

**UNITED STATES PONY
CLUBS POLICY
STATEMENT**

**SUBJECT: MOUNTS
POLICY NO. 0840**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 02/20/2020

I. POLICY STATEMENT AND PHILOSOPHY

In accordance with the commitment to safety for both the Pony Club member and their mount, the Policy of the Board of Governors is that mounts used in USPC competitive, instructional, and recreational programs and activities are required to be serviceably sound, appropriate for the certification level of the member and must be able to perform at the level of training and fitness to allow the member's safe participation in the activity.

A mount must be excused from any activity if in the opinion of the instructor, examiner, or appropriate authority, it is unsafe either to its rider or to other riders or mounts.

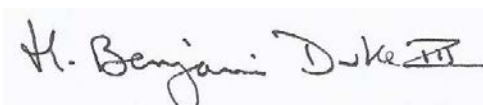
In general mounts must be at least 5 years of age, except that members holding a Riding Certification of C-1 and above may participate in all USPC activities on an appropriate mount at least four years of age.

Stallions are not allowed in USPC activities.

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: 02/20/2020
(Signature of Board President)

Printed Name of Board of Board President: H. Benjamin Duke III