

EVENTING RULES

PART 01 GENERAL

OBJECTS

The competition provides the Pony Club competitor with a test requiring courage, determination and all-round riding ability on the part of the rider and systematic training of the horse. Its object is to encourage a higher standard of riding throughout the Pony Club movement, to stimulate among future generations a greater interest in riding as a sport and recreation.

1.1 THE COMPETITION

The competition is comprised of three phases, each of which must be completed by the competitor.

Test 1: Dressage

Test 2: Cross Country

Test 3: Show Jumping

1.2 ORDER OF TESTS

The dressage phase must always be held first. The time table should be a provisional until entries are received then the final time table be posted on the web. The order of the Cross Country and Show Jumping phases is optional but must be clearly stated in the schedule and the programme.

The programme must provide for competitors to have an interval of thirty minutes between completion of one phase and the start of the next. When Show Jumping takes place after Cross Country, competitors must be allowed an interval of forty minutes between the phases. In exceptional circumstances, the Pony Club Steward may authorise a reasonable reduction in these minimum levels.

When the Show Jumping phase is held before the Cross Country phase, a rider eliminated in Show Jumping may, at the discretion of the Organising Committee, still complete the Cross Country phase.

1.3 DRESS/UNIFORM

Refer to PCASA General Rule's part G3 3.4 page 31.

1.3.1 HAIR

Competitors with long hair must wear hair nets or plaits so that back numbers are not obscured.

1.3.2 WATCHES

Watches are permitted in grades 1 to 4 but are **not** permitted for grade 5.

1.3.3 MEDICAL INFORMATION

Wearing medical information is compulsory for the Cross-country phase. Information may be worn either in an armband correctly in place on the arm OR in a clear plastic attachment sewn onto the bottom of their body number holder (front and back). All relevant details must be completed, and be updated by the competitor on a regular basis.

1.4 SADDLERY

Refer to PCASA General Rules - an approved saddle must be used. Part G6.1 page 42

1.5 COMPETITOR NUMBERS

Each combination is issued with a number for easy identification. Rider must wear their number in front and on their backs whilst competing in cross country. They may use a bridle number for dressage and show jumping instead of body number. All Pony Club and Adult riders must supply a plastic body number casing. These are available from the saddleries.

1.6 SCORING

The same horse and rider combination must complete all three phases mounted. The final score is reached by adding together all the penalty points incurred in the different tests.

1.6.1 IN THE EVENT OF A TIE

In the case of a tie, the winner is the combination with the best Cross Country score (total of jumping and time penalties). If there is still a tie, the combination is the one whose cross country time is closest to optimum time. Finally if there is still equality, the winner is the combination with the best dressage score. This principle also applies to minor tied place getters.

1.7 PARTICIPATION

All mounts and riders (*combinations*) must be qualified. *Details of qualification requirements are contained in PCASA General Rules. Part G3 3.6 page 32*

A competitor may ride a maximum of two horses in each grade. A third horse may be ridden HC at the discretion of the organizers. For PCASA rules, HC combinations will not ride unless a card is produced.

1.8 ENTRIES

Entry requirements for events are decided by the organising body and should be stated on the event schedule. Where an entry form is provided by the organiser it should be used if possible. Photo copies of the performance / attendance card **MUST** be sent with entries.

1.9 ORDERS

Riders and owners of competing horses and their helpers must, under penalty of elimination, obey an order or direction given to them by any responsible official and they must, in particular, be careful not to do anything liable to upset or hinder the progress of the competition.

1.10 RIDING IN ARENAS ETC.

With the exception of arenas marked “practice arena”, competitors may not, under penalty of elimination, ride on, over or near any part of the Cross Country courses, nor enter any dressage or jumping arenas, except when actually competing.

Once on the ground, horses may only be ridden by their competing riders.

1.11 CRUELTY, BAD CONDUCT ETC.

The Disputes Committee may disqualify a competitor upon receiving a report from any official of the organising body, at any stage of the competition, for the following reasons:

- a) Dangerous riding
- b) if, in their opinion, the horse is lame, sick, exhausted or dangerously out of control, and/or by direction of the Veterinary Surgeon;
- c) For the misuse of whip or spur, or other ill treatment of the horse; or
- d) For conduct unbecoming a Pony Club member including bad language, bad sportsmanship, etc

1.12 UNFITNESS OF HORSES

If at any time during the competition, the horse is lame, sick or exhausted, it may be eliminated on the authority of the Pony Club Steward.

