

**UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS
POLICY STATEMENT**

SUBJECT: SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR BODY PROTECTION VESTS

POLICY NO. 0830

EFFECTIVE DATE: 02/02/2020


I. POLICY STATEMENT AND PHILOSOPHY

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. recognizes that riding is an inherently dangerous sport, and consideration for safety is of utmost importance. Participation in any equine activity can result in injury or death and individuals must assume responsibility for their own safety. In order to promote high safety standards for our members, it is the policy of the Board of Governors that wearing a properly fitted (per manufacturer's guidelines) equestrian body protection vest is required when jumping cross-country/solid obstacles during any activity sponsored by the USPC, its Regions, Registered Clubs or Riding Center programs. This requirement is not intended to be an endorsement, guarantee or warranty of any products.

II. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- A. The DC, CA and RS shall have responsibility for this policy at the local and regional levels.
- B. The Vice Presidents of Instruction, Activities and Regional Administration, as appropriate, and the National Office shall have responsibility at the national level.
- C. The President and the Chair of the Safety Committee shall have oversight of this policy.

III. ENACTMENT

Established  Date: 02/20/2020
(Signature of Board President)

Printed Name of Board President: H. Benjamin Duke III