

August 2019

PACKAGE FOR EACH OFFICER SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

CLUB SECRETARIES AND ZONE SECRETARIES

- Minutes of the July Special General Meeting
- Minutes for July Council Meeting
- Presidents and Financial Reports
- Advisory Committee Criteria and Nominations
- PCA NSW Junior Executive Committee Nominations

ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTORS

Same as Club Secretaries with inclusion of the following

- Minutes for the July ZCI Meeting

ZONE COUNCILLORS

- Minutes for the July Special General Meeting
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CLUB CORPORATE MEMBERS

- Minutes for the Pony Club Association NSW Special General Meeting.

If you are no longer the Club Secretary could you, please ensure that this package is passed on to the new Secretary immediately and ask them to send in an updated Office Bearers form.

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS

Due to the large volume of membership renewals being processed, and the limited resources available, the Association will operate on customer service hours of between 10.00am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday. All Clubs and Zones are reminded that in the first instance they should check the website for information on membership, policies and procedures or contact your Club/Zone Secretary. Instructional issues must be directed to your Club, or Zone chief instructor.

MYPONYCLUB – NEW MY PONY ACCESS EXPIRATIONS

Access to MyPonyClub needs to be renewed using the correct application forms (found under the management tab then go to forms on the website) please note that the current access will expire as of the **31st January 2019**.

We encourage clubs to sign up and ensure that all members have a current email address attached to their membership. Clubs can also update rider certificates and other information via the online database.

Members are encouraged to keep their contact details current and to add or update horses owned etc. so that they are available for clubs, zones and ultimately state championships event management.

REMINDERS FOR SECRETARIES

FEES FOR 2019

Riding Membership - \$75 per rider

Non-Riding Membership - \$40 per person and \$20 for the second non-riding member per family

Regional Schools - \$30 per rider total of 18 riders

State Championship entry fees - \$45 per rider (this includes first aid levy) for all Championships, administration, stable and camping fees will apply for each championship

State Camp - \$250 per rider

Clinics/Seminars - \$20 per PCANSW member and \$50 per non-member.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A RISK WARNING FORM AT THE TIME OF JOINING OR RENEWING THEIR MEMBERSHIP EACH YEAR (copy to be sent to the state office with payments or can be completed when members renew directly online). All members over the age of 18 must also complete a Child Protection form details in this mail out. The completed forms are to be held by the club in a safe and secure place.

Please note, *date of birth details for all PCANSW members MUST now be provided.* See section on insurance below for details.

FREE ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOPS FOR 2019



Are you a new Club or Zone Secretary or other Office Bearer? Are you unsure about meeting procedures, codes of conduct or just where to find information? Zones are reminded that members of the State Executive are available for Administration Schools.

These schools to be hosted by your Zone and are booked via the office. They can cover a range of issues to help Clubs/Zones including – affiliations, transfers, orders, incorporation, meeting procedure, NCAS, grants, insurance, risk management, Work Health & Safety, Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO), Working with Children Check obligations, conflict resolution and many others. Please contact Kerren Britton on 02 4229 8977 or email admin@pcansw.org.au for further details.

INCORPORATION

All Clubs and Zones are reminded that if they are incorporated, they must send in an annual return (form A12) after their AGM each year to the Department of Fair Trading along with payment. Go to www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au or phone 133 220 for forms and further information.

ACTIVE KIDS REBATE PROGRAM

The NSW Government Office of Sport will again provide a rebate for 2019 through a voucher system to parents/guardians of school enrolled children. The \$100 voucher can be used for registration and participation costs for sport and fitness activities details of the rebate program can be found www/sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au. over 157 clubs have registered as Active Kids' providers to date which is a great response to the initiative.

If your club has not as yet registered you can do so as an individual through Services NSW <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids-program-and-service-nsw> or call 137 788 and ask for an Active Kids specialist to help you with the process.

You will have to answer a number of questions and provide a copy of our public liability confirmation of cover which can be obtained on the PCANSW website, under Management, then Insurance: <http://www.pcansw.org.au/management/insurance> . Riders will be able access new vouchers commencing 1st January 2019.

Did you know that there are Active Kids toolkits and logos that clubs can use to highlight that they are Active Kids providers contact Active Kids via email to access the logos etc. branding@sport.nsw.gov.au

THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY CAREERS PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

Hosted by NSW to be held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre on the 7th - 13th October 2019.

