

**MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED**

Date: 25th July 2021

VENUE: Via Zoom for discussion; SurveyMonkey for voting

1. OPENING AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Chairman	Mr Gary Hamer (Zone 3)	Zone 15	Apology
Zone 2	Mrs Antonia Brown	Zone 16	Mrs Shauna Haipola, Mrs Louise Steinman
Zone 3	Mrs Sarah Eyb	Zone 17	Apology
Zone 4	Mrs Belinda Tink, Mrs Fiona Pennell	Zone 18	Mrs Sarah Woodhouse
Zone 5	Mr Guy Thomas	Zone 19	Mrs Leanne Bell, Mr Brian Murray
Zone 6	Apology	Zone 20	Ms Rachel Hodges, Mrs Kerry Keatings
Zone 7	Mrs Clare Martin	Zone 21	Mrs Sandra McDougall
Zone 8	Mrs Julie Morgan	Zone 22	Apology
Zone 9	Mrs Kriss Wood, Mrs Felicity O'Neil	Zone 23	Mrs Lorraine Carter
Zone 10	Mr Lance Syme, Mrs Vanessa Walker	Zone 24	Mrs Margrete Erling, Mrs Renee Delicata
Zone 11	Mrs Tanya Foster	Zone 25	Mrs Rachel Hum
Zone 12	Mrs Barb Wiscombe	Zone 26	Mr Bob Gribben, Mr Wayne Pernice
Zone 13	Ms Belinda Williamson, Mr Guy Croft	Zone 27	Mr Grant Coe, Mrs Loesje McCrae
Zone 14	Apology	Zone 28	Mrs Paula Durant

Visitors: Mrs Rachel Ratini (Acting Executive Officer)

APOLOGIES: Mrs Margret Pestell OAM, Mrs Amanda Wunderlich, Mr Phil Logue, Mrs Anna Davis, Mrs Michelle Nickson, Mrs Michelle Marsden & Mrs Elaine Caswell.

Mr G Hamer welcomed all attendees to the meeting. The 2021 National Teams were announced as follows:

Dressage

<i>Sub Junior</i>				
2	Canowindra	Emily	Van Der Struik	Coolidowns Dove
5	Gunnedah	Jessica	Swain	Karanga Dallas
23	Dural	Sienna	Stanton	Kaltara Graffiti
23	Dural	Charlize	Mackie	Meersbrooke Iced Liqueur
25	Mount Sugarloaf	Liam	Mackenzie-Smith	Barrelyn Warlord
26	Glenorie	Aurora	Cape	BSP Theodore Maple
<i>Combined Junior and Associate</i>				
2	Canowindra	Rianna	Reeves	Grenwood Lulu
2	Cootamundra	Jack	Clancy	Lyall's Merlin
2	Cootamundra	Philipa	Crawford	Stately
2	Harden	Alyssa	Brown	Kiora
3	Cudal	Darcey	Eyb	Sir Versace
10	Robertson	Talicia	Beardsmore	Rapsons Onassis
10	Loopline	Alana	Richards	Revelwood Noble Knight
16	Yass	Lucy	O'Sullivan	Sandford Park Blue Steel
18	Nimmitabel	Shelley	Kleven	Fioletta II
19	Londonderry	Sharne	Haskins	Rocksbury Oliver Twist
19	Londonderry	Georgie	Attard	Yulara Just Joy
28	Berry	Sari	Boardman	Boronia Applause

Showjumping

<i>Sub Juniors</i>				
5	Quirindi	Robin	Henry	Aratahnes Graphic
5	Kootingal	Miriam	U'Ren	Diamondedge Radar
8	North Star	Sam	Doolin	Miss Shutterbug
10	The Oaks	Charli	Stevens	Danehill Unlimited Lou
19	Kurrajong	Kye	Williams	Vegas Hot Rod
23	Dural	Charlize	Mackie	Meersbrooke Iced Liqueur
<i>Juniors</i>				
2	Canowindra	Victoria	Wythes	Harvest Liason
9	Coffs Harbour	Amy	Matthews	Belcam Cooperino
16	Murrumbateman	Holly	Pulford	Master Spook
17	Cobar	Zach	Boland	Gypssy
20	Wirringa	Ella	Scammell	Kialla Park Tamar
23	Dural	Charlotte	Wilson	Beestinger
<i>Associates</i>				
7	Denman	Miranda	McGrath	Emugully Digger James
13	Armidale	William	Wood	Dusky Farm Comtess
16	Canberra Lakes	Joy	Collins	Old Red
19	Kurrajong	Hannah	Turner	Locomotive Breath
23	Forest Hills	Kelly	Bridgland	Showtym Burrow
26	The Vines	Serina	Ridge	Lion Justice

Eventing

<i>Sub Junior</i>				
9	Coffs Harbour	Tehani	Badke	Raleigh Fine Touch
19	Kurrajong	Bree	Baker	Alkira Fromage
25	Mount Sugarloaf	Liam	Mackenzie-Smith	Barrelyn Warlord
<i>Juniors</i>				
5	Tamworth	Matthew	Kerridge	MJK Red Baron
10	Berrima Districts	Megan	Syme	Xaarena
16	Yass	Lucy	O'Sullivan	Sandford Park Blue Steel
18	Jindabyne	Annabelle	Stott Despoja	Moonbah Ridge Truffles
19	Londonderry	Tara	Seppelt	Rosthwaite Venice Beach
23	Dural	Charlotte	Wilson	Beestinger
<i>Associates</i>				
7	Singleton	Gabrielle	Johnston	Arma Son
19	Kurrajong	Hannah	Turner	Locomotive Breath
24	Watagan	Camille	Roberts	Hijinx

