

Do you have a horse-crazy kid?



- Make new friends who share a love of horses and ponies!
- We offer fun, safety-oriented activities for children and young adults aged 6-25 years old.
- We have an **internationally recognized education and testing program.**
- We have a wide range of **educational and social activities and competitions available exclusively to Pony Club members.**
- **You don't need to own a horse/pony**, or even be taking riding lessons to be a member of Pony Club – **all are welcome!**
- **New members are welcome year-round!**

Location: **Shadow Lane Farm** (www.shadowlanefarm.com)
64 Smith Road, Hanwell (12 kms from Prospect Street)

Meeting Times:

- Through the school year, we usually meet Sunday afternoons but this is not always Sunday, and not every week
- During the summer, we try to explore the wider horse community as much as possible (days/times vary)!
- we meet in-person and virtually (Covid-19, weather, etc.)
- We usually meet 2-3 times/month, please check our website Activities Calendar for times/events

<https://www.frederictonponyclub.net/activities-calendar.html>

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Who can join Pony Club?

Members must be 6 years of age in order to join. Pony Club members range from 6-25 years old. Members of the Fredericton Pony Club also connect with and make great friendships with members of the other Pony Clubs in New Brunswick, PEI and Nova Scotia. We have a **LOT OF FUN!!**

You can start Pony Club any time of the year - the Fredericton Pony Club membership year runs from January 1 – December 31, but new members join all year long. We usually have around 20-30 members, ranging in age from 6-20 years old. Some have no horse experience, while others are experienced riders. A few of our members have their own horses, but most get their “horse fix” at Pony Club and/or in riding lessons.

What will my child learn in Pony Club?

Pony Club on Sundays is not riding lessons. The Fredericton Pony Club is focused primarily on teaching Stable Management, Safety, etc. (*For information on riding lessons, please contact us – there are options available!*) We teach our members what they need to know about horse care, safety, nutrition, etc. etc. etc. – anything and everything to do with horses! **It is an excellent complement to the skills they learn in riding lessons – they are designed to go together.** Some of our lessons hands-on (using horses) and some are lectures/demonstrations and theory classes. Here are SOME examples:

- Breeds and Colours
- Grooming
- Feeding/Nutrition
- How to clean stalls/maintain a healthy horse environment
- Shoeing
- Bandaging
- Identification/use of tack (all the equipment that we use on horses for training/riding)
- Equine First Aid
- Diseases and unsoundnesses, bandaging
- Handling horses safely
- How to assess the safety of a barn, pasture, etc.
- Trailering – how to load horses on a trailer, etc.
- Longeing
- Free-jumping

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- About different riding disciplines (Prince Philip Games, Dressage, Show Jumping, Hunters, Eventing, etc.)
- How to break (start under saddle) a young horse
- Preparation for horse shows (braiding, clipping, tack cleaning, etc.)
- ETC!!! The list is ENDLESS!

A typical “Pony Club Branch Meeting”

When Pony Clubbers come to the barn, they are usually divided into 2 groups (these may be combined, depending on the activity we’re doing)

- Mini Ponies (5-8 years old) and Welsh Ponies (10-11 year olds)
- Thoroughbreds (11+ year olds)

PLEASE NOTE: Since Covid-19 began, we have opted to combine our groups so that everyone meets at once, in an outdoor environment. Depending on circumstances related to the pandemic, instructor availability, etc., we may have combined groups or separate groups, as required. Below, you’ll see what “regular” Pony Club looks like, but we adhere to strict Covid-19 guidelines that have modified our activities, depending on Public Health guidelines. At times, we cannot allow hands-on activities as a safety precaution.

Each group typically attends for period of 60 minutes per meeting. The times can always be found on our website’s Activities Calendar. **These times do vary from time to time, so please always check your email/Facebook and the activities calendar!**

During the school year, we tend to stick closer to home (Shadow Lane Farm) and have a relatively regular schedule which typically falls on Sundays. Throughout the year, we look for opportunities to explore the wider horse community. Often, these opportunities take place on different days, and at different locations. For this reason, it is important to read email updates, check the activities calendar and stay informed as to what we’ll be doing – we have many, many opportunities for kids to be around horses (not just at Shadow Lane Farm)!

Please be aware that we do not have Pony Club every Sunday – it is offered as often as is possible, but depends entirely on Instructor availability, health, weather, etc.