Teams announcements have now been made, congratulations to all riders. It was a very tough selection process with an extremely high standard of applicants for 2019.

This will be a huge undertaking for the Association therefore we are also seeking expressions of interest for volunteers to help out at the event please sign up via the google document under the same link on our website.

<http://www.pcansw.org.au/events/national-events>

There are numerous Sponsorship Packages available for the National Championships, ranging from Platinum Packages, to "Sponsor a Jump" packages. If your business is looking for broad exposure through sponsorship, or your family is an avid supporter of Pony Club, please enquire about the packages available through Rachel at marketing@pcansw.org.au.

INFORMATION FROM JULY MEETINGS

Executive Recommendations

C28/19 That PCA NSW write to Pony Club Australia suggesting that the age of riders for National Championship be taken from 31 December of the year of the competition rather than the current practice of the 1 January of the year of the competition.

Eventing

C30/19 For riders to be entered into PCA NSW State One Day Event Championship they must have completed a minimum of two (2) One Day Events at the height that they nominate e.g. A grade 1*, B Grade EVA90.

C31/19 Replace - Clause 47 Run Out – missing a flag

- a) **Run-Out:** Horses is considered to have run out (20 penalties) if, having been presented at an element or obstacle on the course, it avoids it in such a way that the body of the Horse (head, neck, shoulders and pelvis – legs are not included) fail to pass between the extremities of the element or obstacle as originally flagged. Continuing on course without representing will incur elimination.
- b) **Missing a flag:** A Horse is considered to have missed a flag (15 penalties) if the Horse jumps the dimension of the obstacle and the majority of the Horse's body (as defined above) passes through the flags. This means that some part is not inside the flags (e.g. one shoulder, or one shoulder and part of one hip).
- c) The Horses will have successfully negotiated the fence, if the body of the Horse (as defined above) has passed the fences as originally flagged (i.e. the body but not all the legs are inside the flag as considered clear).

Replace - Showjumping Clause 70 Penalties

Time Faults – The length of the course and the speed demanded determines the time allowed. Completing the course in less than the time allowed is not rewarded, but exceeding the time allowed, the Athletes are penalized with 0.4 penalty per commenced second. Exceeding the time limit involves elimination.

Showriding

C32/19 That Pairs and Team of Fours be included in the point score from riders nominated and a list of riders supplied to the State Office at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the championship.

Scoring to be advised in the schedule.

Dressage

C33/19 That the State Dressage Championships be updated to reflect the program that is being held at the National Championships;

Age groups

Under 9	Prelim, Novice & Elementary
Under 13	Prelim, Novice & Elementary
Under 17	Prelim, Novice & Elementary
Associates	Prelim, Novice & Elementary

Riders may choose one level only to compete in, however they must have competed at this level previously, with a minimum score of 58%.

Test

Prelim	1.B and 1.C
Novice	2.B and 2.C
Elementary	3.B and 3.C

Ribbons will be awarded from 1st to 3rd per test with the overall champion being awarded for each level and age group and reserves depending on the number of entries received.

Note: we do not currently have a rug sponsor for any 2020 championship.

Showjumping

C34/19 Classes for 2020 Showjumping Championship be changed to:
Article 238.2.1 (A2)
Article 238.2.2 (AM5)
273.3.4.1 two round Grand Prix with a jump off

C35/19 That PCA NSW support the Rider Safety Research project being undertaken by the University of Sydney (Lindsay Nyland presentation)

C36/19 That - clause 9. **UNIFORM**

For all Club, Zone or State competition, full uniform is to be worn. Long sleeved shirt (worn with *sleeves down and buttoned up*), tie, beige, fawn or oatmeal jodhpurs, if jodhpurs have a different colour insert this insert must only be from the same colour palette, (the wearing of a coat is NOT permitted). All parts of the uniform are to be correctly fitted.

Ms J Morgan noted that the preferred model of free jump stirrups are Soft'Up collection stirrups <https://www.freejumpsystem.com/en/cat/stirrups-leathers/>

C38/19 That the application from Zone 10 at Bowral for the State Showjumping and Jumping Equitation Championship be accepted.

C39/19 That the application from Zone 4 at Dubbo for the State Dressage and Showriding Championship be accepted.