Tetrathlon

<i>Sub Junior Girls</i>				
5	Kootingal	Miriam	U'Ren	Diamondedge Radar
7	Denman	Zara	Nugent	Cookie Monster
9	Bellinger River	Indigo	Harris	Handy Royal Gold
25	Gloucester	Charlotte	Marchant	Spearo
<i>Sub Junior Boys</i>				
8	North Star	Sam	Doolin	Miss Shutterbug

<i>Junior Girls</i>				
3	Cudal	Darcey	Eyb	Sir Versace
7	Merriwa	Darcy	Taaffe	Fino's Ringer
15	Grafton	Lilly	Munce	Hulbert George
16	Geary's Gap	Lara	Dawson	KW Lucky Layla
<i>Junior Boys</i>				
8	North Star	Jack	Doolin	Jetsen
16	Canberra Riding Club	Thomas	Ryan	Heza Mighty Fox
18	Cooma	Alex	Gould	Lynnie
<i>Associate Girls</i>				
5	Kootingal	Anastasia	Haling	Smoke of Luck
7	Merriwa	Nicole	Martin	The Echo Paris
23	Dural	Georgia	Henley	Recruit

Mounted Games

<i>Junior</i>			
6	Rystone	Bree	Mackenzie
14	Moruya	Madeline	Nickson
16	Murrumbateman	Tom	McLachlan
22	Woonona	Cooper	McCabe
22	Woonona	Taleha	Urszulak
<i>Senior (5 riders with two reserves, TBA)</i>			
16	Canberra Riding	Thomas	Ryan
22	Woonona	Ella-Lin	MacMillan
22	Woonona	Breanna	Geloven
22	Woonona	Julia	Devitt
22	Woonona	Jorja	Dallacosta
22	Woonona	Abbey	James
26	Vines	Bec	Sandford

Quiz

<i>Sub Juniors</i>			
2	Canowindra	Emily	Van Der Struik
5	Quirindi	Robin	Henry
23	Dural	Charlize	Mackie
26	Glenorie	Aurora	Cape
<i>Juniors</i>			
3	Cudal	Darcey	Eyb
15	Grafton	Lilly	Munce
16	Yass	Olivia	Harker
23	Dural	Rubie	Fitzpatrick
<i>Associates</i>			
2	Harden	Alyssa	Brown
19	Londonderry	Sharne	Haskins
23	Forest Hills	Kelly	Bridgland
26	Woodlands Park	Emily	Lambert

The 2021 Volunteer of the Year Recipients were announced as follows:

Junior Service		
Zone	Name	Club
12	Rainer White	Coolamon
13	Bridie Williamson	Glen Innes
13	Kaitlyn Bennett	Glen Innes
23	Douglas Gosling	Dural
23	Bianca Baxter	Arcadia
25	Makaylah Fenwick	Mt Sugarloaf
28	Alyson Kettlewell	Shoalhaven

Volunteer of the Year		
Zone	Name	Club
3	Karen Webster	Carcoar
3	Carolyn Stansfield	Carcoar
8	Julie Morgan	Gurley
11	Anna Davis	West Wyalong
13	Hannah Coddington	Armidale
18	Sarah Woodhouse	Cooma
23	Shane Baxter	Arcadia
23	Amanda Wunderlich	Dural
25	Samantha Mignanelli	Mt Sugarloaf
25	Juliet Hill	Dungog
25	Simone Smith	Wollombi Valley
27	Kathy Staples	Goulburn
27	Loesje McRae	Marulan

Keith Lowe Award		
Zone	Name	Club
4	Alexandra Hamblin	Warren
13	Siddella Donnelly	Glen Innes
19	Sharne Haskins	Londonderry
23	Genevieve Boyd	Dural
25	Mia Galbraith	Mt Sugarloaf
26	Emily Lambert	Woodlands Park

Club of the Year – Londonderry Pony Club

2. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** Mr G Hamer asked if anyone had any conflict of interest regarding items listed on the agenda to declare prior to the meeting – Mrs Margrete Erling declared her conflict of interest regarding the Zone 24 Cross Country Course Grant.
3. **MINUTES** of Council Meeting held Sunday 28th March 2021.

applicable.

Stable/Yard and Camping fees are refundable where scratching's are notified no later than 14 days prior to the event to the State Office. Entry Fees will only be refunded upon production of a doctor's or veterinarian certificate.

Entry, Administration, Stable/Yard and Camping fees for State Championships are to be submitted at the time of entry for each competitor to the State Office with the Zone cheque to be made out to Pony Club Association NSW.

- e) All entries to be typed or printed for clarity and include name and age of competitor (on the first day of competition), name, age and description of nominated horse indicating brands (if any) and markings and name of Club and Zone (incomplete entries will not be accepted.)

Amended to: - Section 4 – State, Interstate and National Events – Clause 1 Conditions of Entry

1. **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

All entries for Championships are to be completed online, rider's eligibility will be checked by the State Office will be checked prior to final acceptance.

Entry Fees will be determined by the breakeven amount for an event and incorporate current entry fee and administration fees. Fees for first aid, yards, camping and disciplines specific items i.e., cattle fee or cross country fee to be shown separately.

Stable/Yard and Camping fees are refundable where scratching's are notified no later than 14 days prior to the event to the State Office. Entry Fees will only be refunded upon production of a doctor's or veterinarian certificate.

Entry, Administration, Stable/Yard and Camping fees for State Championships are to be submitted at the time of entry.

Rationale: to update Section 4 of the Handbook to current online practice.

Amended from the floor to read:

1. **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

Section 4 – State, Interstate and National Events – Clause 1 Conditions of Entry

All entries for Championships are to be completed online, rider's eligibility will be checked by the State Office ~~will be checked prior to final acceptance.~~ **with the Zone Chief Instructor and Zone Secretary. Once riders eligibility has been confirmed by the riders Zone, riders will be accepted for the championship and can be informed of that by the zone.**

Entry Fees will be determined by the breakeven amount for an event and incorporate current entry fee and administration fees. Fees for first aid, yards, camping and disciplines specific items i.e., cattle fee or cross country fee to be shown separately.

