



PONY CLUB
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2019 PCA National Championships

7th – 13th October 2019

Sydney International Equestrian Centre

Applications are now open for Pony Club WA members applying for selection onto the WA State Team.

All information and updates can be found on the Pony Club WA Website at [Participate/National Events](#).

APPLICATIONS

Due 1st June 2019

Please complete the [Application Form](#) and return with all necessary paperwork to development@ponyclubwa.asn.au

EVENT SCHEDULE

The [Event Schedule](#) has now been published and contains event information, guidelines and rules for each discipline, a provisional timetable, stabling and camping costs plus entry fees.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Please note the following changes:

- The Selection Criteria for Dressage has been updated to reflect changes to the dressage competition format.
- The Selection Criteria for Tetrathlon was been updated in December to reflect changes to the jumping heights.
- The Selection Criteria for Gymkhana and Quiz has been added.

2019 Pony Club WA updated [Selection Criteria](#)

BORROWED HORSES

The Pony Club WA Board have approved the use of borrowed horses for Tetrathlon riders at the 2019 National Championships.

It is to be understood that any arrangements in place are directly between rider and the person borrowing the horse. Pony Club WA is not responsible for any adverse incidents, claims, damage or injury caused at any time during the loan period.

SELECTION INFORMATION

Selections will be made by a panel of selectors (please see Pony Club WA Handbook for Selectors Criteria). State team members will be selected from their performance diaries, club and/or coach references, and in the case of PPMG and Tetrathlon, riding performance at a selection day.

RULE EXEMPTION

Pony Club Australia have released an Application for an [Exemption to the Rules Form](#) that can be used to apply for an exemption from event entry rules, (such as state composite teams, one horse/one rider rule). Note that all exemption applications must be received by **30th April 2019 (TBC)**.

It is requested that Applications for Exemptions are sent to development@ponyclubwa.asn.au and we will forward on to PCA on your behalf. The Taskforce would like to be aware of possible exemptions.

PERFORMANCE DIARIES

Due 1st June 2019

Riders from all sports are required to keep a Performance Diary that must be completed and submitted with the Nationals application. You can download a Diary from the Nationals page on the Pony Club WA Website: Participate/National Events – [Performance Diaries](#)

If you are applying for 2 disciplines, you will need to complete and submit a separate Performance Diary for each.

If you are applying for Gymkhana you will need to submit a Performance Diary for Showjumping, PPMG and/or Novelties and Dressage and/or Show Horse.

CLUB REFERENCES

Riders must demonstrate an acceptable level of behaviour, citizenship and horsemastership. This should be verified by including at least one reference from a Club Executive or Club Coach.

GOAL SETTING WORKSHEET

This can be found on the Pony Club WA Website: Participate/National Events - [Worksheets](#)

GENERAL Q&A'S

Due to the Event Schedule being received only recently, the Taskforce raised quite a few queries. Some of these have been answered by the host state and some we are still requiring answers for.

Please see below:

Tetrathlon

1. Optimum run/swim times are being reviewed by Pony Club Australia so could change.
2. The Laser Pistols will be supplied, and all competitors will use them. There will be set times during the week of the event for competitors to practise using the pistols.
3. Borrowed horses will need to be bumped in on Monday along with all others and be present at Trot up on Tuesday. They will remain onsite for the duration of the competition.

Dressage

1. Graded horses riding down - Pony Club WA State Dressage Committee has no specific grading rule as we refer back to the EA Grading Rule.

This rule would only apply to Graded EA Ponies/Horses eg if a pony/horse is graded at Elementary it cannot participate in Novice, Prelim or Preparatory but it can participate in Elementary and above.

A rider wishing to downgrade from Elementary or higher to be able to participate in the National Championships would need to apply to the Pony Club WA State Dressage Committee for an exemption using the [Application to Downgrade Form](#).

Eventing

1. Riding up an age group - No rider can compete in the wrong age group.
2. Riding down - although the event is being run under EA Rules the Schedule does state that all Horse/Rider combinations entered in Olympic disciplines qualify under their own State rules. ***We will update riders as soon as we can on the outcome of this.***

EXEMPTIONS

One horse/one rider questions will be answered when exemption form is received by Pony Club Australia and it will be reviewed on a case by case basis. A lot will depend on what disciplines and levels are being requested. Riders will then be guided by PCA on what will be allowed with regards to the sharing of a horse.