C40/19 That zone teams are eligible for championship awards. At all points under "teams" the word Club changed to Zone when referring to Junior teams.

Point 3 specifically to read: Zone Teams will be eligible for Championship Awards.

C42/19 Section 15 clauses 3 Age Groups and 5 Classes

3. AGE GROUPS - The Association Championships are conducted in age groups:

a. Under 11

b. 11 and under 13 years

c. 13 and under 15 years

d. 15 and under 17 years

e. 17 and up to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 25 years of age.

Ages are taken as at the first day of competition.

5. Classes will be held starting with a simple jumping round and increasing in difficulty (but not height) with each subsequent class.

At Championships, the maximum height will be as follows:

Under 11 years 0.65 m

11 and under 13 years 0.75 m

13 and under 15 years 0.80 m

15 and under 17 years 0.85 m

17 and up to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 25 years of age 0.90 m

Course designer are to be advised of this requirement.

Amend the bluebook section 4-page 9 state and interstate general Competitions rules

C43/19 25.EXERCISE Competitors may exercise their horses in the areas provided. Horses may be schooled, exercised or lunged only by their nominated riders at the venue for Zone or State competitions. All persons must wear an approved Equestrian Helmet whilst lunging a horse/pony at any Pony Club fixture. An adult member of The Pony Club Association of NSW is permitted to lunge a horse for riders under 17 years of age at all Pony Club competitions, with the permission of the Senior Instructor, Zone Chief Instructor or Team Manager. Competitors may not ride on or near any part of the cross country or Showjumping course before competition. Riders disregarding this rule may incur disqualification from the event.

Section 3 clause 18

C44/19 18. CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Championship advisory Committees consist of five members elected from expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons with delegated authority to assist in the running of the respective championship with the power to co-opt. The Association President and the Chairperson of the Chief Instructors' Committee are ex officio. The Executive Director and/or Secretary and the State Coaching Director shall attend meetings when practicable. Term for these Committees is for three years or part thereof.

Section 8 Clause 8 Uniform

C47/19 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 under the shirt or the jumper. Back numbers must be worn on the outside.

Cross Country – the use of a Body Protector is mandatory at all levels for competition and training for Cross Country at all PCA NSW activities and events. A body protector manufactured after 2009 and labelled as complying with one of the following standards is mandatory effective 1st January 2020.

EN13158:2009 level 3

BETA 2009 Level 3
EN13158:2018 level 3
BETA 2018 Level 3

Medical Arm Bands are required at all times when competing at Cross County at any level.

C48/19 That PCA NSW ratified and adopts the State Member Protection Policy

C49/19 That PCA NSW accepts the reformation and affiliation of Moonan and District Pony Club

C50/19 That PCA NSW accepts the transfer and affiliation of Hay Pony Club from Victoria

RIDER PROFILE OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

Equestrian News Magazine are the new sponsors of the Pony Club NSW Rider Profile of the Month Competition for 2019. Entries for the competition will close on the 15th of each month. To enter, visit the Competitions page on the Pony Club NSW website and email your answers to marketing@pcansw.org.au to be in the running to win a prize pack from Equestrian News Magazine, GiddyupGirl and Equine Pure Delights and have your profile featured in the PCANSW State Newsletter & Equestrian News magazine!

SCONE EQUINE GROUP MONTHLY VET CHECK COMPETITION

Share your favourite Pony Club Moment each month and you could go into the draw to win an incredible prize from @sconeequingroup's SEG Online Store. We want to see your happiest, funniest, and shiniest moments around our Pony Club's each month. For details on how to enter this competition, head to <http://www.pcansw.org.au/media/competitions>

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2019 COMBINED STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2019 Jumping Equitation and Combined Training Championship – 8th-10 November 2019, Nana Glen

Zones are also asked to submit all nominations to host 2020 State Championships for the November meeting, dates are as follows:

Dates for 2020

- State Sporting, Campdraft, Team Penning championship bump in 17th April, Sporting 18th April, Campdraft 19th April, Team Penning 20th April.
- State Mounted Games and Team Sporting bump in 2nd October, Mounted Games 3-4th October, Team Sporting 5-6th October
- State One Day Event and Combined Training Championship bump in 7th October, One Day Event 8-9 October, Combined Training 10-11th October

SIGNATURES ON NOMINATIONS FORMS

Members are reminded that all forms must be signed in accordance with the Associations rules and that in the event that the Club Secretary is not available then approval should be sought from the Zone and/or State Office for another authorised person to sign on their behalf. Please note nominations should not be signed by a member's relative without permission (as above) as this may lead to a perception of a conflict of interest.

