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UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS
POLICY STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Member and Volunteer Safety and Protection **EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/27/19**
POLICY NO: 0900 **REVISED DATE: 05/16/2021**

I. POLICY STATEMENT AND PHILOSOPHY

A. The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare and the safety of our Members, Leaders, and Volunteers. USPC requires satisfactory completion of USPC approved background checks and of USPC designated educational training modules of individuals as specified in the procedures. These must be completed prior to these individuals assuming positions or beginning specified membership terms. Background checks must be repeated periodically and training modules when revisions are made to them.

1. USPC also requires compliance with any and all applicable local, state, and/or Federal laws concerning background checks, screenings and/or clearance, and shall enforce the same to the extent required by such laws.
2. USPC shall respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse.

B. The required trainings include Member Protection; Concussion, and Heat Illness.

C. Those not in compliance shall not be permitted to hold participating membership or serve in any capacity having the aforementioned requirements.

II. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:

A. The National Office shall have responsibility for monitoring compliance of this policy for club/region officers and center leaders; national staff, volunteers, and committees; and participating members 18 and over.

B. The DC, CA, and RS shall have responsibility for monitoring compliance for individuals involved at the local and regional level.

C. The Vice President of Activities, the Vice President of Instruction, the Vice President of Regional Administration, the Chair of the Safety Committee, and the President shall have oversight of this policy.

III. ENACTMENT

Established: H. Benjamin Duke III Date: 10/27/19
(Signature of Board President)

Printed Name of Board President: H. Benjamin Duke III