

## North Herefordshire Pony Club Dress Code 2026

No member is expected to immediately show up to rallies with a full wardrobe of branded kit, but we do encourage our members to dress accordingly to promote team spirit and a sense of belonging, a main ethos of the Pony Club.

- Helmets to the current standard must be worn when mounted at all times. Exact details of the standards can be found on the PDF.  
All hats should be fitted by a professional hat fitter and worn as fitted.  
Hats with a fixed peak can not be used for mounted games, pony racing or cross country activities, including arena eventing.  
Hats must be checked and fitted with a hat tag at the earliest opportunity to avoid further hat checks. If you do not have a hat tag please present it to the Coach for checking before mounting.  
A Coach or a Committee Member can ask to spot check a tagged hat at any time.  
Hat covers must be navy blue, or Branch cross country colours. Small pom poms are acceptable.
- Body protectors to the current 2018 standard are mandatory for all cross country, including arena eventing, and pony racing activities.  
Body protectors to an earlier standard may be worn at activities where a body protector is not mandatory, but the Committee would like to advise these are upgraded at the earliest opportunity.
- All long hair must be tied up as securely as possible. Long plaits or loose ponytails are not acceptable. A hair net is expected for all rallies and competitions for those with long hair.
- Spurs can only be worn if you have passed your C+ or a Spurs Test and have a yellow tag on your hat.
- Whips used will preferably be of the BSJA Standard Baton type. Only whips of this type may be used by members representing the Branch at any competition.  
Reasonable length dressage whips may be used for dressage or with the coaches discretion.
- North Herefordshire branded t-shirts, base layers, sweaters and coats are available from our suppliers. Plain coloured navy blue clothing is acceptable, and preferable over other dark plain colours.  
  
Hoods/hoodies of any description are not acceptable at any time whilst mounted.
- Cream/beige, navy and black are preferred over other solid dark coloured breeches and jodphurs.

- No Jewellery of any type or variation to be worn at any rallies or competitions.

Sports have their own rules regarding colour of breeches, and Sport specific rallies will adhere to these rules as well as our own. Please check the relevant rulebook.

- Only standard riding or jodhpur boots (black or brown) with a fairly smooth, thin sole and a well defined square cut heel may be worn.

Plain black or brown half chaps may be worn, tassels and fringes are not allowed.

Please ensure boots are the correct size for the stirrups used, there must be a fingers width allowed on each side for maximum safety.

- Gloves are advised for all riding activities apart from mounted games, black, brown or navy blue are preferable.