7. APPLICATIONS to host State Championships.

- Zone 13 – State Showriding Championships 3rd & 4th December 2022 – held over until November due to discrepancy in calendar dates.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 1 - Zone 5

C35/21 That riders are permitted to wear correctly fitted Roper or Dogger type boots with riding trousers, whenever riding trousers are permitted.

For - 22

Against - 0

(carried)

Section 7

Current Rule

Section 7, Clause 9 Uniform

Riders are permitted to wear correctly fitted Roper or Dogger type boots with riding trousers, whenever riding trousers are permitted.

Amend To:

Section 7, Clause 9 Uniform.

That riders are permitted to wear correctly fitted roper or dogger type boots (including those with a chiseled/square toe) at all levels and disciplines, whenever riding trousers are permitted. All visible parts of these boots to be brown or black. The widest part of the boot must have the required clearance in the stirrup as per Pony Club rules.

Rationale:

- *This small change in the wording will provide a more equitable and affordable environment which will result in higher participation and inclusivity at all levels of competition whenever riding trousers are permitted.*
- *Justification for this is that many riders already have chiseled/square toed boots and are reluctant or unable to afford to purchase several pairs of boots.*
- *It has also been pointed out that many riders are not riding in Pony Club events as they cannot wear chiseled /square toed boots. We believe that if this will encourage more riders at Pony Club events without compromising safety then chiseled /square toed boots should be allowed as per our motion.*
- *We have had a lot of feedback regarding this from community members, members and non-current members who have all stressed that this is one big issue keeping them from riding at Pony Club events.*
- *Children participating at Pony Club should not be discriminated against because they have chiselled/squared toed boots.*

Supporting documentation – see attached photos.

9. In the event of any flag being dropped or knocked down, the competitor must immediately dismount, pick up the flag, and continue in the correct sequence.
10. A competitor is considered to have crossed the “demarcation line” if one or more of the horse’s feet are placed on or over the line.
11. A steward is required on each “demarcation line” to indicate disqualifications or infringements.
12. a). At State Championships no horse may be held or accompanied to the starting line or outside assistance given. Penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.
b). All Clubs and Zones will be deemed to have adopted the above Rule 13(a) for the respective Club or Zone fixtures unless a Club or Zone at a properly convened Club or Zone Committee Meeting resolves to permit mounts of children under 13 or such lesser age the Club or Zone elects, to be held at or accompanied to the starting line and that in the event of a child under 13 or such lesser age as the Club or Zone Committee elects, dismounting to pick up a Flag or Cask, such child may be assisted to catch his or her mount and remount.
13. The start is to be left to the judge’s discretion, but he need not wait any longer than 30 seconds for any horse.
14. There shall be a standing start, but a moving start may be allowed at the judge’s discretion.
15. It is the option of the organizers to conduct the events as follows: a) In heats, semi-finals and finals, or b) Against the clock, or c) By taking the required number of fastest times to fill the placings, to be run off as the final, in a first past the post contest. d) At State Sporting Championships Electronic Timing must be used on ~~Barrel, Bondfield Bounce, Diamond Flag and Ben Bar Aft Events~~ all events and are to be used where possible with back up handheld timers for Flag and Bending Races.
16. If the event is run off in heats: only horses placed first in heats may run off in semi-finals and/or finals. If there are insufficient first place getters in heats to fill all final placings, then horses placed second in heats run off against each other for any unfilled minor placings.
17. In heats or semi-finals, disqualified horses will take no further part in the event and should retire from the course without causing interference to other competitors.
18. Hitting the horse with the flag incurs disqualification.
19. Schooling on the course is not permitted.
20. No receptacle or standard may be driven into the ground.
21. Any recall for infringement or false start shall be by whistle or bell.
22. A broken ~~peg~~ **pole** is classified as a knock down.
23. The winner and place getters are declared when the riders have passed the finishing line, mounted on their horses and with all the flags in the “cask”, and have completed the course in accordance with these rules.
24. In the event of all competitors in the final being disqualified for infringement of the rules, the final must be re-run to determine a winner.
25. If on the re-run all the competitors are disqualified for infringement of the rules, the placings will be determined by the times taken in the qualifying round and only if competitors remain equal, a re-run of horses concerned is conducted.
26. If some of the finalists are eliminated in the final or it’s re-run (if any) leaving insufficient competitors to fill all the placings, the remaining minor placings will be determined by the times taken in the qualifying round.

BENDING RACE

1. There will be five ~~pegs~~ **poles**.
2. The distance between the start line and the first ~~peg~~ **pole** will be 8 metres and between ~~pegs~~ **poles** 6 metres.
3. Spacing between lines of ~~pegs~~ **poles** will be 12 metres and there is no limit to the number of lines of ~~pegs~~ **poles** used.

