

Pony Club WA

Membership Categories for 2022



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Our 2019-2021 Strategic Plan Item 2.3 *Adapt and respond to membership needs* provides to 'Review membership categories to ensure something for everyone'.

The Vision of Pony Club WA is '*To be the equestrian organisation of choice for the youth of Western Australia*'.

Having a membership offering that is inclusive and encouraging is essential to help achieve our Vision to attract the youth and young people of Western Australia to join and renew memberships. Supporting memberships and opportunities that are complementary and add value are essential to ensure the financial and social viability of member clubs – especially regionally, - who deliver Pony Club on the ground.

The Board of Pony Club WA completed their review and have made some significant changes effective for 2022.

The benefits of these changes are:

- Simplified, intuitive and more logical membership categories,
- New program – Ready2Ride – to attract and provide fun activities for younger riders
- No changes for our core memberships for young members and retains philosophy that Pony Club is an organisation for young people and children,
- Support for volunteers in removal of all costs for volunteers,
- Supports clubs, by simplifying memberships thereby reducing volunteer time, and offering a simple Come and Try membership,
- Support for visiting rally riders,
- Support for coaches by simplifying memberships and providing more flexibility,
- no real increases in costs overall,

Summary of changes:

1. Whilst there has been some renaming and refining, overall, no significant changes have been made to our core mounted membership categories that have not already existed.
2. Genuine volunteers are no longer charged to volunteer, club life members are now no longer charged for by Pony Club WA to be a club life member.
3. Membership categories are now more clearly and logically divided into mounted, unmounted, official and coach.
4. Complexity has been reduced.

Coaches

Volunteer (unpaid) coaches are now recognised, and no longer charged a membership fee. Paid coaches will continue to be charged the same membership fee as previously. Changes to coaches' categories ensure that coaches are recognised within the MyPonyClub membership as Coaches, not general members.

Coaches will now join Pony Club WA direct, providing more flexibility. Coaches wishing to ride at Pony Club will now register for one of the Mounted memberships, either to their club of choice or direct to Pony Club WA depending on their preferences.

Through MyPonyClub, clubs will be able to search for and have access to all coaches and be able to verify their qualifications and WWC credentials online.

UNPAID COACH

- State Level
- For coaches who are not paid except for re-imbursing expenses (i.e., lunch, the actual cost of fuel, the actual cost of accommodation etc.)
- PA and PL insurance (for unqualified and Preliminary coaches - only while at an approved Pony Club WA activity. Level 1 coaches 24/7 PA. See insurance documentation for full details)
- Can coach at any club or Pony Club WA activity
- Accreditation levels: unqualified, Preliminary and Level 1
- **Cost: \$0**

PAID COACH

- State Level
- For coaches who are paid any amount above the reasonable cost of re-imbursing
- PA and PL insurance (for unqualified and Preliminary coaches - only while at an approved Pony Club WA activity. Level 1 coaches 24/7 PA. See insurance documentation for full details)
- Can coach at any club or Pony Club WA activity
- accreditation levels: unqualified, Preliminary and Level 1
- **Cost \$58**

Officials

In terms of membership in MyPonyClub, Officials are those that are recognised and accredited through our current systems. This currently would include Gear Checkers, TD's, CD's, Dressage Judges, Examiners, photographers – and be added to over time as we develop our Official's Accreditation program.

Currently Pony Club WA does not track officials through MyPonyClub, therefore Officials will be a new category and still under construction. Once complete, Officials' membership in MyPonyClub will allow qualifications to be assigned to members for officials' categories that have an accreditation process.

Through MyPonyClub, club's will be able to search for and have access to all officials and be able to verify their qualifications and WWC credentials online.

OFFICIAL

- State Level
- Accredited and approved officials will be registered by the Pony Club WA office, officials cannot register themselves
- Includes all official accreditations (Gear Checker, TD, photographer etc.)
- Includes PL and PA insurance while engaged in Pony Club activities
- **Cost: \$0**

Unmounted Memberships

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Life Membership as a member category will no longer be available through MyPonyClub. This is because Life memberships in the context of Pony Club WA membership categories are bestowed by clubs onto selected deserving club members as an honorary club membership to reflect service at the club level. It is a principle that life membership should be at no cost, and the Pony Club WA Board believe Pony Club WA should not be levying a charge on life members of our clubs. Removing this category of membership from MyPonyClub will save life members of our clubs \$50 or \$12 annually and simplify administration for club life members and club volunteers by not having to register each year.