All groups help with barn chores (cleaning stalls, watering, feeding, etc.) as needed, and we usually do an educational component, along with some fun time ☺ We try to have hands-on time with the horses each meeting. **Safety is ALWAYS our top priority, so hands-on horse time is not guaranteed (for example, if we have a number of brand-new members join at the same time, we need to establish safety practices before they can safely handle the horses).**

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We have older members attend with the younger members to support and help out – this is encouraged, as long as they are willing to participate and help! Younger members are not able to stay for the older group, however, as we work on more advanced theory and skill development – it would be too much for them to absorb 😊

We also try to offer regular social activities for our members to get together and have some fun – below are some of the things we’ve done in the past and some things that are part of our current program:

- NB-PEI Regional Quiz (a giant trivia contest!)
- Horse treat baking
- Foshay International – information booth, bottle collecting
- Movie nights
- Badge Program
- Meeting legendary jockey Ron Turcotte
- RCMP Musical Ride
- Used tack sale (attending and organizing)
- January Thaw Equine Expo
- Watching horse shows (live and on TV)
- Lippizzaners
- Making horse crafts (Stall signs, stockings for Christmas, braiding aprons, etc.)
- Pony Club Camp (5 days of horsey fun, including riding time and a horse show!)
- Visiting other Pony Clubs for regional activities (Prince Philips Games, etc.)
- ETC!

We encourage and foster a “giving back” way of thinking. Pony Clubbers are famous for always leaving things better than they found them. We work on teamwork, problem-solving, patience, and important life skills. **We also want our members to understand the realities of horsemanship – it’s a wonderful passion but it’s also a lot of work and responsibility 😊 All members are expected to help with barn chores when asked.**

Please visit our Facebook Pages/Groups (Fredericton Pony Club and Fredericton Pony Club – Friends and Family) and Instagram (fredericton.pony.club) to see lots of photos/videos of what we do 😊



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Will my child ever get to ride the horses at Fredericton Pony Club?

All our members would love to ride the horses each week! However, consider the following:

- We have 30 + members
- Shadow Lane Farm has 7 horses/ponies – they are privately owned by Heather.
- The well-being of the horses, as well as safety for riders/horses, is our top priority. There is no way to have this many riders on the horses during our regular Pony Club meetings.
- **We do spend a lot of time in the saddle during summer camps.** Traditionally, campers are getting the opportunity to try Dressage, Jumping, Prince Philip Games, Cross Country and bareback riding at a level that is safe and fun for their age and experience. In addition, we also hold horse shows on the last day of each camp ☺
- **Many Pony Club members take riding lessons – but this is not required.** Some ride at different stables, and some ride at Shadow Lane Farm (where Pony Club is held). Please keep reading for more information on riding lessons...

If you own/lease a horse, your child can participate in any of the following activities (they happen at different clubs around the region). **If you don't have access to a horse, we can work with you to try and find one suitable for your child.** If your child has no horse to ride, or is not experienced enough to ride in these competitions, they are able to participate in these activities as a groom/helper, or they can come cheer riders on! **At a number of our Regional Competitions, the grooms/helpers get a chance to ride a team horse in a fun competition, designed just for them.**

The NB-PEI Pony Club Region offers riding competitions (for Pony Club members only) in the following disciplines of equestrian sport (members can attend as RIDERS or GROOMS):

Jumping
Dressage
Mounted (Prince Phillip Cup) Games

Rally (Eventing)
Tetrathalon


RIDING LESSONS:

Some of our members do take riding lessons at Shadow Lane Farm (where Pony Club is hosted), but it's not a requirement to take lessons at SLF. Members can take riding lessons anywhere they choose, or not ride at all – it's entirely their choice. **Some Pony Club members ride (at SLF or elsewhere), and some don't - it is not the primary focus of being a member of our club. The members WILL NOT be riding on Sundays during our meetings.**

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Outdoor activities, as well as riding lessons, are weather-dependent, because we don't have an indoor riding ring to use. Therefore, regular lessons (especially in the winter) are not always possible. As long as the footing isn't too icy, however, there are lots of things you can work on while taking winter lessons! Through the spring, summer and fall, private and group lessons are available. Please check with Heather (www.shadowlanefarm.com) for more information and pricing. **Riding lessons are NOT part of the yearly fees paid to FPC.**

What equipment do I need?