1.13 DESTRUCTION OF SEVERELY INJURED HORSES

If a horse is so severely injured that, on humanitarian grounds, it ought to be destroyed, the following procedures will apply:

- a) if the owner or their authorised representative is present, their agreement will first be obtained by the official Veterinary Surgeon; or
- b) if the owner or their authorised representative is not available, the Pony Club Steward, acting on the advice of the official Veterinary Surgeon, may order the destruction of the horse.

Arrangements should be made for the removal and disposal of horses, which die or are injured during the competition, as quickly as possible.

1.14 PROTESTS Refer General Rules – Competition Part G5 5.3 page 40

PART 02 ORGANISATION

2.1 JUDGES

The judges for each test in the competition are appointed by the organiser.

2.1.1 DRESSAGE

There should be two judges for each class or section.

2.1.2 CROSS COUNTRY

There must be a chief Cross Country judge, who may be the organiser, to supervise the jump judges, the time keepers and the scorers. Jump Judges have the authority to stop any horse/pony, they believe is out of control, time held **MUST** be recorded. The P.C. Steward must be consulted before the rider continues. The final decision if the horse/pony continues or is eliminated is that of the Pony Club Steward.

2.1.3 SHOWJUMPING

There must be one judge, appointed by the organising body.

2.2 OFFICIALS

The PCASA will, on notification, appoint a Pony Club Steward for that event. All other officials are appointed by the organiser.

2.3 MEDICAL

A doctor should be present at least during the Show Jumping and Cross Country phases. If it is impossible to obtain the services of a doctor, the minimum alternative is for a current holder of a Senior First Aid certificate to be present. Fall check list to be used by first aider in the event of a fall of rider. (form can be found at rear of this rule book)

An ambulance or designated vehicle properly equipped from the doctor's or first aid personnel's resources must be in attendance during jumping events.

2.4 VETERINARY

It is recommended that a Veterinary Surgeon be in attendance at all cross country phases of One Day Events.

2.5 RESULTS

Results of all Pony Club and Adult classes must be forwarded to the State Office within 14 days following the event, together with the relevant fees.

2.6 OBLIGATIONS

Pony Clubs which run EA Pre novice classes are required to run a Pony Club grade 1 classes regardless of the number of entries received.

PART 03 DRESSAGE

3.1 RULES

The dressage test is judged in accordance with the rules laid down in the Dressage section Part D1 page 86 of this book.

3.2 TESTS

The dressage tests to be used for each grade are determined each year at the Annual General Meeting of the Pony Club Association of South Australia Inc.

3.3 PENALTIES

Refer to current dressage tests.

3.4 SCORING PRINCIPLE

The good marks from 0 to 10 awarded by each judge to a competitor for each numbered movement of the Dressage Test are added to the collective marks, and any points for error(s) of course or test are deducted. Judges must **not** allot fractions of whole numbers.

For each judge the percentage of maximum possible good marks obtainable is then calculated. This is done by dividing the total good marks of the judge (minus any error of course or test) by the maximum possible good marks obtainable and then multiplying by 100 and rounding the result to three decimal places. This value is shown as the individual mark for that judge.

Average percentage for the competitor is obtained by adding together the percentage for each judge and dividing by the number of judges always rounding the result to two decimal digits.

In order to convert average percentage into penalty points, this must be subtracted from 100 and multiplied by 1.5 with the resultant figure rounded to two decimal places. The result is the score in penalty points for the test.

3.5 MARKING SHEETS

The judges' marking sheets must be given to competitors when the dressage penalties for all competitors in their class have been calculated.

3.6 DRESSAGE ARENAS

Dressage arenas are to be constructed as described on the test sheet. As a general rule, Grade 1, 2 and 3 will be conducted in arenas measuring 60 m x 20 m.

Refer to PCASA Dressage rules for construction of arenas. Part D1-1.5.1 page 87
Gate-keepers should be provided for all Pony Club and Adult competitions.

PART 04 CROSS-COUNTRY

4.1 COURSE

The course will be in accordance with the following guidelines:

Distance between last jump and finish flags to be not less than 30m and not more than 75m.

