

Leadline - where a rider is lead at pony club rallies



(Photo courtesy of Walliston PC)

Note the big smile on the rider!
Also that the leader is correctly attired and safely to the left of the pony.
Safe and correct lead rope holding and hand position.

Riders being led in Show Horse activities are called LEAD REIN RIDERS.
This is not to be confused with LEADLINE RIDERS, who are riders being led at pony club rallies.

- Parents are responsible for their Leadline Rider
- Parents are responsible for providing a competent Leader 18 years and over.
- Leaders must be on the Club's current Strength Return.
- Minimum age for Rider – as per Club Ruling.

Leadline Riders Dress

As for Rallies.

Leader Dress

- In keeping with Risk Management and Sun Smart Policies, Leaders attire to be tasteful and functional to compliment the overall picture and not to take away from the pony and rider.
- Clothing
Close fitting, sensible and suitable for weather conditions
- Footwear
Correctly fitting, covered in with no flimsy straps
- Jewellery
No jewellery etc. that could get caught on pony's gear/mane etc.
- Hats
Stable and suitable for weather conditions

- Gloves
If used, should be soft enough to feel buckles and reins
- Whip/Cane
Handler/Leader to carry the whip or cane, never the rider



(Courtesy Google Images)

Incorrect – Safety first!! Leader has non-compliant footwear, not to mention highly unsafe around horses! Rider is not dressed as per Rally requirements – no helmet, unsafe footwear and overall highly unsafe. Pony is led with a halter only, must have a bridle and bit for leadline in PC rallies.

Leader When
Leading the
Pony and
Rider

- Must always use the Head Collar and Lead Rope
- Must always lead from the shoulder where contact with Pony and Rider are optimum
- Must allow the rider to attempt the exercise before assisting
- Must be careful when changing direction or pace not to unbalance the rider
- Leaders are there to ASSIST the rider with steering, stopping and making the pony go - NOT to pull or push the pony around.

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As for Rallies but with following amendments:

- Bridle - Noseband is optional, and not recommended in the interest to comfort for the pony.
- Head Collar (worn under the bridle) with lead rein attached to the Head Collar.
- Snaffle bits only – no Kimblewick or Pelham bits allowed.



(Courtesy Pingelly HPC)

Correct – Noseband removed, headcollar (red) fitted under bridle. Lead rope is connected to halter, pressure when being led is applied via the lead to the halter.



Incorrect – Connected (via black strap) to the bit, leader will apply pressure to the horses mouth on one side and cause discomfort for the pony



(Courtesy Wellington HPC)

Correct – Head collar (black) fitted under bridle. Lead rope is connected to halter, pressure when being led is applied via the lead to the halter. Note that the headcollar noseband is sitting low, hence our recommendation to remove the noseband of the bridle to create more space for an optimal headcollar fit.



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