	Winter	Spring, Summer, Fall
Boots	In the winter, please wear WARM, WATERPROOF footwear (Bogs/snow boots are ok). You should try to find boots with a HEEL.	<p>Riding "paddock" boots (they must have a hard toe and a heel – rubber boots will do if you don't have anything else but they will be very hot in the summer). When it's rainy/muddy, rubber boots are good. Sneakers, sandals, flip flops, crocs, etc. are not appropriate footwear for FPC members or any visitors. If this is what you have on your feet, you cannot go near the horses – we want to keep you safe! Boots with zippers, etc. on the inside of the foot/leg are not permitted if you child is riding – they destroy saddles (which cost a minimum of \$1500.00 to replace).</p> <p>To help you understand what this looks like, this is permanent damage – it can't be repaired:</p> 
Pants	Layers work well with water-resistant outer layer. Snow pants are a great idea!	Riding breeches are best, but yoga pants or other fitted pants work well. Skinny jeans will work, but will chafe the insides of their legs if they're riding.
Gloves/mittens	Please try to find water-resistant mittens and a second pair of mittens/gloves is HIGHLY recommended. We encourage members to bring "hot packs" with them to put in their mittens/boots. Thin little	Pony Club encourages members to wear gloves while working with and riding horses – they are not mandatory, however.

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	gloves are not warm enough for the barn!	
Helmet (They don't need to bring with them every week, but a good idea to get one if you intend to do lessons, camp, etc.)	<p>Most winter hats do not fit underneath a helmet – so you can purchase a fleece helmet cover if you wish – they are available at most tack shops</p> <p>Hair must be tied back in a pony tail (or hairband if it's too short for a ponytail)</p>	<p>It must be ASTM/or SEI approved – bicycle/other types of helmets are not permitted. If you don't have a helmet, please plan on purchasing one as soon as you're able.</p> <p>Please note that a helmet with "Pony Club Approved" stamped on the inside is NOT approved in Canada.</p> <p>Hair must be tied back in a pony tail (or hairband if it's too short for a ponytail)</p>
Protective vest	<p>If your child is riding horses (no matter where), they are encouraged to wear a body protector. This is not required equipment (unless your child is riding cross-country), but families are encouraged to keep an eye out for a used one – they are a more expensive piece of equipment but they are valuable and do lower risk of injury when riding. A protective vest (new) costs approximately \$150-\$450, so if you see a used one, grab it when you can! As of 2019, there are new standards for vests that are approved by Equestrian Canada and Canadian Pony Club – please only purchase vests that are ASTM F-1937 or BETA LEVEL 3 approved.</p> <p>Shadow Lane Farm owns a collection of vests that riders can use if needed, in a variety of sizes. We encourage riders to try them, and if eventually they want to purchase one, they'll know what style they prefer.</p>	

No sneakers, sandals, etc. will be allowed in any activities that members are around horses. FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE VISITING THE HORSES MUST ABIDE BY THIS SAFETY RULE AS WELL – THANK YOU! **No dogs, no umbrellas, no smoking or vaping – keep our kids and horses safe!**

How can parents help?

- **Please READ AND RESPOND TO EMAILS** – this is our primary means of communication and we need to know that you're getting the information we send. Just a quick "message received" is great. **It is a courtesy to indicate whether your child is attending or not** – this helps with planning!
 - We work hard to send weekly updates and maintain a calendar – if you're not sure of times or what's going on, please check these FIRST!
- **Please drop off and pick up your child at the correct times** - there is NO SUPERVISION for your child if they arrive early – please don't drop them off 5-10 minutes ahead of your start time! Also, please make sure you arrive to pick them up ON TIME – this is a courtesy.