REMINDERS

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS (WWCC)

All clubs should now be compliant with the Working with Children Check regulations and registered as an 'employer/organisation' in order to verify their 'employees/volunteers'. A club's status must be reviewed every year and clubs need to complete a risk assessment on anyone 18 years and above to ensure that they are compliant with the Act, website for more details www.pcansw.org.au.

It is **illegal** to use a volunteer who has been deemed as needing a Working with Children Check that has not provided their Working with Children Check registration number and been verified unless they have been classified as exempt by their club/zone. Please ensure that records of all roles including their WWCC number of exemption status are held by the authorised persons within the club/zone as audits will be conducted.

It is also **illegal** to utilise a volunteer who has been banned under the Working with Children Check registration system, which is why it is so important for clubs to be registered as 'employers' and for clubs to verify members so that they can be contacted in the event that a volunteer has been banned.

Clubs must also remember that their Child Safety obligations do not end with Working with Children Checks, clubs need to be mindful of having Child Safe policies and practices, Play by the Rules have some terrific online courses and resources for clubs please see their website for full details - <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/>

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

There are very clear and defined regulations in regard to disputes within Pony Club (see the PCA NSW Handbook and Member Protection Policy). Clubs and Zones should appoint a Member Protection Information

Officer (MPIO) to help members with any queries and information in regard to rules, regulations and advice on how to deal with complaints. In all cases conflict should be handled at the lowest level within Pony Club as possible i.e. the channel of communication should be **Member → Club → Zone → State**, this is in accordance with the Australian Sports Commission guidelines.

Member Protection Policy (which the Association has adopted) conflicts or complaints may be dealt with informally or formally and all complaints should be dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively and confidentially.

All queries and or disputes should be referred in the first instance to the Club/Zone Secretary or President. Complaints should be handled in line with the Member Protection Policy and either referred to an outside mediator, contact Community Justice Centres <http://www.cjc.justice.nsw.gov.au/> or Voluntas <http://www.volunteering.com.au/voluntas/> for help and free mediation or if mediation is unsuitable a Disputes Tribunal Panel may be formed by contacting solicitors from the Australian & New Zealand Sports Law Association (ANZSLA) who list solicitors who are willing to participate on a panel usually pro bono, please see their website for details <http://anzsla.com/content/sports-tribunal-referral-list>

All policies in relation to Codes of Behaviour and our Member Protection Policy as well as a number of other policies can be found on our web site under the Policies tab then go to the general policies. PCA NSW follows the Australian Sports Commission and Communities of Sports and Recreation guidelines and the Association takes these matters seriously.

ASSOCIATIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All members are reminded that upon joining Pony Club Association NSW they accept the Associations, Constitution, By-laws, Code of Conduct, Membership Protection Policy and All other policies that the Association adopts from time to time. Any member who breaches any of the rules of Pony club including the Code of Conduct may face disciplinary action. Full details of these policies and procedures can be found on the Associations website under the policy tab.

Please remember that all Club, Zone and State Office Bearers are volunteers and should be treated with respect at all times. These volunteers take on positions in order to ensure that Pony

Club continues as an organisation for your children and while they are open to feedback, members should always be considerate and treat others as they would like to be treated.

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT (WHS)

As you would all be aware the Code of Practice 'Managing Risk When New and Inexperienced Riders or Handlers Interact with Horses In The Workplace' came into effect as at 1st February 2017. The impact on Pony Club should be minimal as we were already using the Guide which was in effect prior to 1st February. You can download the Code of Practice from either WorkSafe NSW or our website under the <http://www.pcansw.org.au/management/work-health-safety> tab.

You may also like to check out the Risk Management tab for further information or contact the office for risk assessment templates and information. Don't forget to submit your yearly Safety Checklist as well as completing induction forms and horse and riders' assessments for new horses, all these forms can be found on our website under the Risk Management tab.