No competitor/competitive horse may have practiced on any of the obstacles to be used in the competition for 4 week before the competition

Grade	Height	Jumping Efforts		Length		Spread		Spread Only	Drop Fences	
		Min	Max	Min	Max	Top	Base		One at:	Rest at:
1	1.05	20	25	2000	3400	1.20	1.80	2.20	1.60	1.20
2	0.95	15	25	2000	3400	1.10	1.80	2.20	1.40	1.10
3	0.80	15	25	2000	3400	1.05	1.50	1.50	1.10	0.90
4	0.65	15	25	1600	3400	0.80	1.20	1.00	0.80	0.75
5	0.50	15	20	1600	3400	0.70	0.90	0.60	0.60	0.55

Maximum depth of “coffin” type obstacles in grades 4 and 5 shall be limited to 20 cm. Grade 5 may be required to ride through water as an obstacle but not be asked to jump or drop into water. The water obstacle may be flagged at the entry or the exit at the discretion of the course designer.

4.2 DIMENSIONS

A combination **MUST** be a minimum of 2 strides for grades 4 and 5.

The distance between cross rails **MUST** be the width of a rail at the cross.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that in grades 4 and 5 in a combination you have a spread before a straight.

As stated above. Brush fences, bull finches, etc. may exceed the maximum height only provided that the solid part of the obstacle, below which a horse cannot pass through with impunity, does not exceed the maximum height. In the case of brush fences only, the overall height will not exceed the regulation maximum by more than 15 cm.

4.3 SPEED

The Time Allowed and Minimum Time for completing the course is calculated at the following speeds (in metres per minute). The time limit is always twice the Time Allowed.

Grade	Speed used to calculate TIME ALLOWED	Speed used to calculate MINIMUM TIME	TIME LIMIT
1	500	550	twice the Time Allowed
2	450	500	twice the Time Allowed
3	400	450	twice the Time Allowed
4	350	400	twice the Time Allowed
5	285	350	twice the Time Allowed

Exceeding the Time Allowed incurs 0.4 penalty for every commenced second, up to the Time Limit. Exceeding the Time Limit incurs elimination. Completing the course in less than the minimum time incurs 2 penalties for every commenced second.

The organisers will appoint a steward to observe the finish and report to the Pony Club Steward. The Pony Club Steward will eliminate any rider for blatantly wasting time in the latter stages of the course in order to compensate for excessive speed in the earlier parts of the course.

4.4 PENALTIES

The following penalties apply:

First refusal, run out, circle of horse at obstacle	- 20 penalties.
Second refusal, run out, circle of horse at the same obstacle	- 40 penalties.
Third refusal, run out, circle of horse at the same obstacle	- Elimination
Fall of rider on the cross country (including warm up)	- Elimination.
Fall of horse	- Elimination
Error of course not rectified	- Elimination.

Errors of course include:

- a) Omission of obstacle or boundary flag,
- b) Retaking an obstacle already jumped (except where part of a combination),
- c) Jumping obstacle in the wrong order.

For every commenced second over the Time Allowed	- 0.4 penalty.
Speeding penalties (per second under minimum time)	- 2 penalties.
Exceeding Time Limit	- Elimination.
Fifth refusal on course	- Elimination

Unauthorized assistance (EA rule 50 and 51) may incur Elimination.

A rider can be eliminated for having a horse/pony out of control

Any rider who has a fall in cross country/showjumping is eliminated and must leave the course leading the horse if able.

Any rider failing to comply will result in suspension of 3 month. To be advised of the suspension by the PC steward on the day. The PCS is required to notify the PCASA president immediately and PCASA office to advise all parties by letter within 48 hours.

4.5 CLASS INDICATORS

For the convenience of competitors when they are inspecting the course, colored indicators are used to mark the obstacles for different classes.

Black numbers on:	Grade I: Pink	Grade II: Red	Grade III: White
	Grade IV: Lime Green	Grade V: Blue	

The use of these colors should be adopted for all other events. Where more than one class rides over the same course, every obstacle must be defined with an appropriate class indicator at each end, one of which must be marked with the obstacle number for that class. *Recommended minimum size of numbers and backing: Number 150 mm high by 20mm thick on a 200mm by 250 mm base.*

4.6 METHOD OF STARTING

In order to simplify the task of the starter for the Cross Country, an enclosure five by five metres **may** be built with an open front through which horses will start and a gap in one or both sides through which the horse may enter. A “starter’s box” is optional for Pony Club events.

Horses must be prevented from leaving the start while medical personnel are treating injured riders unless there is no likelihood of danger to the personnel involved or to other riders. Organising committees must ensure that procedures are established prior to the event for the stopping and starting of horses from the Start box. All decisions for stopping and starting must be made by the Cross country coordinator or Pony Club steward and arrangements must be made for efficient communications between them and the start officials.