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- **By dropping your child off early or picking them up late, you are interfering with other groups, riding lessons, and Heather's family time.** Please respect our schedule and help keep things running smoothly. If you have an emergency situation that affects what time you need to drop off/pick up, please contact Heather ASAP.
- Some of our older members (helpers) do arrive a few minutes early in order to meet and discuss our plan for the day – this has been arranged in advance.
- **Please park ON "OUR SIDE" of SMITH ROAD** – don't come up my driveway (even to drop your child off) – this is my private home and there isn't room for everyone to come up and park/turn around. **DO NOT TURN AROUND in the driveway just above 64 Smith Road – this neighbor (69 Smith Road) has specifically contacted me to ask that we not drive/turn around in her driveway. You can easily drive to the top of the street and loop back around.**
 - **Families who ignore this request may affect the activities of Fredericton Pony Club** – we **MUST** have a good relationship with our neighbours! **Please don't park on both sides of the street – it blocks traffic and upsets my neighbours.**
- **Make sure your child uses the washroom BEFORE THEY COME TO PC** – there is no washroom in the barn.
- **Make sure your child has snacks and a water bottle** – we do have snacks available from time to time, but not something you should count on.
- **Make sure your child is properly dressed** – we are OUTDOORS. It gets muddy, cold, etc.
- **Make sure you put your child's name on ALL their things** – our lost and found keeps growing and growing and growing...
- **Like our Facebook page and our Instagram page!** We post lots of pictures of our activities there and there are lots of cool videos, articles and stories posted as well – take time to look at these with your child – you will learn a lot!
- **We need parent volunteers for MANY things!** Fundraising, organizing social activities, acting as chaperones and helpers – we can put you to work, in particular with fundraising, social activities, etc.
- **Get a Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check done!** As an organization that places top priority on the safety of children, we encourage all parents to have this done. *If you are chaperoning at a Regional Event, this is mandatory.* Please ask us for more information about how to do this at no charge.
- **Become an Associate Member (parents/guardians):** this is one way Canadian Pony Club can keep track of who is helping out with Pony Club activities and keep parents/volunteers involved and informed – it's free and it's a very quick form to fill out.

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- **Become a member of our Club Executive!** This club can't run without adult volunteers, so we have several roles available on our executive. It's all for the kids!
- **Bring your child for BARN DUTY!** We need help cleaning stalls, filling water buckets, preparing feed, stacking hay, etc. We would LOVE your help!

How to join:

1. ALL MEMBERS MUST JOIN NEW BRUNSWICK EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION –
 - a. this is for insurance purposes, and Canadian Pony Club will not recognize you as a member of FPC unless you have an NBEA membership. Your child's NBEA membership (called a JUNIOR membership) will be \$50.00. (please see www.nbea.ca for details).
2. You pay your Pony Club Membership which is **\$350.00/year (for a full year – it is prorated, depending on when you join)**.
 - a. Make your cheque payable to **Fredericton Pony Club**. We also accept cash and e-transfers. We are able to make payment arrangements/plans if necessary. E-transfers should be sent to our Treasurer, Stacey, at afyouth@nbnet.nb.ca (password should ALWAYS be **ponyclub**)
3. You must submit a completed **Canadian Pony Club Membership Form**
4. You must submit a PRINTED copy of your **NBEA Membership card**.
5. You must submit a completed **Fredericton Pony Club Application Form**.

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What does the yearly membership fee (\$350.00) pay for?

Category	Explanation	Yearly Amount
Canadian Pony Club National Head Fees	This is sent to the Canadian Pony Club to pay for program development, competitions, etc. that are for all Pony Clubbers across the country.	\$110.00
Branch/Club Fees	Fredericton Pony Club collects \$20.00/month/member to pay for the use of Shadow Lane Farm and instruction by Heather.	\$240.00 (less if you join later in the year) – please see the breakdown on the NEXT PAGE!
	Total for the year	\$350.00

My child will start FPC in	The total amount I will pay is...
January	\$350.00
February	\$330.00
March	\$310.00
April	\$290.00
May	\$270.00
June	\$250.00
July	\$230.00
August	\$210.00
September	\$190.00
October	\$170.00
November	\$150.00
December	\$130.00
PLEASE NOTE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Our year runs January 1 – December 31. This means that as of December 31, you must renew your membership for the following year. ✓ If you join September 1 or after, you qualify for an Extended Membership. Please ask for details! 	

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FUNDRAISING OPTION:

- Our club needs money to purchase supplies and pay for things like our website, etc., so each member is expected to fundraise a small amount per year (approximately \$50.00/member). If members prefer to pay this along with their membership fees, they will not need to fundraise. (Ex: instead of paying \$350.00 for the full year, you would pay \$400.00). The exact amount may fluctuate from year to year, depending on our expenses. Please see the fundraising section in this document, or contact us for more information.

