# **COME & TRY JOURNEY**

Come and Try membership provides an opportunity for people new to pony club to experience a rally and find out which club is the best fit for them.

A maximum of three come and try experiences is permitted. This may be at one club or multiple clubs. Each time you attend, a new Come and Try membership must be purchased through the members JustGo profile.

Below are the steps to begin your journey within pony club.

#### Step 1: Find a club near you.

If you have already contacted a club and arranged a Come and Try, skip to Step 2.

Go to the Pony Club Victoria Website <u>Find A Club – Pony Club Victoria</u> to find a club near you and details of who to contact.

## Step 2: Contact club to arrange your rally ticket.

Connect with the club contact to enquire about availability and a date to attend. A club may require you to purchase a rally ticket, and there may be a small club fee associated with that. The club also advise how to pay, what to bring and what time you need to arrive etc.

#### Step 3: Create a Pony Club Australia Membership Profile.

Create a profile in the membership database JustGo

Pony Club Australia is the national body for pony club. Pony Club Victoria is a member state and uses the national database to process memberships. All people attending pony club require a profile in the national database called JustGo. Parents of riders aged under 17 years, will require a profile but for now just set one up for the rider.

## Step 4: Join Victoria Direct

Come and Try membership is purchased from the JustGo club called **Victoria Direct**. Use the search function in JustGo to find Victoria Direct and join. We suggest you buy your come and try membership at least 4 days before your rally date.

A fee of \$20 (plus small surcharge fee) will be paid at checkout. This will give the rider membership for attendance at no more than 2 rallies attended during a period of 30 days. Once this period lapses, a new Come and Try membership must be bought.

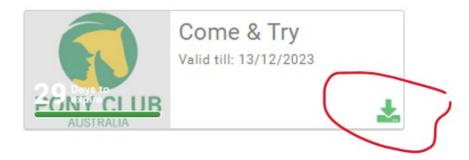
Come and Try membership includes public & liability insurance when in attendance at the club rally. No accident cover is provided.

If the rider proceeds to join within a month of rally, the fee paid is deducted from the full membership offering when upgrading to a full membership.

A confirmation email will be issued when you successfully join.

## Step 5: Provide club confirmation of membership.

The club will require evidence that you have purchased come and try membership. You can show your confirmation email or screenshot the membership tile found within your profile. See below.



## Step 6: Attend rally.

You are set and ready for a rally.

On the day, park, secure your pony and make your way to the clubrooms.

There you will meet the Club District Commissioner and/or membership volunteer and can settle any outstanding fees and confirm the plans for the day and where all the facilities are located.

If you need assistance, please call the Pony Club Victoria office on (03) 8685 8925 or email <u>office@ponyclubvic.org.au</u>

If there is availability at the club and you would like to join, follow the steps below to finalise your club membership.

- 1. Discuss all membership options and applicable fees associated.
  - Ready2Ride (3-10years). Half day rally program perfect for beginner riders. These members are ineligible to compete in graded competitions but may still compete in events such as Gymkhana's and attend club clinics and other activities such as camps.
  - Junior Riding Memberships (3-17yrs)
  - Senior Riding Memberships (18-25yrs)
  - Adult Riding Memberships (26-80yrs)
- 2. The club will 'invite' your JustGo profile into their club. You will receive an email notifying of the invitation.

- 3. Accept invitation.
- 4. Purchase Pony Club Australia and Pony Club Victoria membership in JustGo profile. The club may also have their membership offerings available in the system, or provide alternative arrangements.

Alternatively, search for your chosen club in JustGo and the club will be notified that your profile is 'pending'. The club can pull your profile through and then you can purchase membership.

All Junior & Ready2Ride members must have at least one parent become a member in JustGo. The membership category is 'Club Supporter'.

This membership is free. Club Supporters receive public liability insurance when involved in club organised activities.

Create a profile <u>JustGo</u> and upload your Working With Children's card. Or apply here: <u>Working with Children Check (service.vic.gov.au)</u>

Search for your chosen club in JustGo. A pending notification will be sent to the club. The club will approve your profile and it is at that time, that you can purchase your Club Supporter membership.

## **ENJOY PONY CLUB!**

## **Benefits**

- Can try multiple clubs.
- Rallies only, no competitions.
- Public liability insurance is included, **no personal accident insurance**.

## NOW I AM A MEMBER

## Members Benefits

- Includes 24/7 Public Liability and Personal Accident insurances.
- Approved to compete in Pony Club competitions once rally attendance requirements are satisfied. (See Ready2Ride guidelines for competition)
- Approved to participate in rally or Pony Club activities such as camps, clinics.
- Enjoy the community of your local Pony Club.
- Learn to ride and care for your Horse or Pony with qualified and experienced coaches and volunteers.
- Achieve Pony Club Australia Certificates.