All new members should be made aware of the Associations Rules (Blue Book), the Riding Handbook and other suitable reading materials such as Horse Safe – A Complete Guide to Equine Safety by Jane Myers available through <http://www.publish.csiro.au/pid/5130.htm>

As part of the Associations consultation process the State Office will continue to forward information to all members, Clubs and Zones, outlining Pony Club's responsibilities under the Work Health and Safety Act and if you have any queries, feedback or ideas that you would like to share please do not hesitate to contact the state office.

To help Clubs and Zones ensure their compliance under the changes to the Act Pony Club Association NSW is offering FREE Administration Workshops to Zones – please see your Zone to organise an Administration Workshop.

PONY CLUB RULES

The Associations Handbook and all other policies are all available on our website www.pcansw.org.au please make sure that all members are aware of where to find these documents.

PAID INSTRUCTORS AT PONY CLUB

Zones and Clubs are reminded that only those instructors listed on the Paid Instructor Panel list are permitted to be paid for giving instruction at Pony Club. A list of the current PIP can be obtained from the state office or be found on the web site www.pcansw.org.au under the coaching tab.

Please note the change to the procedure as per C62/18 That members of the Paid Instructors Panel be paid directly by the host zone or club. Clubs should still complete the booking form and

submit it as notification of the instruction to the office however they may pay those listed on the panel directly.

Please note that if clubs/zones use and pay for an instructor who is not on this list they will forfeit Pony Club insurance cover and may be held personally liable in the event of an accident or incident during this instruction.

NCAS SCHOOLS, SPECIALIST AND REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Zones are reminded that there is a \$550.00 refundable deposit fee for all schools. This fee is refunded once the school has been completed. Cancellations of schools and NCAS assessments will incur this fee unless postponed or cancelled within the required time frame i.e. the last working day four weeks before the school is booked for.

The **2019** fee of \$30.00 per rider applies to all Regional Schools and a \$20.00 fee for PCA NSW members and \$50.00 fee for all non PCA NSW members for Specialist Schools with a minimum of 18 attendees.

This fee is due when booking the school and should be sent as a separate cheque to the refundable deposit. Schools can only be booked through ZCI's and forms can be obtained by contacting Jane Frankum on 02 4229 8977 (Tuesday's only) or emailing coach@pcansw.org.au.

Zones are reminded that a roll of participants should be forwarded to the State Office directly after the completion of each school.

NEWSLETTER

Pony Club NSW distributes four newsletters (March, June, September and December) via an online publication that is emailed out to our subscribers. If you haven't subscribed already, visit our website, select 'Subscribe' under the Media/Newsletter tab. If you have a news story or event summary you would like to submit to the newsletter, please email it through to marketing@pcansw.org.au with a number of high resolution photos for the chance to be featured.

2019/20 PARTNERSHIP & ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Pony Club NSW seeks to nurture existing partnerships and form new and exciting relationships. Our 2019/20 Partnership & Advertising Opportunities are now available. Please visit our website under the Media/Partnership tab for more information.

OPEN DAY INITIATIVES

Clubs and Zones wishing to hold an Open Day Initiative in 2019 are requested to notify the Marketing Coordinator Rachel Ratini by email marketing@pcansw.org.au. Please visit our website under the Management/Grants & Marketing tab for more information.

PONY CLUB NSW YEARBOOK

The Pony Club Association of NSW has produced a high-quality photographic yearbook of the highlights for 2018. The book features all of the major state events starting with the 2018 State Camp. Included are the reports, results and photographs from our State Championships and the Pony Club Australia National Championships. The Yearbooks can be purchased for \$50 by filling in the order form available from our website under the Club & Zone Management/Merchandise tab and returning with payment to the office. Books will be ordered in one bulk order, please allow up to 21 days for delivery.

The Yearbook is a 60-page, hard cover, colour book, 33.5cm wide and 27cm high. Past Year Books are also for sale just specify the year.

WEBSITE

Our new look Pony Club Association of NSW website was launched in November 2014. The website is the best place to go to find all relevant information on Club Management, Coaching and Events and all of the Latest Pony Club news.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay up to date with news from PCANSW through our various social media platforms- Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. If you have a story to share regarding your club or Zone, please “tag” us or share them to our page.

ONLINE STORE

Have you seen our new Online Store? Purchase all your Pony Club merchandise and apparel here through a safe and secure online payment system.