Payment Notes:

- **PLEASE NOTE: Until your NBEA membership and \$110.00 of your Pony Club Fees are paid, you are not allowed to participate in ANY Pony Club activities – this is for insurance reasons!**
- **Please provide a cheque for the full amount (lump sum) when your child joins.** You will only pay for the months you are a member, but we do not take “monthly payments”. (i.e. if you join in May, you won't pay for January-April). ***Please note: whether you attend or not, you are still required to pay your FPC Monthly Fee.*** ***There are no refunds for any fees paid to Pony Club.***
 - Please note that there are no “partial” memberships – whenever your child starts, the expectation is that they will pay dues for the rest of the year. The only exception to this is for the Summer Camps members.
 - There are no refunds or discounts for non-attendance (we will hold in-person and virtual meetings as required, as safety is our top priority).

Financial Assistance Options:

- If your child is not able to join due to financial reasons, please be aware that JumpStart does sponsor children in need for Pony Club – for more information, please visit <https://jumpstart.canadianfire.ca/> or <https://kidsportcanada.ca/>
- **We encourage our members to participate in fundraising activities** – once the \$50.00 fundraising amount is covered, members can continue to fundraise to pay for their membership and associated expenses (club clothing, etc.) instead of paying out-of-pocket.
- If necessary, we can accept different payments (for example, \$50.00/month) as long as full payment is made. This must be arranged with the FPC Treasurer and we require a written payment plan before your child can start. Post-dated cheques are required for

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the remainder of the payment, or a WRITTEN cash payment plan (when you will make what payments).

Fundraising:

- All Pony Club members are asked to fundraise approximately \$50.00/year to help pay for supplies, badges, etc. that are used in our program.
- **Members can choose to pay the \$50.00 when they join** (which is added on to their registration fees) or they can opt to fundraise for this.
- We offer several fundraisers throughout the year to help members raise their \$50.00, and to raise money above and beyond this amount to use for their own personal Pony Club expenses (clothing orders, Pony Club competitions, testing, yearly membership, summer camp, etc. but NOT for riding lessons) – please note that any money fundraised goes into their personal “trust fund”. Should a child resign from Pony Club, any remaining money in their account stays with the club. **There are no refunds for fundraised money.**

FILLING OUT YOUR CANADIAN PONY CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM:

- You need to **print off your NBEA membership card** and include it with your CPC form.
- You must complete the **Canadian Pony Club Membership application** and **SIGN IT**. It’s not valid unless the parent/guardian has signed it – so they can’t start Pony Club until that’s done!
 - The top part (Branch and Region) should be completed like this:
 - Our **Branch** is Fredericton, and our **Region** is NB-PEI

Please print or type all information.

Member Information		NOTE: Legal Guardians must provide necessary documentation.	
Branch: <input type="text" value="Fredericton"/>	Region: <input type="text" value="NB-PEI"/>		
Last Name: <input type="text"/>	Given Name: <input type="text"/>		
Gender: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Date of Birth: <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	<u>MINIMUM 6 YEARS OLD WHEN APPLYING</u>	
	YYYY	MM	DD
Address: <input type="text"/>	City: <input type="text"/>	Province: <input type="text"/>	
Postal Code: <input type="text"/>	Phone Number: <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>		
Members E-mail: <input type="text"/>			

Down near the bottom of the form, please note the following:

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- If your child is new to Pony Club, they have never done testing – so leave the **PC level achieved** section blank. Leave the **Partial Levels Achieved** section blank as well.
- The **PSO Membership Number** is your NBEA number.
- Most children don't have an **Equine Canada Sport License** (unless they're already competing at Equestrian Canada horse shows) – leave this blank.

Highest Full PC Level <u>ACHIEVED</u> : <input type="text"/> (D1, C2, ETC) New members leave blank	Date <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>
	YYYY MM DD
Any Partial Levels Achieved (eg: C2sm, B-FR, B2-SJ): <input type="text"/>	
If you are transferring from another branch, what is it's name: <input type="text"/>	
Do you have a current Equine Canada Sport License? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No EC Number <input type="text"/>	
PSO MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: <input type="text"/>	How did you hear about Pony Club? (New Members) <input type="text"/>

CHECKLIST FOR MEMBERSHIP!

- ☐ Canadian Pony Club Membership Form
- ☐ Fredericton Pony Club Membership Form
- ☐ NBEA Membership Card
- ☐ Membership dues
- ☐ Associate Membership Form (for parents – not mandatory but strongly encouraged) – this is free
- ☐ Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check (not mandatory, but if you plan to accompany your child to any regional activities, it's required)

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