

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 March 2018 commencing after the AGM.

A G E N D A

1. **OPENING & APOLOGIES**
2. **MINUTES** of Council Meeting held Tuesday 28th November 2017.
3. **CONFIRMATION** of the above Minutes.
4. **BUSINESS ARISING** out of the above Minutes (other than referred to elsewhere in the Agenda).
5. **REPORTS**
 - I. President Report
 - II. Executive Recommendations
 - III. Treasurer – Mr Peter Petherbridge
 - IV. Chairman of Chief Instructors Committee and Recommendations from the Zone Chief Instructors Meeting – Mrs Jenny Frankum
 - V. 2017 State Camp – Wayne Pernice
 - VI. Other Reports.
6. **RATIFICATION** by Council of appointments of Chairman of Chief Instructors Committee and Zone Chief Instructor's Representative to the Executive.
7. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
 - i) President
 - ii) Vice President x 2
 - iii) Treasurer
 - iv) Council Representative x 2
8. **CONFIRMATION OF BANK SIGNATORIES**
9. **FIXATION** of Honorariums for 2018

	<u>2017</u>
President	\$7,500
Chairman of Chief Instructors	\$7,500
Treasurer	\$6,500
10. **APPLICATIONS** to host State Championships
11. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Zone 3

Motion 1

Current Rule Extract from Section 8.8

“Timepieces are permitted to be worn by riders B grade and upwards.

That Section 8.8 be changed to

“That the use of timepieces in the cross country phase of One Day Events be allowed for D grades and above.”

Rational.

At the 2017 State ODE championship it was noted in the TD’s report that he observed a number of riders in the 12-15years Novice Section riding a pace that was way over the set pace for the course. In his opinion by allowing timepieces to be used by riders they would be much more likely to ride to the speed of the course and safety would be improved. Most of the riders who regularly compete in One Day Events already use cross country watches and they are a valued tool in riding at the correct speed.

By changing the rule to allow to timepieces from D grade for all levels of eventing competition at pony club riders will be able to gain experience in using them prior to State Events.

By not having watches for E grade, riders who have little experience in Cross Country will not be distracted from controlling and riding their horses on the course.

Note: At the State ODE Championships, timepieces are permitted to be worn by riders competing in the 13-under 15 years Advanced Section and upward. Competitors in the 12- Under 15 years Novice Section are not permitted to wear timepieces.”

Motion 2

Current Rule Section 8.3

AGE GROUPS AND ELIGIBILITY One Day Event State Championships 12 and under 15 years (Novice) C grade 13 and under 15 years (Advanced) B grade 15 and under 17 years (Novice) B grade 15 and under 17 years (Advanced) A grade 17 and up to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 25 years of age (Novice) A grade 17 and up to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 25 years of age (Advanced) Championship Grade

Current Rules for Club and Zone Levels Section 8 (Introduction)

GRADING all club, zone and inter-zone one day events are to be run in grades. Grades are: Associates — Championship, A, B, C and D grades. Under 17 (Juniors) — Championship, A, B, C, D and E grades.

That Section 8.3 be changed to

That the age groups/divisions for the 2018 State ODE be as follows.

D Grade 12 and Under 17	C Grade Associate
C Grade 12 and Under 17	B Grade Associate
B Grade 13 and Under 17	A Grade Associate
A Grade 13 and Under 17	Championship Grade Associate

If entries are large enough within grades further divisions may be made by the organising committee.

Rational.

Entries at State ODE have been falling for several years. At the 2017 championships due to low numbers Novice and Advanced Classes with the Advanced riders having to ride at the novice level. Feedback from riders and parents received after the event strongly indicated that many felt the grades currently required for the state championships were ruling many riders out from competing, while some feedback indicated riders were being encouraged at a level they were not proficient just to compete.

From discussion during the ZCI meeting in November 2017 it was discovered that of the zones that run ODE's at Club and Zone level numbers are extremely strong with some clubs and zones having to limit the number of riders they can take.

