



Transition Year Students Fact Sheet

TY students must be aged 15 or over before starting to help with an RDAI group. (Please note that 15-year-old students may only act as side helpers and will not be allowed to lead a pony).

All students aged 16 and over must be Garda Vetted through Horse Sport Ireland before starting and will need a letter of consent from parent/guardian to complete this process.

We suggest visiting/contacting your local secondary schools to speak to the TY Co-ordinator to explain what would be required of the students.

All TY students must be named on the Group Helper List, but it is not necessary for them to complete the RDAI Volunteer Application Form – unless they choose to stay on as regular volunteers after their TY year. TY students are also required to read and sign two copies of the RDAI Policy Statement/Code of Conduct (one copy to be kept by themselves and one copy to be kept by the Group Welfare Officer).

Students should be told in advance to wear appropriate clothes/footwear - if they arrive wearing something unsuitable, they will not be allowed to help. Mobile phones to be switched off/not looked at/no photos to be taken by students, unless with express permission - usual rules would apply.

Many of the students interested in helping will probably have horse knowledge, but training should be given by Group Coach before they start.

Ideally, it works best if the same group of students attend for the full term/year. Certificates of Completion are available through RDAI Secretary when they have completed their time of volunteering. (*these certificates are approved by Gaisce and should only be given towards Bronze Awards if they have completed a full term with an RDAI Group*).

Groups are not responsible for transportation of students.

