

While this is a game that a group can play, our members may find it helpful to write out the note cards as indicated below to help with their independent study of the Pony Club Pledge. Happy studying! ~ Amy Moore

USPC Pony Club Pledge Game

A memorization/team building game to help members of all ages learn the Pony Club Pledge.

Materials needed: 3 x 5 index cards

People needed: A leader

Before the game begins: write the following on individual 3 x 5 cards (try and not use capitalization or punctuation the might give away the order of the phrases):

as a member
of the United States Pony Club
I stand
for the best
in sportsmanship
as well as in horsemanship
I shall compete for the enjoyment
of the game well played
and take winning
or losing in stride
remembering that
without good manners
and good temper
sport loses
it's cause for being
I shall endeavor
to maintain
the best tradition
of the ancient
and noble skill
of horsemanship
always treating my horse
with the consideration
due a partner

To play the game:

1. Shuffle the cards. Hand out the shuffled cards evenly, face down, to members. Depending on the number of participants, each might get more than one, and that's fine

(most kids can handle up to four cards).

2. Tell the participants to turn the cards over, and that it is up to them to put them in the correct order of the Pony Club Pledge. They can swap cards. When they think the order is correct they should stand in a line and read it out loud, each member reading the cards they have, beginning with the first member in line.

3. The leader will listen to their pledge, and when they hit an incorrect phrases say 'Stop!'. They then have to get together and reorganize it, then try again, reading it from the beginning till they have it correct.

Notes:

It usually takes up to ten passes to get through the entire pledge! But by that time the participants have learned quite a bit of it through rote memorization.

Make sure to stop them when they hit a wrong phrases instead of letting them go all the way through what they have

Correct answer:

As a member of the United States Pony Club, I stand for the best in sportsmanship as well as in horsemanship. I shall compete for the enjoyment of the game well played, and take winning or losing in stride, remembering that without good manners and good temper sport loses it's cause for being. I shall endeavor to maintain the best tradition of the ancient and noble skill of horsemanship, always treating my horse with the consideration due a partner.

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