4. **Pegs Poles** shall be between 1.35 and 1.5 metres high. At State Championships the base shall be a cement block the size of a 4-litre square ice cream container with a 25mm inside diameter UV in the centre. The base of the block to be concave. The pole shall be of UV colour grey 20mm outside diameter.
5. Competitors must leave the first **peg pole** on their right.
6. Each competitor must keep to his/her own line of **pegs poles**. Crossing over a demarcation line, placed 6 metres out from each line of **pegs poles**, will incur disqualification. A steward is required on each "demarcation line" to indicate disqualifications or infringements.
7. The competitor is deemed to have crossed the demarcation line if one or more of the horse's feet is placed on or over this line.
8. Knocking down of any **pegs poles** will mean disqualification.
9.
 - a. At State Championships no horse may be held or accompanied to the starting line or outside assistance given. Penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.
 - b. All Clubs and Zones will be deemed to have adopted the above Rule 9(a) for the respective Club or Zone fixtures unless a Club or Zone at a properly convened Club or Zone Committee Meeting resolves to permit mounts of children under 13 or such lesser age the Club or Zone elects, to be held at or accompanied to the start of a Bending Race.
10. The start is to be left to the judge's discretion, but he need not wait any longer than 30 seconds for any horse.
11. A moving start may be allowed at the judge's discretion.
12. It is the option of the organizers to conduct the event as follows: a) In heats, semi-finals and finals, or b) Against the clock, or c) By taking the required number of fastest times to fill the placings, to be run off as the final, in a first past the post contest.
13. **Pegs Poles** should not be touched by the contestants' hands and if in the opinion of the judge a **peg pole** is deliberately prevented from falling by the use of the hand, such action can mean disqualification.
14. If the event is run off in heats: only horses placed first in heats may run off in semi-finals and/or finals. If there are insufficient first place getters in heats, to fill all final placings, then horses placed second in heats run off against each other for any unfilled minor placings.
15. In heats or semi-finals, disqualified horses will take no further part in the event and should retire from the course.
16. Schooling on the course is not permitted.
17. No peg pole or standard may be driven into the ground.
18. If at the judge's discretion, a false start is declared, riders will be recalled by whistle or bell.
19. A **peg pole** or **pegs poles** broken in a bending race will be deemed a knocked down **peg pole**.
20. The winner and place getters are declared when the riders have passed the finishing line, mounted on their horses and with all **pegs poles** in his/her line standing and the course has been completed in accordance with these rules.
21. In the event of all competitors in the final being disqualified for infringement of rules, the final must be re-run to determine a winner.
22. If some of the finalists are eliminated in the final heat, leaving insufficient competitors to fill all the placings, the remaining minor placings will be determined by their times taken in the qualifying round and only if competitors remain equal, a re-run of horses concerned is conducted.

RIDER IN ACTION

Note: These rules are for guidance only. Organizers are encouraged to use imagination in designing Rider in Action courses. The following is an example with proven rules.

1. It is the option of the organizers to conduct this event as follows: a. In heats, semi-finals and finals, or b. Against the clock, or c. By taking the required number of fastest times to fill the

- placings, to be run off as the final, in a first past the post contest.
2. If the event is run off in heats: only horses placed first in heats may run off in semi-finals and/or finals. If there are insufficient first place getters in heats to fill all final placings, then horses placed second in heats run off against each other for any unfilled minor placings.
 3. In the event of all competitors in the final being disqualified for infringement of rules, the final must be re-run to determine a winner.
 4. If some of the finalists are eliminated in the final heat, leaving insufficient competitors to fill all the placings, the remaining minor placings will be determined by their times in the qualifying round.
 5. A draw for lanes may take place.
 6. The START: will take place midway between bending course and first line of hay.
 7. BENDING RACE: 3 **peg poles** each 6m apart. The competitor is to leave the first **peg pole** on his/her right and the knocking down of a **peg pole** incurs disqualification.
 8. HURDLE: Proceed over hurdle (built of baled hay) to figure of eight.
 9. FIGURE OF EIGHT: Must be taken first **peg pole** on the right and ridden one and a half times (refer diagram).
 10. GATES: Proceed to gates, which must be parallel to line of course. Rider to approach gate on his right with hinge closest to him, open gate, passes through same and closes gate. Wing at least 6m wide to be attached to each side of gate.
 11. IN AND OUT JUMP: Proceed over In and Out Jump (Use solid rails to build jump).
 12. FLAG RACE: 3 flags 6m apart. The furthest flag to be taken first and to be continued in sequence. Flags to be placed in bag attached to flag **peg pole**. As in flag race rules, an infringement is to be immediately rectified. Failure to do this will incur disqualification. Bending and flag race standards must not be driven into the ground.
 13. FINISH: Proceed to tyres (1 tyre per lane), dismount, both reins must be removed from over horse's head and be in a joined position and held across the palm of the hand. A tyre must be in contact with the ground before passing the second line and must be bowled to finishing line and not carried at any time. A line is marked 1 m after the line of tyres. The tyre must be in contact with the ground before the competitor passes this line. The finishing line is marked 25m from this last line (1 m from tyres). Finishing **peg poles** are placed midway between lanes. The lines of flag **peg poles** on the finish line.
 15. Placings are determined as the rider's body, leading the horse, crosses the finishing line. Rider is preceded by the tyre over finishing line. The knocking of a jump does not incur disqualification.
 16. Disqualification will be incurred: a. if when leading the horse, the rider fails to hold both reins across the palm of the hand. b. if a martingale is left engaged (with reins through rings) when the horse is being led.

FIGURE OF EIGHT

The rules for this event are the same as for the bending race, except that the 2 furthest **peg poles** are to be taken away and the contestant completes one "Figure of Eight". This event may be run in heats or against the clock.

(Alternative) The course should be set as in the diagram: A, B and C being **peg poles** and flags 5.4m apart with 8.2m to drum D; 8.2m to **peg pole** E; 8.2m to **peg pole** F; 8.2m to small jump or cavaletti G; 10.8m to H (**peg pole** or tyre and bag); 8.2m to I; 16.4m to J, the finish line. Competitors start mounted at D (with D on the right side or offside) and flag race A, B and C then bend A, B and C leaving D and E on the right figure of eight, E and F; leaving E on the right-hand and left-hand turn at F then leave F on the right; jump G; at H dismount and pick up bag with reins over the horse's head in normal leading position. Lead horse to I position place the bag in the tyre, place the reins over the horse's head and mount behind the tyre (the rider must be sitting in the saddle before

continuing past the tyre) and continue over the finish line, both feet must be in the stirrups before crossing the finish line.

