

Agistment Policy Roma Pony Club

1. General Information

- 1.1. All agistment at Corfe Park is at the horse owner/agistee's risk. At all times, the safety of RPC Members, visitors, and horses, is paramount. Roma Pony Club currently provides agistment for up to 6 horses.
- 1.2. If seasonal conditions dictate, the Management Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of horses on agistment, or to have all horses removed from the grounds, provided that decision is ratified at a General Meeting.
- 1.3. If required, the Secretary will keep a Waiting List of requests for agistment. Agistment will be available on a first come - first served basis.
- 1.4. Requests for agistment go to the Secretary, who will take it to the Management Committee for approval prior to a horse being agisted. In the event that a Committee Meeting isn't scheduled or there would be a great delay, ratification may be sought from the Committee via email.
- 1.5. No stallions, rigs, unbroken horses, or horses under 4 years of age are to be agisted at Corfe Park.
- 1.6. Initially, newly introduced horses are to be kept separate from the other agisted horses, for a 'settling-in' period. The length of this is dependant on the horses/owners concerned.
- 1.7. All new horses will be subject to a 3 month probationary period. If, within this period, the Management Committee considers that the horse is unsuitable for agistment at Corfe Park, then the agistment for that horse will be terminated. Owners who have had their agistment terminated will be required to remove their horse or horses from Corfe Park within 48 hours of official notification from the Management Committee.
- 1.8. Only one horse per riding member may be agisted on the Club grounds. The agistee agrees that places are only offered to horses that are owned/leased by active riding members who use these same horses to ride at club rally days, unless that horse is injured and other arrangements have been made.

2. General

- 2.1. All members are to be courteous and considerate to one another at all times and behave responsibly and reasonably around horses.
- 2.2. At no time will ill treatment, cruelty etc of any horse be tolerated.
- 2.3. At various times (including events, rally days etc), horses will need to be caught and confined at least half an hour prior to the starting time. It is anticipated that all agisted horses would be taking part in rally days. If not, these horses will have to be confined to a stall during these times for safety reasons. It is the agistees responsibility to have their own horse/s in the nominated area by the specified date and time.
- 2.4. If an agisted horse is sold or leased to a member who does not have an agistment place, that member will be required to remove the horse and apply for a place on the agistment waiting list.

3. Payment

- 3.1. The cost of agistment will be \$10.00 per horse per week. The agistment fee is decided annually at the AGM but may be reviewed at any time by the Management Committee if circumstances dictate.
- 3.2. It is preferred that payments are paid in advance. Payment can be made via internet transfer to the club bank account (details can be obtained from the Club Treasurer) or to the Club Treasurer.
- 3.3. Once a member has been allocated an agistment position, payments shall commence whether or not the horse has been moved to Corfe Park unless otherwise agreed with the Committee.

4. Participation

- 4.1. Agistment positions are a privilege and not a right of membership. It is expected that members who agist horses at Corfe Park participate in at least 75% of rally days. Where an agistee qualifies as a pony club instructor, and instructs during a rally day, then this would also be included as rally day participation.
- 4.2. If it appears that there is a trend towards poor participation at club events, then the Committee will issue written advice of this. If, over the following months, the level of participation still remains below the Club requirement, then the agistment contract may be terminated.

5. Care and Responsibility

- 5.1. Care of the herd is everyone's responsibility. All agisted horses are to be wormed regularly (8 week intervals maximum) preferably on the same day, and immunised annually against Tetanus and Strangles.
- 5.2. All agistees are to participate in the removal of manure from the areas their horses are kept, which is to be done at least once per week.
- 5.3. All agistees are responsible for ensuring the water trough is clean and full and that the supply tank is regularly topped up.
- 5.4. It is the responsibility of all agistees to check fences regularly. If possible, repairs should be made immediately otherwise a member of the Management Committee is to be notified.

6. Feeding Arrangements

- 6.1. Agistees are required to feed their horses at least once daily. It is not acceptable to rely on pasture grazing as a substitute for a daily hand feed for any reason.
- 6.2. Agistees are strongly recommended to use the yards or ménage whilst feeding their own horses as horses can be potentially dangerous to people or other horses during feeding. Failure to use these facilities is at the agistees own risk. Roma Pony Club Inc. takes no responsibility whatsoever if agistees do not use the yards or ménage.
- 6.3. In the event that a person or horse is injured as a result of a horse not being fed inside a yard or ménage, then the owner of that horse will be responsible for the payment of any damages and the Management Committee may cancel the agistment agreement.
- 6.4. Any cruelty or inappropriate treatment of other horses whilst feeding or tending to your own horse is not tolerated and may cancel your agistment agreement.

