

## Equine Safety Mini

### How to play the game:

Together as a team answer the questions by choosing from **one** of the multiple choice answers.

### Equipment:

Table and 6 chairs  
Question sheet  
Pens x4  
Answer legend  
Clipboard and pens for volunteers

### Tips for organisers:

Tell the teams that they may talk among themselves.  
Remind the teams to write their Branch/Centre name and number on the sheet.  
They must put the pens down at the final whistle.  
Score the answers against the legend. Second person double check and initial the score.

## Equine Safety Questions Page 1

- 1. Which of these is important safety clothing for handling ponies?**
  - a. Sunglasses
  - b. Silk
  - c. Gloves
  - d. Ear muffs
- 2. What thing on this list should boots have to be safe to ride in?**
  - a. A heel
  - b. An open toe
  - c. To cover your knee
  - d. Be waterproof
- 3. When turning out, which way should your pony be facing when you take the head collar off?**
  - a. The field
  - b. The hedge
  - c. The gate
  - d. The sky
- 4. For which of these activities is it ok to NOT wear your riding hat?**
  - a. Riding
  - b. Picking out feet
  - c. Leading your pony
  - d. Driving to a Pony Club Rally
- 5. When picking out feet how should you ask the pony to lift their leg?**
  - a. Tapping their leg with the hoof pick
  - b. Grabbing their leg and pulling
  - c. Sliding your hand down their leg
  - d. Tapping their fetlock with your hand
- 6. When catching a pony, what should you take with you?**
  - a. Head collar and lead rope
  - b. Feed bucket
  - c. Feed scoop
  - d. Bag of treats
- 7. When trotting up a pony for the vet, which way should you turn them at the end?**
  - a. Turn them in a large circle
  - b. Turn them around you
  - c. Turn them away from you
  - d. Back them up till you can get them facing the way they came
- 8. When picking out feet how should you use the hoof pick?**
  - a. Left to right
  - b. Downwards from heel to toe
  - c. Upwards from toe to heel
  - d. In a zig zag pattern
- 9. When altering your stirrups while mounted, which is the safest way?**
  - a. Taking your foot out and holding the stirrup over the pommel
  - b. Dropping the reins and using both hands to change the length
  - c. Keeping your foot in the stirrup and using your same side hand to change length
  - d. You can't do it safely so will just keep riding at the same length
- 10. When is it stated in Pony Club rules that a Body Protector must be worn?**
  - a. Dressage
  - b. Showjumping and Polo
  - c. Polocrosse and Endurance
  - d. Cross Country and Pony Racing

## Equine Safety Questions Page 2

- 11. Which side should you stand when putting a head collar on your pony?**
  - a. Left
  - b. Right
  - c. In front
  - d. Any of these
- 12. What type of knot should you use to tie up a pony?**
  - a. A reef knot
  - b. A quick release knot
  - c. A square knot
  - d. Any of these
- 13. Which is the least safe way of wearing long hair?**
  - a. Loose
  - b. In a French plait
  - c. Tied up in a pony tail
  - d. In plaits
- 14. When riding on the road what should you be wearing?**
  - a. Bright coloured clothes
  - b. Hat, Body protector and gloves
  - c. High visibility clothing such as tabard
  - d. All of the above
- 15. Why must stable doors be fastened back when open?**
  - a. So that they are not able to blow shut in the wind
  - b. So that they don't swing in the wind and hit people or ponies
  - c. So that they don't get damaged by hitting the walls
  - d. All of the above
- 16. What could happen if you forget to close a kick bolt?**
  - a. The pony could close the top door
  - b. The pony could lock themselves in
  - c. The pony could let themselves out by opening the top bolt
  - d. Any of the above
- 17. When mounting which side is a pony most familiar with you using?**
  - a. Left
  - b. Right
  - c. It doesn't matter
  - d. Whichever you find easiest
- 18. When giving a pony a treat, what is the safest way of holding your hand?**
  - a. Palm up fingers and thumb spread out
  - b. Palm up fingers and thumb together
  - c. Palm down fingers and thumb spread out
  - d. Palm down fingers and thumb together
- 19. What colour tag must your hat have on it for 2023?**
  - a. Red
  - b. Pink
  - c. Orange
  - d. Blue
- 20. Should you wear earrings around ponies?**
  - a. Yes it's good to look pretty
  - b. Yes they are small so safe to wear
  - c. No they could injure you if pulled out or pressed onto your head
  - d. No ponies should not wear earrings

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## Answer sheet for Competitors

Branch/Centre: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Question number	Answer - write a, b, c, or d
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## Equine Safety Questions Answer Legend

Question number	Answer
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2	A
3	C
4	D
5	C
6	A
7	C
8	B
9	C
10	D
11	A
12	B
13	A
14	D
15	D
16	C
17	A
18	B
19	B
20	C

1 point per correct answer total points available = 20