

BODY PROTECTOR RULE 2014

Body Protectors

The Pony Club does not make the use of body protectors compulsory, except for all cross country riding and Pony Racing whether it be training or competing. For general use, the responsibility for choosing body protectors and the decision as to their use must rest with Members and their parents. It is recommended that a rider's body protector should not be more than 2% of their body weight. When worn, body protectors must fit correctly, be comfortable and must not restrict movement.

Level 2 body protectors are designed to provide a level of protection that is considered appropriate for use in low risk situations. These do not include riding on roads or other hard surfaces and riding young or excitable horses.

Level 3 body protectors are designed to provide a level of protection that is considered appropriate for normal riding including competition and working with horses.

Riders who choose to use the Woof Wear Body Cage EXO must lodge a key with the Event Organiser when they collect their number.

Air Jackets

When an air jacket inflates the sudden noise startles horses in the immediate vicinity thereby causing difficulties for the other members of a ride if used for a group ride in a confined area, e.g. an indoor school or outdoor ménage, air jackets are therefore not encouraged for group rides.

If a rider chooses to wear an air jacket it must only be used in addition to a normal body protector. **Parents and Members must be aware that riders may be permitted to continue after a fall in both competition and training rides.** In the event of a fall, it must be fully deflated or removed before continuing, after which, **the conventional body protector will continue to give protection.** Air jackets must not be worn under a jacket and number bibs should be fitted loosely or with elasticated fastenings over the air jacket.