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To Regional Test Chairs,

From Gwen Barnes, National Test Chair

You should annually include the information below at your examiner/test chair clinics. A brief mention should go into the regional minutes annually in the early spring so D.C.'s is aware of the option. Note, the member must have a formally identified permanent disability.

From the CPC Operations Manual p. 18

I. MEMBERSHIP POLICIES (Revised April 2005)

Equity Policy Statement (added AGM 2012)

Membership in the Canadian Pony Club shall be open to eligible persons without regard to nationality, race, religion, culture, gender, ability or sexual orientation.

Guidelines

1. Members who have restricted inclusion in competition or participation as a result of their condition (permanent disability as identified by formal documentation from a qualified diagnostician) may apply to be exempt from a rule(s) providing the exemption does not give them an unfair advantage over their competitors.
2. Members who participate under an exemption must not compromise the safety of themselves or others.
3. The Exemption Committee will only consider requests that meet the fundamental stated requirements of a program.

Please see the end of Part 2 for the Accommodation Program which accompanies this policy.

From the CPC Operations Manual p. 76-77

The Accommodation Program of the CPC Equity Policy (see p.12) (revised SAM 2013)

Background

Equestrian sport and recreation is popular amongst children of all ages. Pony Club provides a safe and enjoyable learning environment for this activity.

Children with a disability gain a sense of freedom and achievement from equestrian activities. Their disabilities may be physical, intellectual or sensory. It is not so important to understand what a disability is, but how it affects the rider when participating in Pony Club activities. For example, a rider with a hearing impairment may have difficulty hearing instructions at a distance or on a windy day. A rider with mild cerebral palsy may have difficulty mounting in a conventional manner from the ground



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and a rider with an intellectual disability may struggle to memorize a dressage test or show jumping course.

The purpose of the Accommodation Program of the Canadian Pony Club is to uphold the values of inclusiveness, fair play, safety for the rider and others, and safety for the horse.

Process

- Only the parent/legal guardian or the child can bring forward a request for consideration.
- The Accommodation Committee will review the request and determine how the member can best be accommodated.

The Accommodation Committee

Accommodation Committees of the Canadian Pony Club are of two types.

- Committees that address Branch & Regional Activities
- Committees that address Zone, National and Team Activities

Purpose of the Accommodation Committee

To oversee the decision-making process for the exemption to Pony Club rules and to ensure that the rights of the participants are protected. The following principles will be applied:

- Social justice principles of equity, participation and rights will be considered in all aspects of the exemption process.
- All participants will be treated with respect.
- All information will be treated confidentially at all times.

Composition of the Accommodation Committee for Branch & Regional Events

- A Branch Representative (the DC or parent of the member).
- The Regional Discipline Chair of the Discipline in question, if it is a competition question.
- The Regional Chair or someone appointed by the Regional Executive.
- The Regional Test Chair, if a Testing question is involved.

Composition of the Accommodation Committee for Zone, National & Team Events

- A Branch Representative (the DC or parent of the member).
- The Regional Discipline Chair of the discipline in question, if it is a competition question.
- The National Discipline Chair of the discipline in question, if it is a competition question
- The National Chair of Disciplines.
- A Representative of the National Board of Directors.
- The Regional Test Chair, if a testing question is involved.
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