

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 27th November 2018 commencing after the Special General Meeting scheduled for 9am.

A G E N D A

- 1. OPENING & APOLOGIES**
- 2. MINUTES** of Council Meeting held Tuesday 31st July 2018.
- 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 – other than those already listed on the agenda
 - III. Treasurer – Mr Peter Petherbridge
 - IV. Chairman of Chief Instructors Committee and Recommendations from the Zone Chief Instructors Meeting – Mrs Jenny Frankum
 - V. State Mounted Games Championship – Mr A Newham
 - VI. State Team Sporting Championship – Mr P Logue
 - VII. State One Day Event Championship – Mr I Menzies
 - VIII. State Combined Training Championship – Mrs E Caswell
 - IX. Other Reports.
- 6. APPLICATIONS** to host State Championships
- 7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Zone Chief Instructors Committee

Motion 1

That riders are permitted to wear correctly fitted Roper/Dogger type boots with riding trousers, whenever riding trousers are permitted.

Zone 3

Motion 2

That Section 8 Point 36 be altered as such;

Current Rule

36. CALCULATION OF SCORES

- For each judge, the mark as a percentage of maximum possible good marks obtainable is then calculated. This percentage is obtained by dividing total good marks of the judge (minus any error of course or test) by maximum possible good marks obtainable and then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to two decimal digits. This value is then shown as the individual mark for this judge.

- Average percentage for the competitor is obtained by adding together the percentage for each judge and dividing by the number of judges always rounding the result to two decimal digits.
- In order to convert average percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100 and **multiplied by 1.5**. The result is the score in penalty points for the test.

REPLACE WITH

36. CALCULATION OF SCORES

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- Average percentage for the competitor is obtained by adding together the percentage for each judge and dividing by the number of judges always rounding the result to two decimal digits.
- In order to convert average percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100 and **multiplied by 1.0**. The result is the score in penalty points for the test.

Rationale:

The EA National Eventing rules have adopted the above change. Particularly in Olympic Disciplines it is important that the rules in Pony Club are in line with National and International rules. This leads to a reduced chance of conflict when running events, due to confusion between different scoring systems and improves the chance that riders will see Pony Club as an up to date organisation that is in touch with what happens in open competitions.

Motion 3

That in the Olympic Disciplines; Dressage, Showjumping, and Eventing, the following wording in red be added to the Paragraph headed Competition Rules. Eventing Section 8, page 3. Showjumping Section 9, page 7. Dressage Section 10, page 3.

COMPETITION RULES In the event of conflict between association rules and the rules of other equestrian bodies hereafter referred to, precedence will be in the order set out:

- a. The Pony Club Association of NSW
- b. E.A. Rules (current edition)
- c. F.E.I. Rules (current edition)

If a discrepancy between the rules of Pony Club NSW and E.A of a technical nature ONLY is discovered, upon recommendation from the relative discipline Advisory Committee the Executive may approve a change to that rule. That change may be updated in the relevant Blue Book Section immediately. This is not to apply to any rules regarding gear or safety. Examples may include a change in scoring systems, refusals, errors of course, update of tests etc. If the Executive is not satisfied the change is of a technical nature the decision is to be held over to next meeting of the State Council.

Rationale:

It is important that PCA NSW is seen to be in touch with the rules appropriate to the sports in which our members compete. It is a common complaint from members that there are unnecessary differences between the PCA NSW rules and rules in open competition. Most members of PCA NSW these days compete in both Pony Club and outside events and it makes sense that the rules for those sports that are not related to gear and safety of young riders (like Optimum Time for E and D grade Show jumping) match as much as possible to reduce confusion and frustration for competitors, judges, volunteers and spectators.

By having the Advisory Committees recommend changes to the Executive there is a two-step check process to ensure the rule change meets the criteria above of being technical in nature and not in

contradiction to any other rules of PCA NSW. Some changes occur between meetings or may be not be picked up until after the date for motions to Council is closed which can result in a delay of up to 4 months before a change to the rules can be made. This rule would expedite and simplify that process and allow Council to concentrate on other matters that may be of greater importance.

