Revised Date: 10/22/2022

## UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, INC. POLICY STATEMENT

SUBJECT: <u>Veterinary Care & Equine Medications</u> EFFECTIVE DATE: <u>02/20/2020</u>

POLICY NO: <u>0860</u> REVISED DATE: <u>10/22/2022</u>

## I. POLICY STATEMENT AND PHILOSOPHY

To promote the safety and welfare of Pony Club members and their mounts and provide for fair and unbiased competitions, the Policy of the Board of Governors is that all mounts in a USPC sponsored activities be serviceably sound and healthy. The definition of serviceably sound may vary based on the mount's duties and competition level.

Medications may be administered to mounts, provided their use does not create an unfair advantage or allow an unfit mount to participate as determined by the rally officials or the party responsible for non-competition activities.

It is the owner/rider's responsibility, in coordination with a veterinarian, to determine what medication(s) are appropriate.

Competitors participating in USPC rallies held in conjunction with other competitions may be subject to medication rules of other organizations in addition to those of USPC.

## 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: 02/200/2020

(Signature of Board President)

Printed Name of Board President: H. Benjamin Duke III