsemasters Program for Adult Volunteers

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No Region or Branch/Centre will be required to participate.

Canadian Pony Club develops young horse people in both riding and stable management skills. We develop character, loyalty and sportsmanship. We teach leadership, responsibility and the value of teamwork. All of this is developed through a program that teaches the care of horses and ponies, riding and mounted sports. Safety of the members and their horses and ponies is one of the prime considerations during all activities.

Canadian Pony Club is developing a program for Adult Volunteers who understand and support the aims and objectives of Pony Club. They will follow the Pony Club standards to learn more about riding and horse care, share their knowledge with the Active Members, and enjoy meeting and sharing time with like-minded adults. As they develop their own skills, they will be encouraged to help with teaching the younger members and may also wish to become part of the examiners' list in their Region.

**The Active Member must always be given priority where space or time may be limited.**

### Criteria

1. Must be an Associate member of a CPC approved Branch, if joining a Branch. May join a Centre without being an Associate Member.
2. Must be a Pony Club Parent, or Alumni, or someone willing to volunteer at Branch\Centre and Regional activities.
3. Membership in the Horsemasters Program is a privilege, not a right. All members are expected to be familiar with all our policies and to adhere to our rules and philosophies.
4. Must be at least 21 prior to Jan.1 of the year in which they wish to become a member. May not be both an Active Member and a Horsemasters member at the same time.
5. Must have a current PSO membership in the Region in which they reside, prior to joining.
6. Must pay the Branch/Centre, Regional and National fees, as set out by the Branch/Centre, Region and National from time to time.

7. Members of the Horsemasters Program will have access to lessons, clinics and camps (mounted and unmounted) offered by the Branch/**Centre** or the Region, providing the needs of all Active Members have already been met. The cost of such activities will be set by the Branch/Centre or Region hosting the activity.
8. HM Members will be expected to give back to PC with volunteer hours. **Branches/Centres and Regions may set an acceptable number of volunteer hours that will be expected for each HM.**
9. Branches/**Centres** and Regions are encouraged to invite HM members to any activities deemed appropriate.
10. DC's/**Centre Administrators** will collect the fees and applications and submit them to the Regional Membership Chair just as they do for Active Members.

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11. Adults who are not Horsemasters Members may not participate in any clinics, lessons, camps or other activities provided for the Active Members. This does not include volunteers who are supervising activities
12. Regions are encouraged to offer a HM Division in their Regional Discipline Championships, where ever possible.
13. Prospective HM members may attend one Pony Club activity prior to joining. The activity cannot be longer than 1 day, the prospective member must have their PSO membership and they must sign the non-member Risk Form.
14. National Championships may offer a HM Division if suitable numbers can attend and if facilities and/or borrowed horses allows for this.
15. For **2017**, National Quiz, hosted by **BCIN** will be offering a HM Division. **See Quiz Handbook for details.**
16. HM Members will have full access to the testing system, where Branches/**Centres** and Regions allow. Fees for National Testing will be the same as for Active Members. Branches/**Centres** and Regions may set their own fees for testing. Testing requirements will be as written in the Testing Procedures and other Testing documents.
17. As CPC is now offering a full program to our HM Members, starting in 2017, they will pay the same National Fee as Active Members. Regions and Branches/**Centres** may still set their own fees.
18. **As HM Membership grows in the Regions, each Region is encouraged to add a HM rep or chair to their Regional Committee and make the appropriate amendment to their R&R's. The Regions are encouraged to grant the HM rep voting privileges.**
19. **HM members in any Region may join together to form a Regional Group to plan events for all HM in the Region, as well as form teams for Regional and National events. Active members should be invited to participate whenever appropriate.**