

## **THE PONY CLUB GUIDELINES ON USE OF THE WHIP**

At all times, the whip must only be used

- For a good reason, as an aid to encourage the horse forward or as a reprimand.
- At an appropriate time, namely when the horse is reluctant to go forward under normal aids of seat and legs or as a reprimand immediately after a horse has been disobedient.
- In the right place, namely down the shoulder or behind the leg, but never overarm.
- With appropriate severity.
- No more than twice for any one incident.

Excessive use of the whip anywhere on the showground will result in disqualification:

- Use of the whip to vent a competitor's anger is always excessive.
- Use of a whip which causes injury e.g. broken skip or a weal, is always excessive.
- Use after elimination or retirement is always excessive.
- Use on a horse's head, neck etc is always excessive.
- Using the whip from the ground after a rider fall or dismount is always excessive.
- If the rider's arm comes above the shoulder when using the whip, this is always excessive.