Disqualification rules and disqualifications applying to flag, bending and figure of eight races will be applied to the particular sections. Knocking over the ~~peg~~-poles or cavaletti incurs disqualification but knocking over a drum so long as it is replaced does not incur elimination.

This event may be run under either of the following conditions: however, the conditions to be used must be set out in the program. In relay teams of three:

- Number 1 rider starts at D.
- Number 2 and 3 waits dismounted at J.
- Number 1 when he picks up the bag at H, leads to J, and gives the bag to Number 2 rider.
- Number 2 rider leads to H, drops bag, mounts, and rides to D, commences the course and Number 3 rider repeats Number 2, but puts the bag into tyre at I, mounts, and rides to finish at J.

The three riders wait at D, at go, the first rider starts and completes the flag course; the second rider then completes the bending course, and the third rider then completes the rest of the rider in action course.

BONFIELD BOUNCE BEND RULES:

1. First 2 refusals — time faults only. Third refusal — elimination.
2. Error of course — elimination.
3. ~~Pegs~~ Poles knocked down or broken — elimination.
4. Holding a ~~peg~~ pole with a hand — elimination. This event was designed to assist children learning to jump by teaching them to push their horse on, check for control and change direction after each jump. It should be noted: (1) There is no penalty for knocking a ~~peg~~ pole out of alignment (2) There is no penalty for knocking the drums or hay bales out of alignment.

BEN-BAR-AFT RACE

Course: 4 bending poles spaced at a maximum of 8.2m between each. Beyond the poles is a barrel and parallel to them are two diamond flag stands (i.e., a bucket filled with sand with a pennant type flag, standing on top of a 200-litre drum).

The standard for the Diamond Flag and the Bend Bar R Flag be 5mm rondo suspension wire (plaster company supplies part number 121), approximately 250mm long with identifying ribbon or flag.

The rider bends the poles (refer to diagram) turns right around the barrel, takes the flag from the first bucket, and exchanges it for the flag in the second bucket (the flag must be left standing in the sand) and carries the flag across the finishing line.

This is a timed event. Competitors are eliminated who: (1) Knock over a ~~peg~~-pole, the barrel, or a bucket. (2) Drop a flag. Any deviation from the course i.e., step back or circling of the drum one or more times is penalized only by the time taken and will not incur elimination.

NOTE:

At State Championships the following dimensions will apply: · 8m between start and first ~~peg~~. Pole
6m between ~~peg~~ pole · 8m between last ~~peg~~ pole and drum

DIAMOND FLAG RACE

Course may be a left or right handed course. There will be 3 flags each of a different colour. The standard for the Diamond Flag and the Bend Bar R Flag be 5mm rondo suspension wire (plaster

company supplies part number 121), approximately 250mm long with identifying ribbon or flag.

Buckets on stands will be arranged as laid out in plan. 1 flag will be placed in each bucket, the rider may have a flying start carrying the third flag. He rides to the first bucket where he changes flags, then around the end ~~peg~~ **pole** to the second bucket and once again changes flags.

With his new flag in his hand, he returns across the starting line. Failure to follow the course shown in the diagram will incur elimination. A knocked down bucket or barrel or end ~~peg~~ **pole** or dropped flag incurs disqualification.

Flags must be placed in the sand in the bucket with the material end uppermost. Distances will be governed by the space available on the day. This is a timed event. Any deviation from course i.e., step back or circling of the arena one or more times is penalized by the time taken and will not incur elimination.

NOTE: At State Championships the following dimensions will apply:

- 6m wide starting gate.
- 30m between start and end ~~peg~~ **pole**
- 15m across centre between two middle drums.

THREE MUG RACE — INDIVIDUAL

1. There will be a line of four ~~pegs~~ **poles**.
2. The distance between ~~pegs~~ **poles** will be 6 metres and the distance between the start line and the first ~~peg~~ **pole** 8 metres.
3. Spacing between the lines of ~~pegs~~ **poles** will be 12 metres.
4. There will be a demarcation line 6 metres out from the line of ~~pegs~~ **poles** and a steward will supervise each demarcation line.
5. Crossing the demarcation line will incur disqualification. The competitor is deemed to have crossed the demarcation line if one or more of the horse's hooves are placed on or over the line.
6. ~~Pegs~~ **Poles** shall be between 1.35 and 1.5 metres high. At the State Championships, the base will be a cement block the size of **square** 4 litre ice cream container with a 25mm inside diameter UV in the centre. The base of the block is to be concrete. The pole will be of UV colour grey 20mm outside diameter.
7. Mugs will be placed on the three ~~pegs~~ **poles** nearest to the starting line, i.e. ~~pegs~~ **poles** 1, 2 and 3. At State Championships mugs must be enamel.
8. On the signal to start, the competitor will take the mug from ~~peg~~ **pole** number 3 and place it on ~~peg~~ **pole** number 4, then take the mug from ~~peg~~ **pole** number 2 and place it on ~~peg~~ **pole** number 3, and finally the mug from ~~peg~~ **pole** number 1 and place it on ~~peg~~ **pole** number 2 and proceed to cross the finish line.
9. If a rider knocks down a ~~peg~~ **pole** or drops a mug, he/she must immediately correct the error before continuing the race. ~~Riders must be mounted when replacing mugs.~~
 - a. At State Championships no horse may be held or accompanied to the starting line or outside assistance given. Penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.
 - b. All Clubs and Zones will be deemed to have adopted the above Rule 10(a) for the respective Club or Zone fixtures unless a Club or Zone at a properly convened Club or Zone Committee Meeting resolves to permit mounts of children under 13 or such lesser age the Club or Zone elects to be held at or accompanied to the start of the race, and that in the event of a child under 13 or such lesser age as the Club or Zone Committee elects, dismounting to pick up a Mug or Pole, such a child may be assisted to catch his or her mount and remount.

