

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 30th July 2019 commencing after the Award Presentations scheduled for 9am.

A G E N D A

Award Presentations – Keith Lowe, Junior Service and Volunteer of the Year Award

1. **OPENING & APOLOGIES**
2. **MINUTES** of Council Meeting held Tuesday 26th March 2019.
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 – Mrs Carole Hodges
 - IV. Pony Club Australia Meeting
 - V. Chairman of Chief Instructors Committee and Recommendations from the Zone Chief Instructors Meeting – Ms Julie Morgan
 - VI. State Sporting Championship – Mr Jamie Kelly
 - VII. State Campdraft & Team Penning Championship – Ms Fiona Pennell
 - VIII. State Mounted Games & Team Sporting Championships – Mr Anthony Newham
 - IX. Other Reports.
6. **APPLICATIONS** to host State Championships
7. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Motion 1

Zone 14

Current Rule Section 12 Mounted Games Club Team (Junior) point 3, page 4:

Composite club team will not be eligible for Championship Awards i.e. compete for ribbons but not points for the Championship Award.

So that the clause reads:

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.

Rationale:

With the low numbers of clubs being able to make a mounted games team at all, let alone of a championship calibre, this will allow a higher participation of competitors and zones in this event. Most Zones who can make a team of the required standard, do not enter the championships because of costs involved to get there and participate only to be deemed ineligible overall. Zones are permitted to have Zone Associate teams, so to restrict only Junior This move would bring Mounted Games into line with the Team Sporting event it is paired with, as all team sporting teams are Zone teams. In effect, it also brings Mounted Games into alignment with all other State championships, as riders compete representing their Zone, not their Club at State level.

Motion 2

Zone 5

Current Rule: Section 4 General Rules for State and Interstate Championship and General Competition - Rule 13

No lease will be recognized unless it is for a period of at least SIX MONTHS. The lease must be signed by the lessee and the lessor in the presence of a Justice of the Peace who must witness the signatures and the date of signing. The lease form must then be countersigned by the Secretary of the Club to which the lessee belongs. The original lease form must then be forwarded to the Association office and a copy each to the lessee, the lessor, the Club Secretary and the Zone Secretary. (Lease agreement forms are available from the Association office.) The leased horse cannot be used in competition until a period of SIX WEEKS has elapsed from the date the lease is signed by all parties. If the lease is renewed without a break in time, no further qualifying period is necessary. During the term of the lease the horse cannot be ridden in Pony Club competition by any person not a member of the lessee's Club.

So that the clause reads

That this rule only applies at state competitions and does not apply at Club or Zone level.

Rationale:

Children on borrowed horses should be encouraged to compete and should not be held back or disqualified from events because they do not own their own horse.

E.g.; a horse could be owned by a relation of the child who is a member of another club within or outside the zone and if the horse is loaned to that child then that child is not able to compete within the rules.

To encourage young people to ride and learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding. To provide instruction on riding and horsemanship and to instil in members the proper care of their animals. To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline. (as per the pony club constitution).

Motion 3

Zone 23

Current Rule: Section 15 clauses 3 Age Groups and 5 Classes

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

- a. under 13 years
 - b. 13 and under 15 years
 - c. 15 and under 17 years
 - d. 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 13 years 0.75 m
- 13 and under 15 years 0.85 m
- 15 and under 17 years 0.90 m
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Course designer are to be advised of this requirement.

So that the clauses read

Align heights and age groups for Equitation in line with novice combined training heights, introducing an U11 category as follows:

New Rule would affect: Section 15 clauses 3 Age Groups and 5 Classes

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 - b. 11 and under 13 years
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Rationale:

Pony Club needs to keep its younger riders engaged and offer them opportunities at an achievable standard. Consistency in the age groups should be introduced across similar disciplines and equitation forms the foundation of good Show Jumping skills and as such is especially important to our younger members. Equitation is primarily based on technique and skill and it is important to encourage young riders to build on these skills before heading up through the SJ grade. To ride in the Under 13 State SJ championship is a D grade is the minimum requirement (60-75cm) and other disciplines should acknowledge that 60cm is a solid achievement for child under the age of 11.

When looking at state and National interschool competition, they offer Combined training classes from 45cm for all primary school children and 40+ children enter these events. Riders are looking for alternative representative opportunities as Pony Club standards are not realistic for their age. As a result, Pony Club is losing its talented young members.

Equitation Heights are currently set as

Under 13: 75cm

13 & U15: 85cm

15 & U17: 90cm

17 & U25: 95cm

Combined Training is currently set at (Novice / Advance)

Under 11: 65cm / 75cm

11 & U13: 75cm / 80cm

13 & U15: 80cm / 85cm

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Any Supporting Documentation or other information: Gear to display etc. Please attach extra information if required. Quotes from the Jumping Equitation Manual:

“Developing Jumping Equitation is a process of carefully building strong foundations, eventually leading to more complex and sophisticated competition.”

If your motion is related to a rule change not affecting safety or gear have you asked the advisory committee for the relevant decision to make a rule change recommendation:

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Motion 4

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The introduction of an Under 11 Equitation class at 65cm for the 2019 State Championships in line with current Combined training age groups.

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Motion 5

Zone 25

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

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 of 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 13 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.

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Rationale

Some riders are not able to safely lunge larger horses due to their small stature. We propose this change due to safety concerns as lunging is dangerous for children not suitably trained in this skill.

Motion 6

State Executive

Amend the bluebook section 3 clause 18 Championships Advisory Committees – page 11 General Rules and By-laws which currently states

18. CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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18. CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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Motion 7

State Executive

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.

Cross Country - The use of a body protector is required at all times for cross country. This includes training or competing. Body protectors manufactured after 2009 to the EN13158:2009 standard are recommended.

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

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