

## PONY CLUB POLO TRAINING ROADMAP

It is the absolute intent of The Pony Club and HPA that all players will engage with training at Branch, Area and National level to improve their game and their standard of horsemastership and pony welfare commensurate with the Section in which they are playing, their ability and age.

Training is a Branch based activity. To assist Polo Branch Managers, the following table has been devised to highlight the recommended PC Tests and Achievement Badges that should be taken and passed by Pony Club Polo players:

### RECOMMENDED PONY CLUB TESTS AND ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

Section	Age (6-21)																Recommended PC Test (and age)	Recommended Achievement Badges
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
JOR																	D (8-9)	<u>Mini Badges:</u> Points of Pony Points of Tack Feed your Pony Riding & Road Sense Grooming
HX																	D/D+ (10)	As above + Handling & Grooming Mucking Out Road Rider Tack Cleaning Shoeing Points of Horse
SUR																	C (11 or 12)	As above + Care of Foot Feeding Bandaging & Rugs Loading Equine First Aid
HIP																	C/C+ (14)	As above
LOR																	C+ and above	
LAN																	C+ and above	
LED																	C+ and above	
REN																	C+ and above	
GAN																	C+ and above	

The recommended PC Tests and Achievement Badges are to compliment the curriculum of the Pony Club Polo Handbook; every Pony Club player must possess their own personal copy – it is their training record. When Tests have been passed and Achievement Badges gained, then individual Pony Club Polo handbooks must be annotated accordingly to further assist in the recording of an individual's development.

This approach should enable Polo Branch Managers to develop their player's individual training requirements, with the assistance of their Pony Club Instructor or HPA Coach, in concert with their Pony Club Branch activities throughout the year. The Pony Club Handbook will continue to set out the curriculum for all training events which include Branch based working rallies, polo rallies, Area/Regional courses, overseas training, development courses and dismounted lectures on horse management. Players of 0 goals and below in all Sections should attend three training events per year. It is expected that players in Gannon, Rendell and Langford will join in with Branch training activities and help the less able player whenever it is appropriate and possible.