10. Schooling on the course is not permitted.
11. If at the judge's discretion a false start is declared, competitors will be recalled by whistle or bell.
12. At State Championships all competitors will complete one timed run with the five fastest contesting the final. The first past the finish line will be the winner.
13. The winner and placegetters are declared when the riders have passed the finish line, mounted on their horses, with all ~~pegs~~ **poles** and mugs in place and their course has been completed in accordance with the rules.
14. In the event of all competitors in the final being disqualified for infringement of rules, the final will be re-run to determine the winner.
15. If all competitors in the re-run of a final are disqualified for infringement of rules, there will not be a further re-run. Competitors will be placed according to their qualifying times for the final.
16. If some of the finalists are eliminated for infringement of rules in the final, the eliminated competitors will be placed according to their qualifying times for the final.
17. **Rationale:** We now have a race **THREE MUG RACE** with a rule that varies, it's possible to be in two Championships on the one weekend and have a different rule for each Championship for the same event. It's long overdue to be brought into line so it's the same no matter where it is used.

STOCK HORSE RACE

1. There will be a set course.
2. From starting line to first ~~peg~~ **pole** a distance of 14.5m.
3. Distance between first and second ~~pegs~~ **poles** 10.8m.
4. Distance down field to third ~~peg~~ **pole** 30m (overall from starting line).
5. From starting line take a right-hand turn at first ~~peg~~ **pole**.
6. Left-hand turn at second ~~peg~~ **pole**.
7. Then down field taking a right-hand turn at third ~~peg~~ **pole**.
8. Then back between first and second ~~peg~~ **pole** across starting line.
9. Each horse is timed, which eliminates the running of heats.
10. The horse with the fastest time and all ~~pegs~~ **poles** standing and the course completed correctly is the winner.
11. The distances may be varied according to space available.
12. It may be a flying start. Maximum 6m.
13. A ~~peg~~ **pole** or drum knocked over or taken in the wrong direction incurs elimination.

PONY TWIST

1. Course as shown on diagram. The start/finish line and positions of the hurdles, ~~pegs~~ **poles** and barrel are to be marked permanently for the entire fixture.
2. Distances to be as follows: (i) Distance between jumps can vary depending on area available (ii) Bending poles to be 5-6 m out from jumps.
3. Height of jumps to be determined by age, grade, or ability: Jumps to be cavaletti, bloks or normal jumps with loose ~~pole~~ **rail** in cup.
4. This is a timed event. Horses are to be timed on the nose crossing the starting and finishing lines. A flying start is permitted.
5. Each horse to have only one start in the event.
6. Five second penalty will be added for: (i) each ~~peg~~ **pole** knocked down (ii) each jump knocked down (iii) end barrel knocked down (iv) each ~~peg~~ **pole** or barrel touched by hand.
7. Elimination to result from: (i) excessive hitting of the horse with spurs, whip, or any object whatsoever (ii) error of course not rectified.

CLOVER LEAF OR SHAMROCK RACE

1. Course as shown on diagram.

2. Distances as shown on diagram.
3. Elimination to result from: (i) error of course not rectified (ii) knocked down or broken ~~peg~~ **pole**

RUNNING TEE

1. Course as shown on diagram.
2. Distances as shown on diagram.
3. This is a timed event.
4. Elimination to result from: (i) error of course not rectified (ii) knocked down or broken ~~peg~~ **pole**- (iii) touching a ~~peg~~ **pole** with the hand

SPORTING FIGURE OF EIGHT

Starting at the middle ride 11 metres to a ~~peg~~ **pole** and turn around it with the ~~peg~~ **pole** on your right-hand side, then riding back through the start ~~pegs~~ **poles** continue on to another ~~peg~~ **pole** 11 metres on the opposite end, turn around this ~~peg~~ **pole** with the ~~peg~~ **pole** on your left-hand side.

1. Course as shown on diagram.
2. Distances as shown on diagram. A semi-circle line to define boundary between ~~pegs~~ **poles** marked A and B.
3. Start in either direction. Flying start from 6 metre line.
4. First turn MUST be right around ~~peg~~ **pole** (either A or B), back through starting ~~pegs~~ **poles**, second turn MUST be left around remaining ~~peg~~ **pole**, back through finishing ~~pegs~~ **poles**–.
5. This is a timed event.
6. Elimination to result from: (i) knocked down or broken ~~peg~~ **pole** (ii) not turning the first ~~peg~~ **pole** to the right (iii) touching a ~~peg~~ **pole** with the hand (iv) hoof on or over 6 metre demarcation line marked around ~~pegs~~ **poles** A and B

WESTERN POLE BEND

5 bending poles are used. Ride through the start poles straight to pole number 5, rounding this on your right-hand side and proceed to bend back through the poles towards the start, rounding pole number 1 on your right-hand side. Bend back through the poles to pole number 5, round pole number 5 on your right-hand side and ride straight back through the finish poles.

1. Course as shown on diagram.
2. Distances as shown on diagram.
3. This event can either be a timed event or run in heats.
4. Competitors are eliminated who: (i) knock over a ~~peg~~ **pole** (ii) deviate from the prescribed course (iii) touch a ~~peg~~ **pole** with hand (iv) if run in heats, treads on or over the demarcation line

