

SUFFOLK PONY CLUB: SUBSIDY POLICY 2026

Introduction

Branch funds are used to subsidise a range of Branch activities for the benefit of members. The level of subsidy available is dependent on the Branch's financial position each year and is reviewed and approved annually by the Branch Committee.

Members should budget on the basis that they will be responsible for the full cost of coaching, transport, entry fees and other associated expenses. Any subsidy provided by the Branch should be regarded as an additional benefit rather than an entitlement.

Subsidies for 2026

1. Schooling Passes for Ickworth Park

Schooling passes for SPC members are subsidised to £14 (compared with the standard schooling price of £35).

2. Camp

The total Branch camp subsidy for 2026 is £2,000, allocated as follows:

- Main Camp: £1,700
- Mini Camp: £300

Based on the current bookings, this equates to a subsidy of **£68 per rider** for the 25 members attending Main Camp. The Mini Camp subsidy will be divided equally between all members who book to attend.

3. Discounted Entries (for SPC organised competitions)

Where SPC organises open competitions, Branch members may benefit from discounted entry fees.

For example, at the April 2026 One Day Event, SPC members received a £10 reduction on each entry.

The level of any discount will be determined by the Branch Committee for each event.

4. Competition Entries

SPC will subsidise 50% of the entry fee for one competition entry per member, per discipline, for the following:

- Pony Club Area qualifiers at all levels (including but not limited to dressage, show jumping, eventing, tetrathlon, mounted games, horse and pony care, quiz and polocrosse)
- Pony Club Regional Championships
- Pony Club National Championships

If a member withdraws because they or their horse are unwell, they will remain liable for the full entry fee unless an appropriate medical or veterinary certificate is provided before the organiser's withdrawal deadline.

Where the Branch can replace the rider with a reserve before the closing deadline, the withdrawing member will not be liable for the entry fee, although they may still be responsible for any non-refundable administration charges.

If a member withdraws for any other reason (for example, discovering that their horse's vaccinations are not up to date) they will be responsible for the full cost of their entry.

Please note: There will be **no stabling subsidy** for Regional or National Championships in 2026.

5. Team Trainers

SPC will fund a Team Trainer for the following ridden competitions where the Branch has a team competing:

- Pony Club Area qualifiers at all levels
- Inter-Branch team competitions at all levels (including but not limited to Waveney Harriers SJ, Soham SJ, Wilkinson Sword/Gerry Webster Hunter Trial, Burghley SJ, Blenheim Eventer Trial)

Where SPC is represented only by individual riders, a Team Trainer may not be funded.