Volunteering Policy

Please be advised that at the Annual General Meeting in 2011 the committee and families present, voted to install a volunteer 15 hour minimum requirement at the club not only to encourage help from its members but to keep in line with what the other clubs in the Barwon Zone are doing. Before you join you must agree and understand that there is a 15 hour minimum requirement of volunteer work that each family must offer per pony club year (pro-rated).

If you do not agree to this policy please do not join Leighdale Pony Club as the club does need your help and the hours must be completed before membership for the next year is accepted. I.e. If a family has not participated in the 15 hours, the child’s membership for the following year may not be accepted.

If a family member has a role on the committee such as: canteen coordinator or uniform coordinator etc... this volunteer requirement is waived as they are already meeting it in their role on committee.

The other option (although not preferred by the committee) is in lieu of the volunteer hours a fee of $200 must be paid to the club to help with fundraising costs. Please be advised that the club wants your help, not your money so please be generous in what you can offer in the way of helping.

We run 3-4 events during the year.  It is required that each family will help for a large proportion of time at at least 2 of these events to make up their 15hrs.  It is more encouraged that all families help at most of the events to make the jobs smaller and more manageable.  The events are for the members so we all need to pitch in.  It is generally accepted that 15 hours is an absolute minimum- and more hours are actually needed to run our fabulous club.  We will publicise these events at th start of the year so please mark them in your calendars so that you can build pony club into your busy life!  If we don’t have volunteers to run the events, then we need to pay people- hence the $200 fee.

Families/parents will also be required to help twice in canteen throughout the year, to help set up for rallies and pack up afterwards (we have no set up nor clean up crew so it is up to all of us to arrive a bit early- look at the rally plan and help with all of this), and to volunteer on the committee at some point in your child’s pony club journey.  Volunteering and being involved builds friendships, creates a better more cohesive club, is more fun for adults and kids alike!

You can either email or phone through your time spent volunteering to the coordinator and they will keep track of everyone’s hours.   The coordinator will give reminders throughout the year to contact her with your hours, but it is your responsibility not theirs. If you do not send them in, she will not know that you helped out.

Time spent helping out at rally days is not included in your volunteer hours- it is expected that everyone will help out each rally.

We try not to hold fundraisers such as chocolate drives, so an important part of Leighdale Pony Club’s income is generated through competitions. This income helps to subsidise fees and helps to develop new facilities for the club. We need your help to run these competitions.