HERRINGBONE JUMPING EVENT

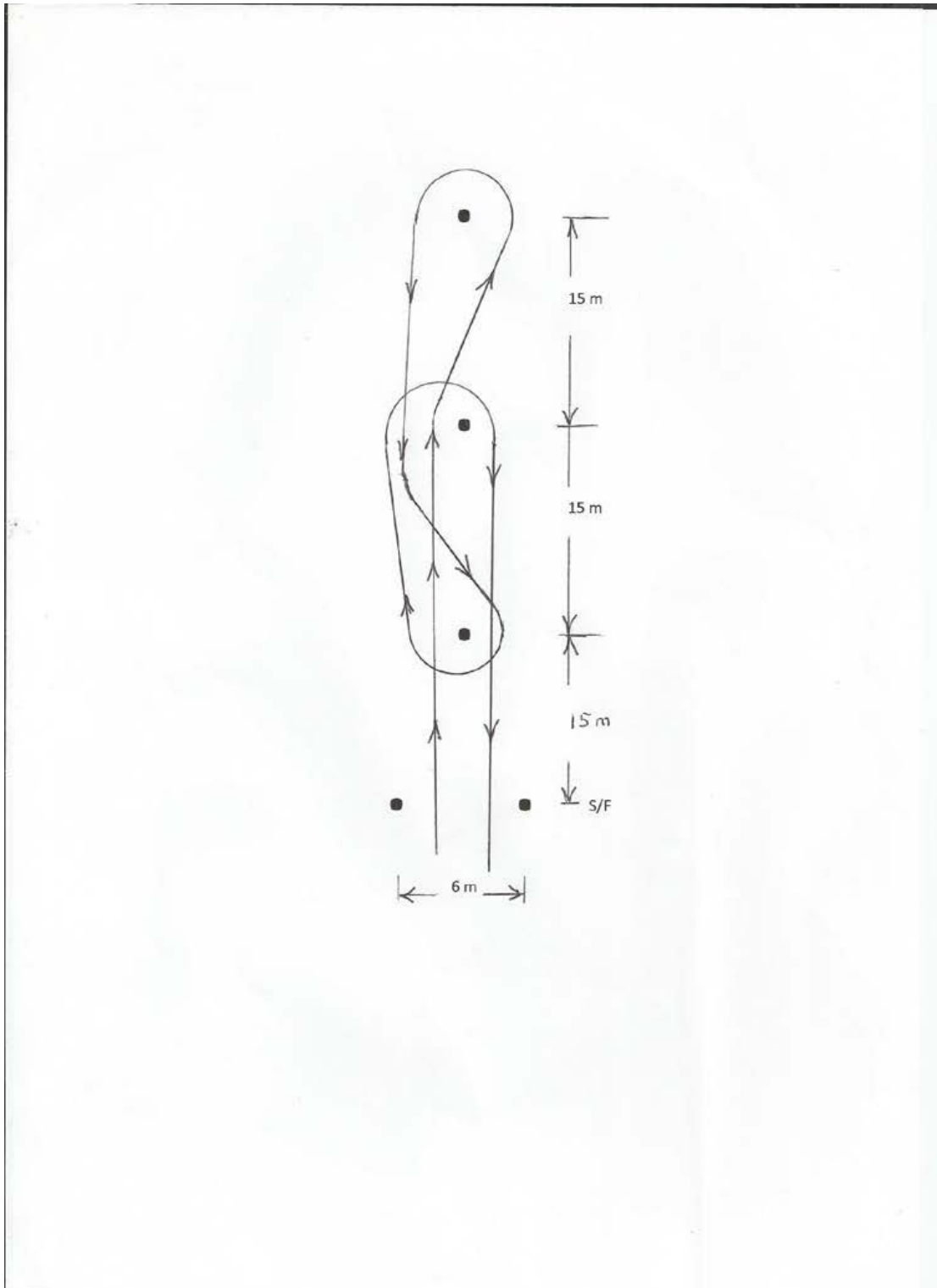
1. Course as shown on diagram.
2. Distances to be as follows: (i) Start and finish 4 metre gate (ii) 8 m between jump ends on centre line (iii) 16 m between jump ends on outside lines (iv) 9 m between centre of No. 1 jump and centre of start/finish line.
3. Height of jumps to be determined by age, grade or ability. Cavaletti, blocks or normal jumps may be used. Height not to exceed 70 cm.
4. This is a time, fault and out event.
5. This is run against the clock. A flying start is permitted.
6. The winner is determined by the fastest, clean jumping run.
7. Elimination to result from: (i) a jump or rail knocked down (ii) error of course not rectified

Notes for Course Builders:

8. The angle of the jumps should be at least 45 degrees to the centre line.
9. There is no turning ~~peg~~ pole after jump number 7.
10. The jump ends should be of a substantial size to encourage the horse and rider to keep away from cutting in close to the centre line as they compete on the course.

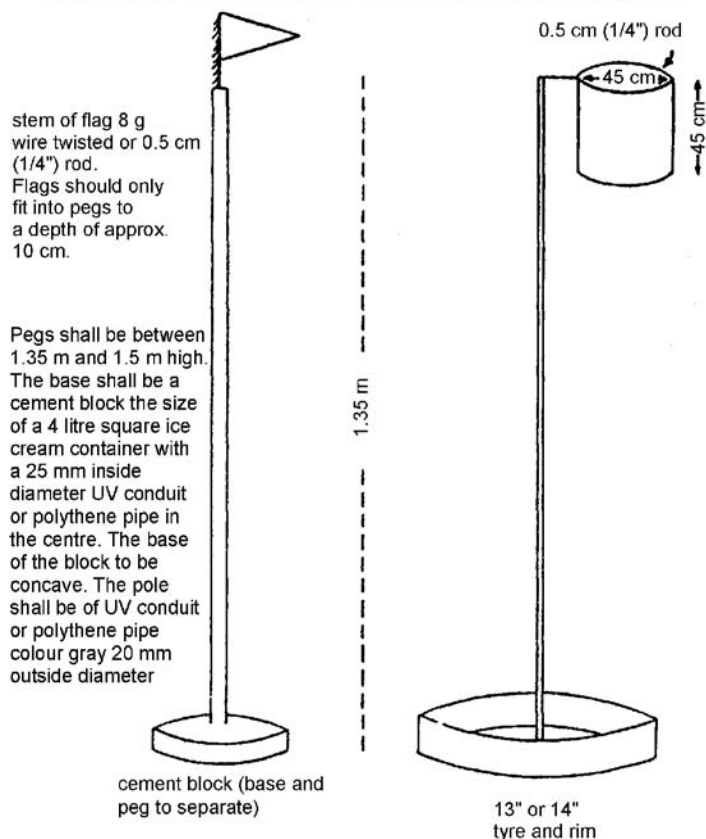
STRAIGHT BARREL RACE

Competitor rides on the left-hand side past the first two barrels then crosses the line of barrels and then turns left U turn around the third barrel, (see diagram) ride back towards the first barrel passing the middle barrel and then crosses the line of barrels turns right hand U turn around this barrel and proceed to the middle barrel and turns to the right and U turns around the middle barrel and continues to the start finish line.



