

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 26 March 2019 commencing after the AGM.

A G E N D A

1. **OPENING & APOLOGIES**
2. **MINUTES** of Council Meeting held Tuesday 27 November 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
 - III. Treasurer – Mr Peter Petherbridge – as per the AGM
 - IV. Chairman of Chief Instructors Committee and Recommendations from the Zone Chief Instructors Meeting – Mrs Jenny Frankum
 - V. 2019 State Camp – Wayne Pernice
 - VI. 2019 State Showriding Championships – Ms J Morgan
 - VII. 2019 State Dressage Championships – Mrs K Wood
 - VIII. 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 2019

	Current 2018
i) President	\$8,000
ii) Chairman of Chief Instructor	\$8,000
iii) Treasurer	\$7,000
10. **APPLICATIONS** to host State Championships

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

ZONE 20

Motion 1

That Pony Club Association NSW allows open riders to compete at club level events.

Rational

To bring PCA NSW into line with other state associations. This will ensure a larger number of competitors at club level events. It will see a massive increase in revenue thus helping keep clubs financially viable. This has the potential to keep older riders as pony club members as they currently leave pony club and join adult riding clubs.

Evidence

Wirlinga Pony Club has turned away 17 open riders from our upcoming ODE and CT. this equates to \$1275 in entry fees. Victorian pony clubs get well over 150 riders and Wirlinga's events are lucky to get 80.

Motion 2

That the minimum age for the Pony Club Association NSW State One Day Event be reduced from 12 to 8 years.

Rational

This age would align with the EA rule of riders being aged 8 years or older to be eligible to compete in One Day Events or Horse Trails. It would align much more with the demographic of pony club at present with a large portion of riders being aged under 12. Riders would still need to be competent D Grade eventing riders to be able to participate in the event as they need to be with any other State Championships.

Motion 3

That the minimum age for State Regional Schools be reduced from 10 years to 8 years to align with minimum age for State competition and EA.

Rational

Recognizing the changing demographics of Pony Club members. Larger proportion of members are under 10 years old. Ensure that members eligible for State competitions have access to Regional schools.

Zone 26

Motion 4

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 5

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 (not exceeding 14.2hh (147cm)) 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

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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.

12. AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Work Health and Safety
- b. Update on Working with Children Checks and requirements for Zones and Clubs
- c. Dates for 2020 to be circulated at the meeting.

13. CLUBS NOT FINANCIAL – listed on the day.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

List to be supplied on the day.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

16. CLOSE MEETING