

**UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS
POLICY STATEMENT**

**SUBJECT: BITTING
POLICY NO. 0850**

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 any bit used in Pony Club to provide control for the rider must do so without causing pain or injury to the horse. The suitability of a bit shall be determined by the governing authority in effect at the specific Pony Club activity be that a local, regional, or national instructional activity or competition.

II. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- A. The DC, CA and RS, Chief Horse Management Judge, Examiner or Chief Instructor 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 President: H. Benjamin Duke III