

COVID-19: Pony Club WA Update 16th March

Pony Club WA continues to closely monitor the evolution of the Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic and its impacts.

Whilst most pony club events and activities would not exceed the recommended gathering size of 500 people, our key priority is the health and well-being of our members and wider community.

In order to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19, Pony Club WA is issuing the following advice to our members and member clubs. We will keep members advised of any further changes and recommendations as they arise.

STATE ACTIVITIES

State Tetrathlon Championships

- Postponed with an alternative 2020 date TBC
- Full refunds will be available or alternatively held in credit.
- Qualification period will be extended accordingly.

State Showjumping Championships

- Currently under review.

State High Performance/Training Squads

- Currently under review.

State Certificate/Coaching Schools

- Currently under review.

Speed to Safety Events

- Postponed until further notice

State Sport Committees

- Pony Club WA has teleconferencing facilities available.
- It is recommended that our state committees utilise these resources for monthly meetings instead of holding face to face meetings until further notice.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Committees should assess the risks associated with organised pony club activities and reconsider any aspect that may increase risk of transmission.

The following general restrictions apply to all pony club activities:

- All gatherings of over 500 people are to be cancelled.

- Do not attend pony club activities of any sort if you have or have been in close contact with someone who has coronavirus (Covid-19).
- Do not attend pony club activities of any sort if you have returned from overseas in the 14 days preceding the event.
- Do not attend pony club activities of any sort if one of your household members is self-isolating due to overseas travel or contact with someone who has coronavirus (Covid-19).
- Do not attend pony club activities of any sort if you or people you are in regular contact with feel unwell or are showing symptoms.

Pony Club Rallies

- The general restrictions outlined under Club Activities apply.
- Clubs are asked to run a shortened program (2-3 sessions at the club's discretion) and not include horsemastership. These amended rally programmes will still be permitted as Qualifying Rallies.
- Clubs are asked to not operate canteens involving food preparation until further notice.
- Clubs are asked to not hold lunchtime meetings.
- Members should be discouraged from gathering in social groups.
- Participants should be encouraged to leave surplus support personnel/family members at home.

Pony Club Camps

- The general restrictions outlined under Club Activities apply.
- Clubs must postpone camps until further notice unless day programmes can be organised as an alternative and run in an amended format as per the recommendations for rallies.

Pony Club Training Days and Competitions

- The general restrictions outlined under Club Activities apply.
- Participants should be encouraged to leave surplus support personnel/family members at home.
- Where possible, events should be restructured so that they can be run over the one day.
- Avoid gatherings in confined spaces or close quarters.
- Overnight camping should be discouraged.
- Canteens preparing or selling food should not operate.

Members should be encouraged to practice social distancing behaviours and good hygiene, including:

- **frequent hand washing**
- **limiting contact with others, including through shaking hands, and**
- **covering their mouths while coughing or sneezing**

The final decision as to whether to attend any pony club activity rests with each member.