Mounted Games – Guidance – 8th September 2020

- Please read the “guidance for Pony Club activities under COVID19 restrictions” (here)
- In addition, please read the “return to team sports guidelines” (here)

Training Guidance

- Send briefing notes, risk assessment and these guidelines to parents/guardians before the training session so that they are familiar with the new procedures, including parking. It will not be possible for trainers to brief children and parents/guardians together on arrival.
- Ensure there is adequate parking for attendees, recommend at least 8m between vehicles, to spread out and keep a minimum of 2m from people not in your household.
- There is now no set number for a group other than the maximum 30 in a bubble. A risk assessment should be in place which includes the number allowed in the arena in order to reduce the risk of the transmission of the virus.
- You can practice as a team providing that all equipment is sanitised, and riders sanitise their hands frequently.
- Riders are not expected to wear masks. However, arena party/other adults should wear masks. The trainer, if they keep a social distance of over 2metres, would not be expected to wear a mask during a coaching session.
- After the equipment is used it should be thoroughly disinfected.
- We advise that you do not practice pairs races as this prolongs the contact between riders.
- We advise that you use your own toilet facilities if you have access to one. If you have to share a toilet all surfaces/light switches etc should be cleaned and hands thoroughly washed before and after.
- If holding more than one session allow adequate time between sessions for groups to leave safely and for all equipment to be disinfected.
- Ensure the COVID Risk assessment and Mounted Games Risk Assessment have been correctly filled in and kept safely on record – https://pcuk.org/coronavirus/
- Keep a record of those attending both members and adults in case an outbreak arises in order to comply with the government track and trace requirements.
- Be up to date with all relevant government advice, in particular local authority guidance which may have unique restrictions.
- Temperature checks could be offered using a non-contact infrared thermometer and any person showing COVID symptoms should immediately go home and self-isolate as per guidelines.
- PPE must be provided in the first aid kit.

Competition Guidance

- Please follow the general guidance for running a Pony Club competition including the completion of the appropriate risk assessments.
- Utilise as much space as possible to spread people out.
- Plan the sessions to minimise interaction of teams, this might include for example having a one-way system for entering/leaving the arena. It is recommended that
sessions are run as a scoring heat so as not to have teams coming in and out and changing lanes.

- Dedicated arena party for each team can put their equipment out and ensure it is sanitised.
- It is not recommended to have a mass prize giving.

If you have any questions please email mountedgames@pcuk.org