By Aligning the State Championship age groups with the Club and Zone age groups maybe the entries for State Championships can be improved. The above groups give the same number of classes as were previously operated.

Motion 3

Only if the previous motion is passed.

That the Eventing Advisory Committee consider Article 10 of the Eventing Rules and make recommendation to the next Council Meeting in reference to the awards at the State Championships.

Rationale.

The above change of age groups represents a significant change to the current situation at State Championships. Some discussion from people invested in and involved in the sport should be sought on the matter of the following awards.

10. AWARDS

- a. To tenth place in each age group.
- b. Champion award in each advanced age group.
- c. Zone teams are drawn from all advanced sections only.
- d. Interstate Teams are drawn from all advanced sections only.
- e. Zone Fitness Check Presentation Perpetual Trophy.
- f. 12-15 Novice Rider with a clear cross country round who is closest to optimum time in this age group.

Motion 4

Current Rule Section 8.47

RUN-OUT A horse is considered to have run-out if having been presented at the element or obstacle, on the course, it avoids that element or obstacle in such a way that the head, neck and both shoulders of the horse fail to pass between the extremities of the element or obstacle as flagged and it has to be re-presented at it. A rider is permitted to change his mind as to where he jumps an obstacle or element at any time, without penalty, including as a result of a mistake at a previous obstacle or element. If, however, the horse avoids part of the obstacle at which it has been presented, he will be considered to have run out and appropriate penalties are incurred.

That Section 8.47 be changed to read.

Run out – missing a flag A Horse is considered to have run out if, having been presented at an element or obstacle on the course, it avoids it in such a way that either the head, neck either shoulder of the Horse fail to pass between the extremities of the element or obstacle as flagged. In case the Horse has

clearly attempted to jump the element or obstacle and may have missed a flag, the athlete can choose: a) To represent (accepting automatically 20 penalties), or b) To continue on course incurring 50 penalties (no elimination) in case the element or obstacle was not correctly cleared. Note: If the Athlete represents and was clear in his first attempt, the Athlete will not be penalized with 20 penalties but no time will be removed. A Horse will be considered to have cleared the fence when head, neck and both shoulders of the Horse pass between the extremities of the element or obstacles as flagged

Rationale.

Recently the rules of Eventing have been changed to prohibit a jump judge on cross country communicating to a rider if their horse has been considered to have run out at an obstacle. As a result of that rule the National Eventing rules have been changed as above so that a rider that has a run-out that they don't correct is not eliminated from the event and can continue to other phases. As Pony Club is about educating riders and encouraging participation a rule to reduce the eliminations makes sense.

Motion 5

That Free Jump Stirrups are allowed in Jumping Equitation

Rationale

It was passed at the previous State Meeting to allow Free Jump Stirrups in Showjumping, it makes sense that they are to be allowed in Jumping Equitation

12. AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Work Health and Safety
- b. Update on Working with Children Checks and requirements for Zones and Clubs
- c. Dates for 2019

State Camp – 6-11 January

Dressage and Showriding Championships – 19-22 January or 25-28 January

March State Meetings – Executive 24, ZCI 25, AGM and Council 26 March

Sporting, Campdraft and Team Penning Championships – 13-15 April

Jumping Equitation and Showjumping Championships – 6-9 July

July State Meetings – Executive 28, ZCI 29, Council 30 July

Mounted Games and Team Sporting Championships – 28-30 September

One Day Event and Combined Training Championships – 4-6 October

Nationals – 7-13 October

November State Meetings – Executive 24, ZCI 25, Council 26 November

Note: Easter 19-22 April, Term 1 school holidays 13-29 April, Term 2 school holidays 6-22 July, Term 3 school holidays – 28 September - 13 October

13. CLUBS NOT FINANCIAL – listed on the day.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

List to be supplied on the day.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

16. CLOSE MEETING