

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

THE PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the 'Elected Council' of the Pony Club Association of New South Wales Incorporated will be held at the Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20-22 Camden Road, Campbelltown (Phillip Room) on Tuesday 28 November 2017 commencing after the awards scheduled for 9am.

A G E N D A

- 1. OPENING & APOLOGIES**
- 2. MINUTES** of Council Meeting held Tuesday 1 August 2017.
- 3. CONFIRMATION** of the above Minutes.
- 4. BUSINESS ARISING** out of the above Minutes (other than referred to elsewhere in the Agenda).
- 5. REPORTS**
 - I. President Report
 - II. Executive Recommendations
 - III. Treasurer – Mr Peter Petherbridge
 - IV. Chairman of Chief Instructors Committee and Recommendations from the Zone Chief Instructors Meeting – Mrs Jenny Frankum
 - V. 2017 State Mounted Games Championship – Mr A Newham
 - VI. 2017 State Team Sporting Championship – Mr P Logue
 - VII. 2017 State One Day Event Championship – Mr I Menzies
 - VIII. 2017 State Combined Training Championship – Mrs E Caswell
 - IX. Other Reports.
- 6. APPLICATIONS** to host State Championships
- 7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Zone 5

Motion 1:

Zone 5 would like to submit the following 'Notice of Motion' for the State November Meetings: - I am forwarding on with the full approval of Zone 5 Executive Members.

'That for the Cross-Country phase of an ODE competition, an 'Introductory/Training Grade 'F' for independent riders be permitted, at the discretion of the Zone Chief Instructor or Club Senior Instructor, at a Zone or Club competition. Grading cards compulsory, indicating that the combination has been sighted and are safely riding independently and confidently jumping 30cm and 40cm width. Encouragement Awards are recommended for all participants'

Rational: - This Introductory Grade has already been approved - (C64/14) for our young inexperienced Showjumping combinations. Common sense would indicate that our young inexperienced Cross-Country combinations should be awarded the same 'safety net' - There would be no age limit on combinations. Introductory/Training Grade 'F' would be offered at the conclusion of a competition, in a small safely enclosed section of the course, under strict supervision, thus giving combinations encouragement, enjoyment, knowledge and confidence.

Zone 20

Motion 2:

That an Under 11 age group be included in the State Jumping Equitation Championship with a maximum height of 60cm.

Motion 3:

That the uniform for State Team Sporting be the representative zone polo shirt.

Rational: - If the weather is warm riders will wish to take their jumpers off which means they will have a tie that gets in their road whilst trying to compete in sporting events.

The polo shirt falls in line with the state mounted games uniform which is undertaken at the same combined championships.

Full Pony Club uniform can still be worn by teams representing at the Royal Show in Sydney as this is a separate event to a state championships and they are representing whole of area not Zone.

Motion 4:

That the following age groups be considered for both the State Mounted Games and State Team Sporting Championships:

- Under 13 with the option of one rider from an older age group
- 13 and under 17 with the option of riders from a younger age group and one rider from an older age group
- Associate with the option of riders from a younger age group

Rational: - This will encourage younger riders to participate in both the state mounted games and team sporting events. It will also allow these riders to be competitive at these competitions.

Motion 5:

That the heights for the State One Day Event and Combined Training championships be amended to the following:

Novice

Combined Training:

Under 11 (Prelim 1.1 & 50cm)
11-13 (Prelim 1.2 & 60cm)
13-15 (Prelim 1.3 & 70cm)
15-17 (Novice 2.1 & 80cm)
Associate (Novice 2.2 & 90cm)

One Day Event:

12-15 (Prelim 1.2 & 60cm)
15-17 (Prelim 1.3 & 75cm)
Associate (Novice 2.1 & 90cm)

Advanced

Combined Training:

Under 11 (Prelim 1.2 & 60cm)
11-13 (Prelim 1.3 & 70cm)
13-15 (Prelim 2.1 & 80cm)
15-17 (Novice 2.2 & 90cm)
Associate (Novice 2.3 & 1.05cm)

One Day Event:

12-15 (Prelim 1.3 & 75cm)
15-17 (Prelim 2.1 & 90cm)
Associate (Novice 2.2 & 1.05cm)

Rational: - That the heights for the State One Day Event and Combined Training championships be reduced to encourage participation to increase in these two events. Numbers have dwindled with very few riders entering into the advanced heights. This has proven to be effective with the introduction of lower heights at the State Showjumping Championships in 2017. The above heights are open for discussion however a

change needs to be made to increase numbers of participation. It is also hoped that by having these events with the ability for riders to participate in both will mean greater numbers in each event (motion passed last state meeting).

Zone 24

Motion 6:

Amend the current **Gear & Uniform Regulation 2017** to allow riders to use Safety Stirrups known as "Freejumps".

Rational: If a rider has a fall on course, either in the Showjumping arena or Cross-Country course, the stirrup is designed break away which allows the rider to be free from potential life threatening injury by being dragged/hung-up by current stirrup standards.

There is no chance of rider's stirrups being "caught on another rider" as they have a breakaway system and only being used in Showjumping or cross-country no horse/rider should be in close proximity to one another.

Quote from Freejump Website - "They are designed to help free the foot in case of a fall, the outside flexible branches are following the same principle of elastic bands safety stirrups. The design with holes prevents the branch from opening frontwards, facilitating backwards."

Gear & Uniform Regulations updated November 2016 Section 7 (k) Page 5

CURRENT:

"k) Stirrups or stirrup leathers must not be tied down to any part of the saddle or mountings in any manner. The foot may not be attached to the stirrup in any way. Stirrup leathers are worn OVER the outside flap at all times.

Ox-bow stirrups are permitted on Stock, Stock type and Western saddles.

Stirrup bars having safety clips at the end must be easily pushed up and down and not fixed. The loose end of the stirrup leather must not be threaded back through the buckle but may be threaded through a keeper on the flap.

Open sided stirrups are not permitted for use in Pony Club.

The fender saddle is permitted at Pony Club. Fender-type leathers are permitted on Stock saddles. Stirrup leathers on Stock saddles may be done up at the stirrup iron."

AMEND TO:

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Ox-bow stirrups are permitted on Stock, Stock type and Western saddles.

Stirrup bars having safety clips at the end must be easily pushed up and down and not fixed. The loose end of the stirrup leather must not be threaded back through the buckle but may be threaded through a keeper on the flap.

Open sided safety Freejump Stirrups are permitted in the disciplines of Showjumping and Cross Country-only. All other disciplines, open sided stirrups are not permitted for use in Pony Club.

The fender saddle is permitted at Pony Club. Fender-type leathers are permitted on Stock saddles. Stirrup leathers on Stock saddles may be done up at the stirrup iron."



Sample of Freejump stirrup. They do come in various colours.

Motion 7:

Propose that Pony Club New South Wales follows current EA Eventing Rule 538.3

- “**Cross-Country Test** – Body protectors are compulsory for this Test”

Propose amendment of current PCA NSW Rule: Page 6 – Section 8 – Paragraph 2

Current:

- “The use of approved Body Protectors for all disciplines is permitted. They may be worn over or under Pony Club uniform with preference to wearing the shirt or jumper. Back numbers must be worn on the outside.

Amend to:

- “The use of approved Body Protectors for all disciplines is permitted **but are compulsory for Eventing.**”

Body Protector may be worn over or under pony club uniform. Back numbers must be worn on the outside. It is recommended a medical armband be worn.”

8. AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Work Health and Safety
- b. Update on Working with Children Checks and requirements for Zones and Clubs

9. CORRESPONDENCE

List to be supplied on the day.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

11. CLOSE MEETING