Website Operating Policies

This website is operated under the authority and direction of the Canadian Pony Club Board of Directors. The site will be operated in a manner consistent with the policies of the Canadian Pony Club

All Regions and all Branches will be represented on the website by a minimum of 1 page which describes the approximate location of the Region/Branch and gives the name of one public contact for each Region or Branch along with an email address for reaching each one. If no email address is available, a telephone number may be used. Both an email address and phone number may be used if requested by the region or branch involved.

Additional resources will be made available to all Regions and Branches in Canada to expand the amount of information shown on their pages within reasonable limits.

Regions or Branches may include a reasonable amount of photographs or other graphics like logos in their pages. If so, they can either provide the images as computer files in TIF, GIF, or JPG format or they can submit photos or drawings which we can scan at no cost.

If Branches or Regions wish to author and maintain their own pages on their own servers, we can link to those pages either on a "seamless" basis which makes the page appear to be part of the overall site or as a completely separate website. Return links to the main CPC website page and/or a Regional page should be included. Branches taking either of these options are totally responsible for the content of the pages but are strongly encouraged to follow the procedures noted below for obtaining permissions. To insure that requested links of this type actually do represent a Branch or Region, we will only include links if we have the approval of the Branch DC or Regional Chair.

If we believe that the content of pages which are set up by branches or regions on other servers is in conflict with the policies of this website, we will remove our links to them regardless of whether or not they are approved by the DC or regional chair.

If any branch is represented by pages on a separate server the FTP user name and password needed to access the pages MUST be provided to the National Office at info@canadianponyclub.org. Branches which do not provide that information or update it if there are changes are subject to sanctions

Web page "authoring" is the process of arranging information from paper, word processing documents, etc in such a way that it can be displayed on a web page. Authoring services for Branches or other Regions will be made available at no cost, however since this will be done on a volunteer basis, the amount of service available may be limited.

Names of members will not be posted unless they have previously given written permission which must also be signed by a parent if the members is under 18 years of age. Such permissions will be obtained when the Membership Application form is signed. A member who excluded the publicity permission when applying and now wishes to give permission must submit a revised Membership Application form. Other personal information such as addresses or phone numbers of members will not be posted except in unusual circumstances which require them (eg a lost horse).

For all photographs posted on the site, prior permission must be obtained from each person who is identifiable in the picture. The same forms mentioned in the above paragraph are suitable for this purpose.

n order that as many of our members as possible may access the site, all pages will be accessible to Netscape 6.0 either directly or by providing a Netscape 6.0 compatible version which is easily accessed.

If Branches, Disciplines, or Regions wish to post detailed pages or additional pages such as newsletters which may contain many names of members and non-members, the person sending the information takes full responsibility for the content of the pages.

To protect against abusive or inappropriate messages, guestbooks or message boards set up by branches or regions on other servers should be set up so that messages must be reviewed by the "owner" before appearing to the public or should be reviewed several times per day and include additional security such as IP address logging.

Chat rooms are often requested but will not be provided on this website because there currently is no reasonable method of controlling unacceptable comments. The US Pony Club has attempted to run a chat room and it had to be shut down due to abuse.

We will provide links to other Pony Club sites worldwide and to any sites we find which seem to be of direct use to our members without being highly commercial. It is not our intent to provide comprehensive links to all sites which may be of interest to horse people. Sites like the Hay.Net do a much better job than we could and we will provide links to some of these "Equine Directories".

Credit will be given for any professional work used on the Pony Club pages. Most likely this will be for photographs provided by a professional but it could also apply to authors of stories or articles.