

## PCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2023

### PCA NATIONALS will be held at Danson Dressage

1. AGES
  - a. Sub Juniors – between 10-12years on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan2023
  - b. Juniors - Minimum age of 13 years on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 games Juniors are **under 16**
  - c. Seniors are **16 and over** on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023
2. Completion of C Certificate by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023
3. Minimum of 4 qualifications by the start of NATIONAL 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. **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
10. One Horse/One Rider

**Riders must be competing at the appropriate level below and/or have a horse capable of: (or as specified when the program is available)**

1. Eventing
  - a. **Sub Junior** – Relevant Eventing Test, X-Country and SJ 80cm (Grade 3)
  - b. **Junior** – Relevant Eventing Test, X-Country is 95cm (Grade 2), SJ 95cm
  - c. **Senior** – Relevant Eventing Test, X-Country is 1\* and some 2\*, SJ 105cm
2. Show Jumping
  - a. **Sub Junior** max 80cm
  - b. **Junior** 105 - 115cm
  - c. **Senior** 110 - 125cm
3. Dressage
  - a. **Sub Junior** Prelim, Novice and Elementary
  - b. **Junior and Seniors** Novice, Elementary, Medium and Advanced
4. Games
  - a. **Junior (under 16yrs)** and **Senior (16years & over)** Teams of 5 riders, competing in 20+ Games
  - b. Riders must attend Mounted Games training, and participate in MGA Competitions
5. Tetrathlon
  - a. **Juniors and 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**- questions are set at **D\*and 1 level above** see page 4 of this document for more information
  - b. **Junior**- questions are set at **C and 1 level above** see page 4 of this document for more information
  - c. **Senior** – questions are set at C\*/K and above – see page 4 of this document for more information
7. Fun event TBA

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

State Selectors will be in attendance at various PCASA and EA/Formal 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. 2023 STATE ODE Championship, as well as at least two events at required Grade, for eventers
2. 2022-23 Competition History – Quiz, Show Jumping, Dressage and Tetrathlon
3. MGA and PCASA Training, Squad Training and Competitions – Mounted Games
4. State Camp May 26th & 27th for all disciplines at Mountain PC
5. Minimum of 4 training sessions to be held over 18 months
6. Riders to keep a diary of attendance at completions and clinic/training

### **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 in - \$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 subsidised

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

### **Rider 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 (parents to sign if rider is under 18 years)

Previous competitors at National competitions will be available to mentor new riders and families.

Wear the approved uniform in designated State 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.

### **Parent Expectations:**

Once competition has commenced parents will not be able to coach or warm up their rider

A signed Code of Conduct will be required.

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

**Nationals Sub Committee** – representing each discipline

**Coaches:** TBC

**Training Coordinators** Please contact national committee if you are interested

**Managers:** Please contact national committee if you are interested

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# PCASA Rider Development Program

## Zone Squads:

**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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

## 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 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.
- 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.
- It is the aim of the squad to develop riding skills, skills of horsemanship, sports psychology, nutrition, veterinary care.

***Zone Development Nomination Form must be sent to the Zone Training Co-ordinator before the rider is eligible for Zone/ State squad selection.***

***Training is to be within the Zone and a list of potential State Riders will be forwarded, by the Zone Training Co-ordinator to Nationals Training Officer and the Chair of the National subcommittee***

## **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 and senior team.

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.