4.7 DEFINITION OF FAULTS

The FEI has brought in new rules related to refusals. The PCASA has decided as an interim measure to remain with the old rule until clarification of the new rules is available. The old rule states: A horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle to be jumped. A stop, followed immediately by a standing jump, is not penalised. The horse may step sideways but if the horse steps back even a single pace, voluntarily or not, or if the halt is prolonged, this constitutes a refusal.

4.7.1 DEFINITION OF A FALL

An athlete is considered to have fallen when he/she is separated from their horse in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting in to the saddle. With the exception of mounted games. Refer to falls check list at rear of this book.

4.8 ELIMINATED RIDERS

Any rider eliminated on the cross-country phase due to:
Fall of horse or rider any grade
OR
Third refusal at an obstacle in any grades
must leave the course at a walk.

PART 05 SHOWJUMPING

5.1 RULES

The jumping phase consists of one round of the course judged under the rules of the FEI Table A except where modified below. There is no jump off.

5.2 COURSE

A combination **MUST** be a minimum of 2 strides for grades 4 and 5.
The distance between cross rails **MUST** be the width of a rail at the cross.
It is **RECOMMENDED** that in grades 4 and 5 in a combination you have a spread before a straight.

The course will be simple and straightforward, with easy intervals between the obstacles and will be laid out over a distance of not more than 500 metres.

Red and white boundary flags mark the start and finish.

The course will be available for inspection at least half an hour before the start of the test at which time the plan of the course showing the time allowed must be posted.

Before the commencement of each Class a break of 10 minutes minimum should be allowed for competitors to walk the course.

There will be between 9 and 12 numbered obstacles, 50% of which shall be at maximum height and at least four of which shall be spread, as solid and imposing in appearance as available materials allow.

At least one, but no more than two, double or treble shall be included. No obstacle will exceed the following dimensions (in metres):

GRADE	HEIGHT	SPEED	SPREAD AT TOP	SPREAD AT BASE	SPREAD ONLY
1	1.05	325	1.20	1.50	2.70
2	0.95	325	1.00	1.40	2.20
3	0.80	300	0.90	1.20	1.80
4	0.65	300	0.80	1.20	1.50
5	0.50	275	0.70	0.90	1.20

The Time Allowed for completing the course is calculated using the speeds above. The Time Limit is twice the Time Allowed.

5.3 PENALTIES

Reducing the height or width of an obstacle, touching boundary mark of water or feet in water or in the ditch	- 4 penalties.
First disobedience (refusal) in whole test	- 4 penalties.
Second disobedience (refusal) in whole test	- 8 penalties.
Third disobedience (refusal) in whole test	- Elimination.
Fall of horse	- Elimination.
Fall of rider (including warm up)	- Elimination.
Error of course not rectified	- Elimination.

Errors of course are: Omission of an obstacle;
Retaking an obstacle already jumped; or
Jumping obstacle in the wrong order.

For every commenced second over Time Allowed	- 1 penalty.
Exceeding Time Limit	- Elimination.

PART 06 GRADING

Refer to PCASA General Rules under "Attendance Cards" Part G3 3.5 page 32

6.1 POINTS TO BE ADDED/CREDITED

GRADE	PLACE					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	18	15	12	9	6	3
2	7	6	5	4	3	2
3	6	5	4	3	2	1
4	4	3	2	1		
5	3	2	1			

Internal Club events are not to be used for grading. Open and Zone Pony Club events only are graded.

Exceptions to the allocation of points.

No grading points shall be awarded to any combination which incurs more than forty Cross Country jumping penalties. If there are less than 6 competitors in a class, placing points need not be accepted.

If there are 6 to 10 competitors in a class, riders must accept placing points for 1st to 3rd places only. In Grade 5, points need not be accepted if less than 10 entries in a class.

6.2 GRADINGS

Combinations are graded as follows:

- Grade 1 - Combinations which have been awarded a total of at least 61 points at official Pony Club Horse Trials.
- Grade 2 - Combinations which have been awarded a total of at least 41 points and not more than 60 points-at official Pony Club Horse Trials.
- Grade 3 - Combinations which have been awarded a total of at least 21 points and not more than 40 points at official Pony Club Horse Trials.
- Grade 4 - Combinations which have been awarded a total of at least 6 and not more than 20 points at official Pony Club Horse Trials.
- Grade 5 - combinations which have been awarded a total of 1 point and not more then 6 points.