7. Riding on Roma Pony Club Inc. grounds

- 7.1. Anyone riding on Pony Club grounds must be a full financial riding member of Roma Pony Club Inc. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the Management Committee, for example, instructors who are not Roma Pony Club members and who wish to give lessons to members on the club grounds.
- 7.2. It is not advisable for riders of any age to be riding at Pony Club grounds on their own.
- 7.3. Riders **under the age of 18 MUST** have a parent or responsible adult with them at all times. This includes the whole time at rally days.
- 7.4. Riding outside of rally day times or other times is at the members own risk and is not the responsibility of Roma Pony Club Inc.
- 7.5. Riders must wear an equestrian helmet to the safety standard AS/NZS 3838, EN 1384, ASTM F116, or higher. Helmets must have an effective chin strap and must be fitted correctly.
- 7.6. Riders to wear correct footwear, as specified in the PCAQ 'Gear Check Book'.

8. Veterinary Care

- 8.1. All agistees are required to ensure the agisted horse/s are immunised, regularly wormed and kept in good health including hoof and dental care.
- 8.2. If a horse is found injured or unwell, every effort should be made to contact the owner as soon as possible. In the event that the injury is serious and the owner is not available, a veterinary surgeon will be called to treat the injury at the owners' expense.

- 8.3. Costs incurred for removal/care/treatment/management etc of a horse will be borne by the agistee.
- 8.4. If a horse suffers an injury or illness which requires it to be temporarily separated from the herd, an 'isolation' area will be designated by the Committee. If at any time a horse is diagnosed with a contagious illness of any kind, the Management Committee must immediately be notified. At the Management Committee's discretion, your horse may be isolated in a separate paddock or removed from Corfe Park during the infectious period.
- 8.5. If you wish your horse to share a space with another injured horse, approval must first be obtained from the owner of the other horse.
- 8.6. In the interests of the health and safety of all horses agisted at Corfe Park, the agistee gives Roma Pony Club Inc. the right to contact a vet to discuss details of any injuries or ailments pertaining to the agisted horse, as well as the prognosis or estimated recovery period from any such illness or injury.

9. Ceasing to Agist at Corfe Park

- 9.1. At least one week's notice should be given to the Club secretary of any intention to remove any agisted horse. Failure to do so will result in future agistment applications by the person or persons involved being refused.
- 9.2. If a horse is removed from the grounds for a period of over seven days without informing the Secretary, it will be assumed that the agistee no longer requires their spot and their agreement will be deemed to be terminated.

Agreement Summary

This agreement is valid until _____. The cost of agistment is currently \$10.00 per week per horse, and will be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting. Agistment is available to financial Roma Pony Club Inc. members only. The agistee agrees that places are only offered to horses that are owned by active riding members who use these same horses to ride at club rally days. The Management Committee reserves the right to call a vet to attend to a sick or injured horse, should the agistee or their nominated emergency contact not be contactable, or if the agistee is neglecting to attend to the animal's needs themselves. The bill will be sent to the agistee to be paid.

I agree to the full Agistment Policy of Roma Pony Club Inc regarding the agistment of my horse/s at Corfe Park.

If neither I nor my nominated emergency contact is able to be contacted in an emergency, and at the discretion of a member of the Roma Pony Club Inc. Management Committee, I would agree that my vet, or another vet, to be called to attend to my horse. I also agree that I will be fully responsible for the payment of any costs associated with the veterinary care of my horse.

The club strongly recommends all agistees allow their emergency contact details to be posted outside the clubhouse, making them accessible to other members agisting at Corfe Park.

I agree/ disagree to my emergency contact details being posted as above.

Agistee Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____ Date agistment commenced: _____

Agistee Name:

Agistee Contact Phone Numbers:

Agistee Address:

Horses name	Colour & Description	Brand	Microchip	Age & Gender	Vaccination Date

Emergency Contact Names & phone Numbers (inc. Vet) :

Any other specific/relevant information: