

PCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2021 PCA NATIONALS

will be held at BENALLA EQUESTRIAN RESERVE on 26th Sept - 2nd Oct 2021

1. AGES - Please see Dressage for specific Age Groups
 - a. Sub Juniors – between 10-12years in 2021
 - b. Juniors - Minimum age of 13 years on Jan 1st, 2021
 - c. Seniors are 17 on 1st Jan 2021
2. Completed their C Certificate by 1st Jan 2021
3. Minimum of 4 quallies at the start of competition
4. **MUST** be a current financial member of their club
5. **MUST** be a member of their Zone Development Squads – form attached for each combination
6. **Expressions of interest forms are to be sent through Clubs to Zones, and then to PCASA to forward to 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 my contact details change.
8. **Be an active Club/Zone member & be a Team player**
9. All horses must be microchipped
10. One Horse/One Rider
11. Quiz Team

Riders must be competing at the appropriate level below and/or have a horse capable of:

1. Eventing
 - a. **Sub Junior** – Relevant Eventing Test, X-Country 80cm & SJ 85cm
 - b. **Junior** – Relevant Eventing Test, X-Country is 95cm, SJ 100cm
 - c. **Senior** – Relevant Eventing Test, X-Country is 105cm, SJ 110cm
2. Show Jumping
 - a. **Sub Junior** max Starting height 80cm
 - b. **Junior** max starting height 105cm
 - c. **Senior** max starting height 115cm
3. Dressage
 - a. **Sub Junior** Prelim & Novice
10 years & Under 13 years
 - b. **Combined** Novice, Elementary & Medium
13 years and under 26 years
4. Games
 - a. **Junior** and **Senior** Teams of 5 riders, competing in 20+ Games
 - b. Riders must attend Mounted Games training, and participate in MGA Competitions
5. Tetrathlon
 - a. **Sub Junior, Juniors & Seniors** - see Pony Club Australia National Tetrathlon Rule (must be capable of the requirements as per Age Group – Running, Swimming, Shooting, Riding)
6. Quiz
 - a. **Sub Junior, Junior** and **Senior** – questions are set at D-C & C* K - B levels – see page 4 of this document for more information
7. Ride To Time
 - a. **Junior** 16 years & under and **Senior** 17yrs and under 26years

Riders are expected to attend both PC and EA/Formal Competitions

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

Compulsory Attendance is required at:

1. 2020 STATE ODE Championship, as well as at least two events at required Grade, for eventers
2. 2021 STATE Championships at required Grade – Quiz, Show Jumping, Dressage, Tetrathlon & Mounted Games - if not in MG team, still required to attend event.
3. MGA & PCASA Training, Squad Training and Competitions – Mounted Games
4. State Camp TBA for all disciplines
5. Quiz Clinic Weekend
6. Minimum of 4 training sessions to be held over 18 months
7. Interviews with rider will be held and a long list confirmed

Costs: Please note all costs are approximate and will be confirmed once we have clarification from the organising Committee

1. Travel to VIC will be at own cost & arrangements
2. Entries are currently paid by PCASA
3. Accommodation & Food in Benalla - \$600 this is approx. Please note this event is during school holidays
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 subsidised

You may **fundraise** but if a profit is made, this must be donated to the team. No other **VISIBLE** sponsorship if we have a State Sponsor

Rider Expectations:

Be a Team Player, help, support & 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 (parents to sign if rider is under 18 years)

Listen to your older members, coaches & team managers, they have lots of experience & have been here before.

Wear the approved uniform in Victoria at all times.

Parent Expectations:

Parents will have NO input into rider warm-up once competition has commenced. A signed Code of Conduct will be required.

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

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

Nationals Sub Committee – representing each discipline

Coaches: TBC

Training Coordinators TBC

Managers: TBC

Any questions please contact:

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Date: December 2020

PCASA Rider Development Program

Zone Squads:

As the name suggests these squads are at Zone Level and it will be the responsibility of each Zone to conduct their own squad training.

- All state appointed coaches will be available to coach at these trainings. It will, however, be the responsibility of the Zone to liaise with the coaches for their specific requirements.
- It is recommended that each Zone have a coordinator that could organise this. Zones may use their own coaches, but it would be advantageous for these coaches to liaise with the State coaches so there is a continuity of instruction and the aims of the squads are met.
- Zones are required to run training sessions a minimum of 2 times per year.
- Riders at this level, who have not yet obtained their "C" Certificate, should be actively encouraged to do so, prior to 1st Jan 2021.

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.

Coaches: TBC

Riders can nominate to attend Zone/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.
- Parents should 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.
- Positions on the squads should be seen as a privilege and a goal Pony Clubbers should be working towards. There-by encouraging especially older riders to remain in Pony Club.
- Squad training will be provided training 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.
- It is the aim of the squad to not only develop riding skills, but also to develop skills of horsemanship, sports psychology, nutrition, veterinary etc.

Nominations must be sent in on application form (found in Nationals section) to the Zone Secretary. Training to be within the Zone and long list of potential State Rider's names and information forwarded to PCASA State Office, and the Chair of the subcommittee with the forms below signed.

Quiz Phases

Members do not have to ride for this discipline. Any member who is interested in quiz is encouraged to register their interest, this is selected on your knowledge and not on riding ability. There will be juniors and seniors teams.

It will comprise 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 totalled 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.

It may also include a 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 totalled.

PCASA ZONE TRAINING SQUAD APPLICATION FORM

Each rider must submit an application form before attending Squad functions.

Name of Rider: _____ Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Name of Horse: _____

PC Card #: _____ PIC #: _____

Pony Club: _____ Rider Date of Birth: _____

Discipline you wish to nominate for – you may choose more than 1:

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|---------------|---|-------------|
| Dressage | YES / NO | Level _____ |
| Show Jumping | YES / No | Level _____ |
| Eventing | YES / NO | Level _____ |
| Mounted Games | YES / NO | |
| Quiz | YES / NO (There will also be a selection process) | |
| Tetrathlon | YES / NO | |
| Ride To Time | YES / NO | |

Resumes of past performances should be prepared and presented to Zone Chief Instructors for information and Zones to pass on to the Nationals Sub-Committee with recommendations to be added to State Squad Training.

All Riders (Except Sub Juniors) **MUST** hold their "C" Certificate before they can be selected in a State Team to represent PCASA in a National competition or nomination for International selection. Sub Juniors are encouraged to have their C Certificate

Riders do not have to hold a "C" Certificate to participate in training but must complete before Jan 1st, 2021 to be considered for National Selection.

I _____ do /do not hold my C Certificate

Signature of rider: _____ (or Parent/Guardian if under 18 years)

This form **MUST** be signed by the Club Secretary to indicate financial stats, and that the Club is aware that the rider is joining the Zone Training Squad.

Club Secretary: _____ Signature: _____

Zone Secretary: _____ Signature: _____

If the Candidate meets State criteria this form will be forwarded to PCASA & State Coordinator & the rider will then be added to the State Squad