



## **Gold Young Equestrian Leaders Award**

### **Getting Started**

Please find enclosed your Gold Award logbook. The Gold Award requires you to complete 60 hours of volunteering with three or more British Equestrian Federation Member Bodies and comprise of a variety of different tasks. **Please ensure that your Branch DC or Centre Proprietor is aware that you are working toward your YELA Award.** It is essential that you comply with the volunteering hours and age restrictions that are set out in the guidance notes.

You must record all your volunteering hours in the logbook and get it signed by the event/activity organiser after each session. Please note it is your responsibility to keep your logbook up to date and to get it signed.

Additionally, the Gold Award requires the completion of a volunteering-based project. This can either be centred around an event, or series of events, or can be a project focussed on supporting younger riders. Please discuss project ideas with your chosen Club and once you have decided what project to do, remember to document all the stages thoroughly.

**Assessment** – In addition to your volunteering hours, you must complete the questions found in the back of the logbook. When this is completed, please return them to us for assessment by either email or post. Please allow two weeks for your submission to be processed.

**Email:** Attach a scanned copy of your completed logbook to [yela@pcuk.org](mailto:yela@pcuk.org) clearly showing your volunteering hours, what you did and your answers. Please use your Award level and name in the subject bar and include your Pony Club membership number in your submission email.

**Post:** Send your completed logbook and questions to with membership number to:  
The Pony Club, Lowlands Equestrian Centre, Old Warwick Road, Warwick. CV35 7AX

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. We hope you enjoy your volunteering experience and look forward to seeing your achievements.



## Gold Level Guidance Notes

### Entry Requirements

- Aged between 13 and 25
- Completion of the Silver Award
- Volunteering opportunities arranged that are linked to 3 British Equestrian Member Bodies e.g. if you are part of a Pony Club it is advised to have a conversation with the Club Leader prior to volunteering to make suitable arrangements

### Syllabus

- Complete 60 hours of volunteering with a British Equestrian Member Body
  - o Volunteering to be completed over a **minimum period of 32 weeks**
  - o Volunteering to be signed off by an appropriate supervisor
  - o A minimum of 5 hours of volunteering to be completed with each British Equestrian Member Body
- Plan and deliver a project which is of benefit to one of the British Equestrian Member Bodies you are volunteering with
  - o Show planning and preparation for the activity / event
  - o Provide a detailed report of the activity / event including photos
  - o Provide a clear conclusion
  - o Evaluate the project and comment on what went well and what you would change
- Complete Gold Award questions

### Volunteering Hours and Age Restrictions

TERM TIME	13 – 14 Years Old	15 – 16 Years Old	16 – 18 Years Old
Monday – Friday	2 hours	2 hours	If a young person is old enough to leave school, they can work 40 hours a week
Saturday	5 hours	8 hours	
Sunday	2 hours	2 hours	
Maximum Hours Per Week	12 hours	12 hours	

HOLIDAY TIME	13 – 14 Years Old	15 – 16 Years Old
Monday – Friday	5 hours	8 hours
Saturday	5 hours	8 hours
Sunday	2 hours	2 hours
Maximum Hours Per Week	25 hours	35 hours

**Local Authorities work to protect children and young people, local bylaws may also restrict the kind of volunteering work children can do.**