

**UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS
POLICY STATEMENT**

SUBJECT: TEACHING AND TESTING TO THE STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY

POLICY NO: 5020

EFFECTIVE DATE: 5/2/93

REVISED: 01/27/17

I. PHILOSOPHY:

In order to provide Pony Club members with an instructional program that will enable them to become competent and able horsepeople and the opportunity to have their skills tested as they progress in their level of knowledge; the Board of Governors affirms the use of the Standards of Proficiency.

II. POLICY STATEMENT:

The policy of the Board of Governors is that all Regions, Registered Clubs and Riding Center Programs shall teach and test to the Standards of Proficiency.

III. AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES:

- A. All Registered Clubs and Riding Center Programs shall use the Standards of Proficiency as the syllabus for their instructional programs.
- B. All Regions, Registered Clubs and Riding Center Programs shall provide the opportunity for their members to have their levels of skill and knowledge tested using the Standards of Proficiency for these testing opportunities, allowing each member to progress through the levels at their own pace.

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:

- A. The District Commissioner, Center Administrator, Regional Supervisor, Regional Instruction Coordinator, and Horse Management Organizer shall have responsibility for this policy at the local and regional levels.
- B. The VP of Regional Administration and the VP of Instruction shall have oversight of this policy.

V. **ENACTMENT:**

Established: Thomas D. Alan Date: 05/21/11
Board President