

UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS
POLICY STATEMENT

SUBJECT: BITTING

EFFECTIVE DATE: 5/2/93

POLICY NO: 0136

REVISED DATE: 11/05/01

I. PHILOSOPHY:

In order to enable the Pony Club member to ride safely and to effect control without causing pain or injury to the horse, the Board of Governors recognizes the need for a biting policy. The Board of Governors further realizes that specific biting requirements are necessary for instructional activities and competitions in Pony Club. Therefore, the Board of Governors establishes the following Policy.

II. POLICY STATEMENT:

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.

III. AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES:

- A. Biting at club, regional and national instructional activities, testings and interclub competitive rallies:

The Regional Supervisor, District Commissioner, Chief Horse Management Judge, Examiner or Chief Instructor shall determine whether or not a bit is suitable for an instructional activity, interclub competitive rally, or testing.

- B. Biting at Regional and higher rallies:

Biting for each discipline will conform to the rules established by the specific USPC competitions committee as specified in the current rulebook.

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:

- A. The DC and RS shall have responsibility for this policy at the local and regional levels.
- B. The Vice President of Instruction and the Vice President of Activities shall have oversight of this policy.

V. ENACTMENT:

Established: _____ Date: 11/05/01
Board President_