

## What to wear to a rally

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It is always nice to look neat and tidy, but most of these guidelines have very practical safety justifications as well.

**Hats** must conform to The Pony Club Hat rules [hat-rule-2024.pdf \(pcuk.org\)](https://www.pcwpc.org/hat-rule-2024.pdf) and all hats should be checked and PINK tagged by a member of the PWPC Committee. If you have a new hat, then bring it along to the rally and we will check it and tag it. For XC, skull caps are recommended, and **obligatory** if jumping 70cm and upwards.

It is preferred that hat silks are black or blue.

**Hair.** Hair must be tied back and up at collar securely, in a neat manner to reduce the risk of hair being caught and to prevent scalp injuries. At PWPC, we believe this is best achieved by gathering below shoulder length



hair into a bun. Hairnets, whilst no longer a rule of the Pony Club,

are a very useful way to keep everything neat and protect against unravelling.

**Gloves** are strongly recommended for all ridden disciplines. They are a requirement in dressage and eventing and for the handling of horses and ponies during stable management sessions.

### **Clothing – tops:**

A white, collared shirt with long or short sleeves (sleeves must cover the shoulders) worn with The Pony Club tie and hacking jacket or PWPC branded sweatshirt.

Or

PWPC branded polo shirt (where long sleeves are required, the PWPC base layer can be worn under the polo shirt) with PWPC branded Pony Club sweatshirt or rugby shirt.

Alternatively, a tweed jacket with Pony Club tie or stock or navy blue or black jacket with Pony Club tie or white or cream stock.

Your **Pony Club badge** on the left lapel (of a jacket) or the left-hand side (of a sweatshirt) with your test felt underneath.

Stock pins fitted horizontally can be worn, but it is recommended

they are removed for cross country.

If preferred, PWPC branded gilet can be worn instead of a sweatshirt.

Pure cross country rallies you may wear your sweatshirt or rugby shirt or a polo shirt with PWPC xc base layer beneath. Long sleeves are recommended for cross country.

If it is cold or wet, then a plain, dark coloured waterproof jacket may be worn. For safety reasons, absolutely **NO HOODS**.

#### **Clothing – bottoms:**

Jodhpurs/breeches in solid, single colours, please. Beige, cream, or white (with or without dark-coloured contrasting seat) are



preferred for all Area, Regional and Championship competitions.

**Footwear:** Black or brown jodhpur boots with black or brown half chaps or gaiters (no tassels) or long riding boots (black or brown). Boots should have smooth soles. Boots with interlocking treads are not permitted.

**Spurs** may be worn at rallies and other events. Any misuse of spurs will be reported to the District Commissioner. Sharp spurs are not permitted. Only blunt spurs, without rowels or sharp edges, and spurs that have a smooth rotating ball on the shank may be worn. If the spurs are curved, the curve must be downwards and the shank must point straight to the back and not exceed 4 cm in length. The measurement is taken from the heel of the boot to the end of the shank. Please discuss with your instructor on the day if it is the first time you have worn spurs at a rally.

**Body Protectors** must be worn when riding cross country and are also recommended for show jumping. Current standards are [body-protector-rule-2024.pdf \(pcuk.org\)](#)

#### **Stable Management Unmounted Training:**

Many of our Stable Management sessions take place at yards. Please arrive looking neat and tidy with sturdy footwear, gloves, and your hat as you may be handling horses. Wear a warm, waterproof coat if needed.

#### **Turnout of ponies and horses:**

Your pony should be clean and neatly turned out with mane and tail brushed through.

**Tack** should be plain brown or black. It should be clean, correctly fitting and in a good state of repair. If you have any doubts, then ask your Pony Club Instructor or the District Commissioner for advice.

**Numnahs and saddlecloths** should be plain white, brown, navy, or black with no coloured binding. Saddlecloths may have the branch logo. These too can be purchased from Tylers Horse and Country.

**Stirrups** should be of the correct size to suit the rider's boots. They must have 7mm ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " ) clearance on either side of the boot. Stirrups that connect the boot and the stirrup magnetically and interlocking boot soles and stirrup treads are not allowed.

**Humane Girths** are not permitted, whether during training or competition. A humane girth is described as having non-independent straps that will loosen if one of the straps was to break.

Please contact PWPC or refer to the PC Resource Hub for further information.

*All PWPC branded clothing can be purchased from our web shop on [Tylers Horse and Country](#).*