

**UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS
POLICY STATEMENT**

SUBJECT: EQUINE WELL-BEING

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/25/2025

POLICY NO: 0160

REVISED DATE:

I. POLICY STATEMENT AND PHILOSOPHY:

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is dedicated to upholding the highest standards of equine care and management. All members, leaders, volunteers, and affiliates are expected to ensure that riding, training, handling, and management practices prioritize the horse's physical, mental, and emotional well-being. USPC integrates current research and best practices into its educational programs to prepare members to be responsible and ethical stewards of the horse throughout their equestrian pursuits.

II. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:

- A. The DC, CA, and RS shall have responsibility for this policy at the local and regional levels.
- B. The Vice Presidents of Instruction, Activities, and Regional Administration, as appropriate, and the National Office shall have responsibility at the national level.
- C. The President and the Chair of the Safety Committee shall have oversight of this policy.

III. ENACTMENT:

Established:  Date: 10/25/2025
(Signature of Board President)

Printed Name of Board President: Jennifer Sweet