Grade 5 events are events for beginners. Once a combination has six points they must move to grade 4 with 6 points or continue in grade 5 H/C. If a rider has completed an event at a higher grade and they apply for a grade 5 card for a new mount, three points will automatically be put on that card. Except under exceptional circumstances approved by the PCASA CIP and Executive Council, riders must be under 17 years of age on the date of competition. Once a rider turns 17 they may continue to participate in these classes Hors Concourse, or alternatively compete in Adult Grade 5 classes. These rules apply to Adult grade 5 also.

A combination may compete at their graded height &/or 1grade higher that what is on their card, but if they are placed at the higher grade , they are awarded the points relevant to the higher grade. Grade 5/E may try one grade higher (4/D) but if they are placed they are graded that grade with six points.

6.2.1 DOWNGRADING

Refer to General Rules under “Mounts”. Part G4 4.8 page 38

PART 07 STATE ADULT CLASSES

7.1 ADULT AFFILIATION

Riders competing in non EA affiliated adult ODE's conducted by South Australian Pony Clubs for those riders who are not members of a Pony Club, and pay an annual affiliation fee to the state office.

PCASA members can compete in Eventing only (see cards allowed below point 7.3)

Event organisers must provide a separate class for PCASA adult affiliated riders, (orange and white cards)

7.2 ELIGIBILITY

Riders: Must be 26 years or over.

Horses: Organisers may, at their discretion, accept or reject entries in keeping with the spirit for which these competitions are designed.

7.3 CARDS

Riders must present either a orange Adult State Card or a white EA member who has joined PCASA (orange & white cards available through the PCASA office).

EA Eventing Performance Cards are no longer accepted.

State PCASA members can compete in Eventing only (orange card).

Applications to State office. Forms on web page.

7.4 GRADES/CREDITING OF POINTS

The classes of competition are:

Adult Level 1, Adult Level 2, Adult Level 3, Adult Level 4, Adult Level 5.

These grades are equivalent to Pony Club Grades in every way except where detailed below.

Points are credited for wins and places as per Pony Club classes.

7.5 RULES

The State Adult classes are run under PCASA Rules for One Day Events except for qualifications and Dress, for which EA or Pony Club rules apply. All riders must wear ASNZS3838, EN1384 2015 or earlier (less than 5 years old) or ASTM F1163 standard helmets and body numbers in all phases. All adult riders must have a gear check prior to each phase of the competition. This is an insurance requirement. Adult Riders ride a dressage test selected by the event organisers from the list approved at the PCASA AGM.

Summer dress: Jackets are not required. Sleeves must cover the shoulders and upper arms.

7.6 GRADING OF HORSES

Grading is as per Pony Club rules.

7.7 SCHEDULES

All schedules must request membership and performance card details and all event

organisers/secretaries must check membership and cards are current. Entry forms **must** request a "card number". No Pony Club Card – No Ride. **Plus all entry forms SHOULD show PIC number.**

8.0 COMBINED TRAINING COMPETITION

A Combined Training Competition is a Combined Test Competition, which is described by PCASA as a competition comprising two of the three phases of a One Day Event, the show jumping and dressage phase.

The same horse and rider must complete both phases. Elimination from one phase results in elimination from the whole competition.

The heights for the jumping phase will be as per the One Day Event grades and rules.
The dressage test to be ridden will be as per the One Day Event rules.

A maximum of two grades can be ridden as per the PCASA rule book. (Grade plus one higher grade)

The jumping test consists of one round of the set course.

Scoring:

The total score is reached by adding together penalty marks incurred in each phase.
The winner is the competitor with the lowest total penalty marks.

Should equal placings be achieved, placings are separated by applying the steps listed below in sequence until separation is achieved.

- Showjumping penalties (total of errors and time penalty, if any)
- Showjumping time closest (above or below) to the time allowed
- Best percentage score in the dressage test
- The higher dressage test collective marks total
- If these marks are equal, the placing remains tied."

Showjumping scoring and penalties:

- First refusal: 4 penalties
- Second refusal 8 penalties
- Third refusal : elimination

- Knocking down an obstacle: 4 penalties

- Fall of rider: elimination
- Fall of horse: elimination
- Error of course: elimination
- For every second or commenced period of a second in excess of time allowed: 1 penalty
- Exceeding the time limit (which is twice the time allowed): elimination

Dressage scoring and penalties - (page Rule book)

Dressage scoring as per PCASA One Day Event Rules and specifics of dressage test being ridden