**FLINT & DENBIGH PONY CLUB MOUNTED GAMES**

**COMBINED STUDY DAY & BADGE DAY**

**Study Day**

* Riders and ponies will dress for competition, and tack must be well-fitting and clean: there will be a tack check! I will provide tabards and saddlecloths, which will be available on the day.
* Parents will learn to line steward or help with equipment, with an experienced parent teaching them.

**Competition Badges**

There are two levels of competition badges in Pony Club:

* The **Intro badge** is for younger of less experienced members who are just starting out in mounted games. This badge will help them understand the basics and get them ready to compete. All juniors should be able to achieve this badge.
* The **Full badge** is for slightly older or more experienced members, who are ready or already have competed. It will help them understand the rules and what is expected of horse and rider in order to be successful. All seniors should be able to achieve this badge, and possibly some juniors.

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| **Intro badge** | **Full badge** |
| * Present correctly dressed with safe tack, correct standard hat and boots.
* To know that “Mounted Games provides an opportunity for Branch and Centre Members to compete against other teams and to encourage a high standard of riding”.
* Be able to identify certain equipment –e.g. Bending Pole, Mug, Flag, Sock etc.
* Be able to explain how many Members can be in a team.
* Be able to explain what a ‘white hat band’ indicates.
* Be able to explain a changeover involving a piece of equipment.
* Be able to participate in races such as Bending, Two mug and Flag.

 Races can be played on foot. Members can be on the lead rein. | * Present correctly dressed to compete in a Competition.
* Be able to explain what type of bit is permitted.
* Be able to explain the qualifying rounds of Competitions for both Senior and Junior Teams.
* Know and understand the importance of the height/weight rule.
* Be able to participate safely in a variety of races; including races which require dismounting / remounting and races done in pairs.
* Know the answers to the following questions (or similar) on basic Mounted Games rules (see Pony Club Mounted Games rule book):
	+ What is the maximum height (in cm) and minimum age of a pony competing?
	+ What weight (in kilos) must a Member weigh less than to ride a pony 128cm or under?
	+ What age must Junior/Senior Members be under on the 1st January?
	+ What is the “rally rule” for riders and ponies?
	+ What does any broken equipment entail? Who must sign the Declaration Form confirming they have read the rules and the team agree to abide by them?
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| **Name of rider:** |  |
| **Junior / Senior:** |  |
| **Intro Badge / Full Badge:** |  |
| **Name of parent/guardian:** |  |
| **Contact email address:** |  |
| **Phone number:** |  |
| **Mobile number:** |  |

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