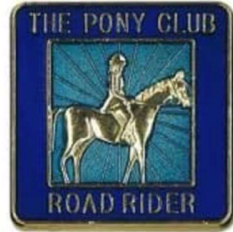


Woodland Hunt Pony Club

Pony Club Road Rider Badges - Member Information



What is the Road Rider Programme?

There are three levels of Pony Club Road Rider attainment and there is a level of theory and practical commitment at each level. The aim of this programme is to educate members on riding on the roads and in the countryside safely with courtesy and responsibility obeying the law and Highway Code. The tests look at the rider's road craft and riding ability not that of the horse or pony. There is no such thing as a bomb proof pony.

You cannot be awarded your Efficiency Tests without having first passed your correct RRS badge.

Achievement Badge Levels

Before taking your D test (min age 8) you need take your **Mini Road Rider Safety Achievement Badge**. You will gain a knowledge of basic signals (left, right, thank you), safety equipment (hi-viz, tack, boots), where to ride and what to take with you (hoof pick, mobile phone)

Between your D+ and C test (min age 11) you take your **Road Rider Achievement Badge**. You will need to demonstrate how to dress appropriately (horse and rider) for riding on the roads. Know the importance of Be Safe, Be Seen and what necessary checks should be made before setting off. Recognise common road signs and amber traffic signals. You will need to pass a quiz with 8 out of 10 answers correct.

For the ridden simulated road route (in a field not on a road) you will need to:

- Make two left turns and two tight turns
- A Stop and Give way sign
- Negotiate a hazard and a trot over a short distance
- Observation, road positioning and signals
- Correct sequence for making a left or right signal
 - Look- Signal- Look Again (Life Saver Look) manoeuvre
- Say 'Thank You'
- Show that you can dismount, lead and remount correctly. (Leading from the offside)

Road Rider Test

This is the top level of achievement and should be taken after you C+ before your B test. You must be a minimum of 12 years to take this test and have worked your way up the three levels.

Members should be able to demonstrate the same level of theory as for the Achievement Badge plus how to behave at traffic lights and be able to explain what position a rider should take when negotiating a roundabout

The complex simulated ridden route is designed to test in safe but simulated road conditions, a rider's precautions against and reactions to a series of noises and sights which could be reasonably met with locally on the roads and which might make a horse shy. Trot must be shown by candidates at this stage of the test.

To be ridden as a complete route:

- Major to Minor and Minor to Major
- Two Left Turns and Two Right Turns
- A Stop and Give way sign, Hazards and Trot
- Observation, Road Positioning and Signals
- Correct sequence for making a Left or Right signal
- Look – Signal – Look Again (Life Saver Look) Manoeuvre
- How to say 'Thank You'

Training and Resources

We undertake theory training and testing on Zoom. Candidates must pass this session before moving on to the ridden training and assessment. Candidates must attend both the theory and ridden training and test sessions and pass to be awarded the badge.

Resources:

- The Pony Club Junior Road Rider Book
- Young Persons Highway Code
- BHS Ride Safe Guide
- The Highway Code

