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PCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

PCA NATIONALS are held every year alternating between virtual one year and travelling interstate the following year

2025 will be in Werribee Victoria 1-5 October

1. AGES
 - a. Sub Juniors – between 10-12years on 1st Jan
 - b. Juniors - Minimum age of 13-16 years on Jan 1st, games Juniors are 13 and under 16
 - c. Seniors are 17 to 25 years on 1st Jan
 - d. Masters – 26 years and over on 1st Jan (where there are sufficient competitors and programming allows)
2. Completion of C Certificate by 31st May (D* for sub juniors)
3. Minimum of 2 qualifications by the start of NATIONAL competition
4. **MUST** be a current financial member of their club
5. **MUST** be a member of Development Squads – form attached for each combination
6. **Selected Rider's forms must be signed and sent to Clubs, who will forward to Zone and then on to the Nationals Sub-Committee.**
7. Regularly check emails and respond to all emails relating to the State Squad and notify the Chair of the subcommittee if contact details change.
8. **Be an active Club/Zone member and be a team player**
9. All horses must be microchipped and vaccinated if required by host state

Riders must be competing at the appropriate level below and/or have a horse capable of: (or as specified when the program is available) – Masters in all comps including quiz with requirements to follow (except games)

Eventing	Sub Junior – Relevant Eventing Test, X-Country and SJ 80cm (Grade 3) Junior – Relevant Eventing Test, X-Country is 95cm (Grade 2), SJ 95cm Senior – Relevant Eventing Test, X-Country is 1* and some 2*, SJ 105cm Masters - TBA
Show Jumping	Sub Junior max 80cm Junior 105 - 115cm Senior 110 - 125cm Masters TBA
Dressage	Sub Junior Prelim, Novice and Elementary Juniors and Seniors Novice, Elementary, Medium and Advanced Masters TBA
Games	Junior (13 and under 16yrs) and Senior (16years & over) Teams of 5 riders, competing in 20+ Games Riders must attend Mounted Games training, and participate in MGA Competitions
Tetrathlon	Sub Junior, Juniors, Seniors & Masters - see Pony Club Australia National Tetrathlon Rule (must be Capable of the requirements as per Age Group – Running, Swimming, Shooting, Riding)

Quiz Any member who is interested in the quiz is encouraged to register their interest, as selection is based on your knowledge and not on riding ability. There will be a sub junior, junior, senior and masters team.
Sub-Junior- questions are set at **D*and 1 level above**
Junior- questions are set at **C and 1 level above**
Senior – questions are set at C*/K and above
Masters TBA

Riders are expected to attend PC competitions and are encouraged to attend recognized Dressage and Jumping Competitions – eg. Dressage clubs, Agricultural Shows etc.

State Selectors will be in attendance at various PCASA and other competitions throughout the timeframe. There will be **ONE** team, with **ONE** set of rules with the same goals, expectations, and inclusiveness for all disciplines and team members.

Compulsory Attendance is required at:

1. Eventing - 2024/2025 STATE ODE Championship, as well as at least two events at required Grade
2. Mounted Games - MGA and PCASA Training, Squad Training and Competitions
3. State Camp for all disciplines and any compulsory competitions (**Dressage, SJ and Tet 31/5 and 1/6/25 at Two Wells compulsory comp**)
4. Attend Zone/State training sessions
5. Riders to keep a diary of attendance at competitions and clinic/training, including results and scores.

Costs: Please note – These are Approximate only

1. Travel to the venue will be at own cost and arrangements
2. Entries are currently paid by PCASA
3. Accommodation and Food - \$600
4. Stabling costs - \$350
5. Uniforms - \$500
6. Miscellaneous /officials @ \$400 approx, (expertise, lost wages, flights, accommodation, food, uniform)
7. Training is at rider cost albeit Zone/State subsidized

You may **fundraise** but if a profit is made, this must be donated to the team. No **VISIBLE** sponsorship to be displayed.

Team Expectations:

Be a Team Player, help, support and respect each other, remember you are on show. Pony Club ethos is paramount and will count towards selection.

A signed Code of Conduct will be required by team members, officials and supporters traveling or staying with the team.

Wear the approved uniform at all times and Horses **must** have the approved rug on when out of the stable.

Selections are made based on a combination's ability, rider attitude, team spirit, maturity, club recommendation and the ability to play by the rules.

Once competition has commenced parents and supporters will not be able to coach or warm up riders unless requested to by team officials.

Selectors: PCASA President, Vice President/s, Discipline Coaches

Nationals Sub Committee

Coaches: TBC

Team Managers: Please contact national committee if you are interested

Any questions please contact:
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PCASA Rider Development Program

State Squads:

The aim of this squad is to develop the skills of riders working towards competing at National Championship Level. The State Team for the National Championships will come from this squad.

Riders can nominate to attend State Squad training after meeting the set criteria.

- Squad members are expected to be committed to the Pony Club ethos, and abide by the Pony Club Codes of Conduct, especially as they will be Ambassadors for PCASA when competing at Nationals.
- Riders eligible for consideration must submit a Zone application. Riders may also be nominated for selection by their Clubs, Zone and/or Coaches.
- Riders/Parents must sign the Zone Squad Application form, as there is a considerable commitment required. (Forms are on the PCASA website under Nationals)
- It is expected that training will occur every three months, becoming more frequent closer to the Nationals.
- Squads will be revised every 6 months or as necessary – allowing for riders to move in and out of the squads as deemed necessary.
- Squad training will be provided by highly qualified coaches, working towards the National Competition – it is therefore assumed that anyone nominating for the State Squad is prepared to travel to the National Championship if selected for the Team.
- Riders can nominate for any discipline
- Continuity of coaching will give riders the opportunity to obtain information on a personal level from coaches.
- Riders will work within a team environment and are expected to be committed to attending training squads.

Quiz Phases

Any member who is interested in the quiz is encouraged to register their interest, as selection is based on your knowledge and not on riding ability. There will be a sub junior, junior, senior team & Masters. It can comprise of any of the following:

Mega Room Phase

Is comprised of tables with horse related items displayed on them. All items in the Mega Room Phase are identified by matching them with an answer sheet given to each competitor. Competitors compete individually in Mega Room and the top three scores will be totaled for a team score. The Mega Room Phase varies in number of Rounds depending on availability of props and facilities.

Written Test Phase

The Written Test is comprised of up to 25 questions addressing the efficiency standards and up to one level above associated with that age group.

Games

A variety of games covering general knowledge and horse mastership.

Classroom Phase

Oral questions are asked in a classroom setting. A Round is complete, when each member of a team has answered required questions. Teams will answer in order, during each Round starting with the Captain of the team.

In a four person team, the lowest score of the four will be dropped. In a three person team, all scores will be totaled.

Stable Phase

Stable Phase questions are designed to test the competitor's practical hands-on application of knowledge and are asked in a stable or stall-type setting. The team travels together to each stable. The Stable phase can be held in a car park, in horse floats or in rooms at the competition venue; the only requirement is that competitors should have room to be able to demonstrate something. Each stable has one judge and a marshal who handles the rules explanation timing and moving on of teams. NOTE: Stable Judges must have sufficient knowledge of the subject. They could be a vet or vet nurse if the topic were Veterinary. The topics and likely questions must be covered in the recommended reading.