Definition of a pole:

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT FOR FLAG & BENDING RACING



The Pole is between 1.35 and 1.5 m high with a cement block in shape and size of a **square** 4 litre ice cream container with a hole in centre for pole (Base and pole to be separate) with a concave bottom. Note at State Sporting Championships the flag bag base stand must be either a 13" or 14" tyre on a rim base.

Mrs Fiona Pennell said that there were several spelling errors that she identified in Section 7 of the handbook and would send to the office for amendment.

Motion 4 - Zone 18

Withdrawn

That Fender Saddle requirements be included in Section 7: Gear, Uniform Regulations of the Blue Book.

Rationale: Currently information on Fender Saddles is only included in Section 13: polocrosse 'Fender saddles are permitted in whatever form they were manufactured (this includes the bosun girth). Breastplates are compulsory on all saddles.' A lot of riders and moving from stock saddles to fender saddles in their daily riding, in a variety of disciplines, due to their versatility in multiple disciplines and the Blue Book indicated they are only permitted in Polocrosse. IN addition, fenders on these saddles may be attached by the manufacturer either to a stirrup bar or directly to the saddle tree, and as there is no information in the Blue Book in relation to the attachment of the fender on a fender saddle, it is uncertain which style is acceptable.

Motion 5 - Zone 27

That the Myler MB04 three (3) ring combination bit be added to the Pony Club Association NSW Bit Dictionary

Amended from the floor to read:

C38/21 That the Myler MB04 three (3) ring combination bit be added to the Pony Club Association NSW Bit Dictionary, to be allowed for all disciplines with the exception of Showriding, Dressage and Jumping Equitation.

For - 19

Against - 3

(carried)



9. AGENDA ITEMS

I. Work Health & Safety

Mrs R Ratini outlined current COVID-19 rules and regulations and advised keeping up to date via the NSW Health Website, the PCA NSW website, and the Office of Sport website. Clubs have been doing their risk assessment document to ensure they are following current best practices.

II. Update of Working with Children Checks

Many members would now need to renew their Working with Children Check (WWCC) registration number via Services NSW, new and renewing registrations are valid for five (5) years and are free for volunteers. If a member already has a WWCC registration as an employee, the same number may be used for their volunteering.

III. Governance and Strategic Plan

Mr Gary Hamer noted that the update from the Audit Risk and Governance Committee regarding Governance was covered per the report circulated. The Strategic Plan is currently with the Executive Committee in an initial draft, with the next step being feedback from the Office and the Council in a workshop setting. Following that this would go to members for feedback. It is expected that this will be ready for ratification in the March 2022 meeting.

10. CORRESPONDANCE

List circulated on the day. Mrs Rachel Ratini highlighted the clubs in recess, and the Zone 24 Cross Country Course Grants. Mrs Margrete Erling noted that course designer Belinda Bailey had been approached regarding designing both courses and also noted that although usually Zones are only allowed one grant per year, the Zone is extremely interested in advancing their skills in eventing and that the grant is under utilised by other zones.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Mrs B Williamson noted that following discussion at the ZCI meeting, Zone 13 would like to request assistance from the State Office in a letter of support to send to Showground trusts regarding the benefits of Pony Club in the community to assist clubs and zones when their grounds are under threat.
- Mrs S Eyb noted that Zone 3 would be putting forward a motion to ban dogs from Pony Club grounds following a serious incident at the recent State One Day Event involving a dog bite. Mrs R Hodges commented that she is in agreeance and that something more needs to be done about it on top of saying that dogs aren't allowed, along the lines of a penalty. Mrs R Ratini noted that the execution of banning dogs needed to be thought about in terms of who will police this due to lack of volunteers. Mrs B Williamson said that the easiest solution would be to call the Council Ranger.
- Mrs Tanya Foster asked if State Showjumping would be run in 2021. Mr G Hamer noted that we hope to run the event this year, however due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 plans cannot be made until that becomes clearer. Mr L Syme noted that the Zone and State are geared up to run the event at very short notice, therefore as soon as the COVID-19 situation settles down the event will be able to be run.
- Mrs T Foster also noted that Zone 11 is interested in hosting the State Dressage in 2022. Mr G Hamer noted that the calendar dates for 2022 would be confirmed. Mrs R Ratini said that the dates for 2022 had been passed at the March meeting to combined State Dressage and Showriding in October. Mr G Hamer noted that this needs to be clarified and any discrepancy would be addressed.
- Mrs L Bell noted that Zone 19 planned to put in an application to run State Dressage in 2022 and asked if it was possible to apply to host the event on a different date, as their venue of choice was not available. Due to discrepancies in the calendar and applications, Mr G Hamer advised that the voting for Zone 13 to host the State Showriding Championships would be held off and the Discipline Advisory Committees would be consulted.
- Mrs Shauna Haipola noted that Zone 16 was still on track to host State Mounted Games and Team Sporting.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE AND CLOSE MEETING

Being there no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.24am with the next meeting date set for 28 November 2021.