# **Area 5 Nomination form for Spurs Test/C+ Ride Test**

In recent years non riding (Equestrian) public have started asking questions with regard to the welfare of our horses, ponies and riders. Some may consider the use of whips and spurs as cruel, so it is important that the Pony Club take the lead by continuing to educate and train their riders on how to use all equipment.

The Spurs Test has been introduced to help educate members and parents alike into understanding how and why spurs are used.

* Why are you wearing spurs?
* Why do you choose to wear spurs?
* Do you need them?
* Does your horse (really) need them?
* What effect do your spurs have – positive and negative.
* If choosing to wear spurs what bit does your horse wear?

The Spurs Test is both theoretical and practical and the rider should demonstrate knowledge and the ability to use spurs with a still and stable lower leg.

Passing the Spurs Test entitles the member to wear spurs at Pony Club activities and competitions shown by a yellow tag on the riding hat. Whilst a member may have previously worn spurs, they will not be allowed to until they have completed the training and passed either the Spurs Test or new C+ Ride Test.

DCs and Coaches should advise if a member is ready to take the Spurs Test and the member will be assessed by an experienced trained assessor, please respect their final decision. If a member does not reach the standard required, have enough knowledge or stable secure lower leg, they will be asked to carry out more training before retaking the assessment.

Once the Spurs Test has been given, please note, a Pony Club Official or coach has the right to ask you to remove your spurs if they feel they are not being used appropriately at that time.

## **I wish the following member to be assessed for their Spurs Test/C+ Ride**

Name …………………………………………………………. Branch ………………………………………………………..

Date of Birth ……………………………………… Pony Club number ……………………………………….

Last Test Passed …………………………………. Date …………………………………………………………….

Contact Details: Mob …………………………………………Email: ……………………………………………………..

***I confirm that both the above member and parent have read the information above and appropriate training has been undertaken in preparation for the Spurs Test/C+ Ride and I am a happy to accept the assessors decision. Only those deemed suitable will be awarded the Yellow Hat Tag.***

Parent signature ………………………………………………………………………Date…………………………………

Print name ……………………………………………………Contact details ……………………………………………..

This form will also need the signature of the Branch DC or accompanying email in order to complete the Nomination process.

Signature of District Commissioner ………………………………………………… Date …………………

Email …………………………………………………………………… Phone Number ……………………………..

***Please also give written evidence at least 24 hours (or details can accompany this form) before the assessment, if a candidate requires any measures of Reasonable Adjustment during the assessment. This could be physical or with regard to verbal questioning and answering***.