Zone 15

Motion 4

To amend the wording in the handbook under Section 7 Gear, Uniform Regulations and Section 10 Dressage Rules to include *** Ear plugs be allowed in noise sensitive horses for rider's safety*** so that both sections reads as follows:

SECTION 7 Clause 5 Gear

o) For Dressage only - Martingales, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins etc.) any kind of boots or bandages, tongue depressors and **any form of blinkers, including ear muffs, hoods and any others, are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden.** BREASTPLATES (without rings) are not defined as "gadgets" and are permissible for dressage *** Ear plugs be allowed in noise sensitive horses for rider's safety***

SECTION 10 Clause 29 Saddlery, Equipment and Dress

b. Martingales, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running or balancing reins etc.) any kind of boots or bandages, tongue depressors and any form of blinkers, **including ear muffs, hoods and any others, are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden.** BREASTPLATES (without rings) are not defined as "gadgets" and are permissible for dressage *** Ear plugs be allowed in noise sensitive horses for rider's safety***

Rational:

Several concerns have been raised by members and club instructors from our zone regarding safety of riders at noisy events e.g. Gun club near Casino grounds, Football finals & BMX competitions next to Murwillumbah club, go carts next to Lismore, train track next to Kyogle grounds etc. where we have had several falls due to horses bolting, bucking etc caused from noise from these activities.

Imagine a rider presenting for competition that normally competes in earplugs and a gear check steward asked them to remove them for your dressage test the horse gets a fright from noise and rider is injured from a fall who is responsible?

I realise that EA dressage rules don't allow earplugs, but they do allow ear bonnets that muffle out the sound. And their dressage events are also run at much quieter facilities and have rules in place to keep distracting activities away from arena's

Zone 20

Motion 5

That NSW Pony Club Allows open riders to compete at Clubs level events.

Motion 6

That Minimum Age for the NSW Pony Club State One Day Event be reduced from 12 to 8 years.

Motion 7

Minimum age for regional schools to reduce from 10 years to 8 years to align with minimum age for

state competition and EA.

Zone 24

Motion 8

That members of the Paid Instructors Panel be paid directly by the host zone or club.

Rational:

Each club or zone could negotiate payments with the Instructor (may be a friend of one of the club members) and therefor get a cheaper rate. By the club or zone paying the instructor directly they would no longer have to pay the GST saving the club or zone 10%.

This would also reduce the work load on the office and ultimately save PCANSW money as at present PCANSW pays the superannuation guarantee for these instructors which does not come out of the fee paid by clubs.

Zone 25

Motion 9

That in state competitions where there are multiple grades per age group that the highest grade for the age group be awarded state champion receiving relevant awards. And the winner of the lower grade / grades also be acknowledged as champion of the age/ grade but receive an award (yet to be determined) stating they were the champion of that grade / age.

Rational: Riders pay the same entry as others, numbers are dropping across championships hence the introduction of the lower grades. Acknowledgement of the champion be by a sash, rosette or even a certificate could help to encourage riders to support the championships.

Motion 10

Balance support reins be allowed for use in pony club NSW as an alternate option to the existing grass reins.

Rational:

- Balance reins provide the security of a grass rein but are less intrusive
- the pony has full mobility of their heads, so they may be used in jumping events unlike conventional grass reins.

They have the added advantage of keeping the reins in a place that is easy for the riders to retrieve them in the case of a rider dropping their reins.

They also help in assisting to keep the rider's hands from getting too high whilst riding which often results in loss of balance and control by the rider.

Zone 26

Motion 11

Section 3 Blue Book PCA NSW Bylaws currently reads in Section 1 Membership:

Persons over the age of 26 years, and over, are not permitted to ride for the purpose of receiving instruction or competing at Pony Club functions. They may be permitted to ride for the purpose of assisting, demonstrating or supervision with the approval of the Club Senior Instructor. Instructors or those applying to become Instructors, may, with the approval of the Club Senior Instructor, ride and receive instruction at instructional schools. Voluntary Workers and Non-riding members will only be

covered by Pony Club Personal Accident Insurance if they are unmounted, all mounted personnel must be registered with the Pony Club Association as a Riding Member.

Replace it with

Each Club shall determine whether to allow riding members between the age of 26 years and 80 years of age to receive instruction and/or compete at Club events. When making that determination the Club shall take into account the best interests of the Club, safety considerations, the number of instructors, size of the grounds and any other matters as the Club considers appropriate.

Such riders may be permitted to ride for the purpose of assisting, demonstrating or supervision with the approval of the Club Senior Instructor. Instructors or those applying to become Instructors, may, with the approval of the Club Senior Instructor, ride and receive instruction at instructional schools. Voluntary Workers and Non-riding members will only be covered by Pony Club Personal Accident Insurance if they are unmounted, all mounted personnel must be registered with the Pony Club Association as a Riding Member.

Rationale:

Originally, PCA NSW allowed riders of all ages. At some point in our history, it was decided that adults could only ride until the age of 25. Each other State PCA allows adults of all ages to ride.

In a recent State-wide survey over 84% of respondents supported the concept of allowing Clubs to decide whether to allow riders over 26yo to receive instruction and compete at Pony Club events. A number of families have left Pony Club to join Riding Clubs so that parents and children may ride together.

It is also illogical to require current Associates who are 26 years old to stop receiving instruction and competing when Pony Club is losing hundreds of members every year. Many such Associates enjoy the social side of Pony Club and wish to continue to ride with their friends in Pony Club, rather than competing in outside competitions.

Clubs are best positioned to take into account local circumstances and determine whether allowing such riders is in the best interests of the Club and should be allowed to make that decision.

Riders 80 years old and older are not covered by NSW PCA Insurance and should not be allowed to ride under any circumstances.

Motion 12

Show Jumping should not be conducted near sunset when the sun is setting or after the has set unless done under adequate (approx. 100lux) artificial lighting.

Rationale:

Riders are disadvantaged if jumping during this period with sun in eyes and reduced visibility.

Motion 13

Blue Book PCA NSW Section 7 – Gear, Uniform Regulations currently reads

6. WHIPS

Dressage Whips which must be at least 95cm long and not over 110cm long (excluding tassel or flap), are permitted in dressage competition up to and including advanced level. They are also permitted in the warm-up area for the competition and for dressage instruction with the permission of the Senior Instructor. Dressage whips may have either a tassel or a flap on the end. Other than as above, whips shall not exceed 75cm in length overall nor must they be weighted at the end. No substitute for a whip or a whip without a flap is permitted. Hacking canes (with or without a flap) not exceeding 75cm in length

overall are permitted in Riding and Hacking classes only. Whips when used must be carried in the hand only. Only one whip may be used at a time.

Replace it with

6. WHIPS

Dressage Whips for riders of horse must not exceed 1.2m (120cm) long (including tassel or flap) & riders of ponies must not exceed 1.0m (100cm) long (including tassel or flap), are permitted in dressage competition up to and including advanced level. They are also permitted in the warm-up area for the competition and for dressage instruction with the permission of the Senior Instructor. Dressage whips may have either a tassel or a flap on the end. Other than as above, whips shall not exceed 75cm in length overall nor must they be weighted at the end. No substitute for a whip or a whip without a flap is permitted. Hacking canes (with or without a flap) not exceeding 75cm in length overall are permitted in Riding and Hacking classes only. Whips when used must be carried in the hand only. Only one whip may be used at a time.

Rationale:

Majority of manufacturer of whips, list whips by overall length including the tassel or flap. The manufacturers do this because the shaft is a fixed length, while tassel or flap length may vary.

Zone 27

Motion 14

That at Pony Club NSW State Championships competitors can choose to supply their own steel yards or hire yards.

Rationale:

Pony Club NSW has discussed bringing Pony Club into line with rules in open competitions to improve transparency and attendance numbers. This option will significantly reduce costs and therefore boost participation numbers. Added benefits are: reducing the organisational workload and improve biosecurity and animal welfare if horses do not get into close contact with each other in a confined space. Riders that compete at State level should be capable of handling their horses safely.

8. AGENDA ITEMS

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

List to be supplied on the day.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

11. CLOSE MEETING