As an honorary membership, life members who require to participate as a rider, supporter, coach, or official are treated the same way as all other members and will simply join as such. Pony Club WA life members are recognised 'for life' through our constitution and have entrenched honorary rights that do not require annual registration on MyPonyClub or otherwise.

Should clubs wish to record their life members in MyPonyClub, clubs can create their own Life Member category in their club portal. The current Mounted Life Members can simply purchase an Adult Membership at the same cost as previously to continue to ride at Pony Club.

Changing this membership category will not incur any extra costs for current life members of our clubs (in fact for most it will be cheaper), or life members of Pony Club WA, however, will significantly simplify our membership categories and the process for valued club life members.

SUPPORTER MEMBER

Supporter member captures the compulsory membership for a parent, guardian, or helper for junior aged riding members under 18.

- Club Level
- Compulsory membership for at least 1 parent/guardian of each child riding member unless the parent/guardian has a current Mounted Membership
- PL insurance, additionally, if volunteering, PA insurance while at Pony Club activities
- **Cost: \$58.00**

Mounted Memberships

READY2RIDE MEMBER

- New
- Club level
- Aged 10 and under as at 1st January
- PA and PL insurance
- Rallies, trail rides, camps, non-competitive activities, low level competitions such as gymkhana, pony rings. Not for Dressage, Eventing, Games, Showjumping, Tetrathlon, Show and Vaulting, Polocrosse
- Optional for clubs to adopt,
- Coaches must use the provided Ready2Ride resources for rallies,
- **Cost \$55.50 Pony Club WA membership + \$16.50 PCA Capitation = \$72.00.**

JUNIOR MEMBER

- No changes
- Club level
- Aged 16 and under as at the 1 January
- Access to all Pony Club activities and competitions
- PA and PL insurance
- **Cost: \$113.50 Pony Club WA membership + \$16.50 PCA Capitation = \$130.00.**

SENIOR MEMBER

- No changes
- Club level
- Aged 17 to 24 as at the 1st January
- Access to all Pony Club activities and competitions
- Club level
- PA and PL insurance
- **Cost: \$113.50 Pony Club WA membership + \$16.50 PCA Capitation = \$130.00.**

ADULT MEMBER

- No changes
- Club level
- Optional for clubs to offer
- Aged 25+ as at 1st January
- Access to Pony Club activities and competitions, where offered by a club
- PA and PL insurance
- **Cost \$155.50 Pony Club WA membership + \$16.50 PCA Capitation = \$172.00**

TOP-UP MEMBER

- No changes
- State Level
- Aged 18+ as at 1 January
- EA members – Open events only.
- No PA or PL insurance
- Must be a member of EA
- **Cost \$55.50 Pony Club WA membership + \$16.50 PCA Capitation = \$72.00.**

OPEN RIDER MEMBER

- No changes
- State Level
- aged 18+ as at 1st January
- Open events only
- P/L and P/A insurance
- **Cost \$155.50 Pony Club WA membership + \$16.50 PCA Capitation = \$172.00.**

COME AND TRY

- Club Level
- Rallies only
- Optional for clubs to offer,
- Must be purchased online,
- Can be offset against the purchase of an annual membership as an incentive to become an annual member,
- Prospective members can 'try-out' each club 2 times only, then need to join as a member. No rally attendance recorded. Come and Try Membership needs to be purchased for each club tried out and pay any club fees,
- Existing members can utilise Come and Try membership for visiting rallies without restriction. Must join each 'visited club' as a Come and Try member and pay any club fees. Attendances can be recorded,
- P/L insurance only, no P/A insurance. (Note: P/A insurance for existing members visiting a club is covered under their existing annual membership),
- **Cost \$15 per club joined.**

		NATIONAL	NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	CATEGORY DETAILS	NAT FEE	STATE FEE	TOTAL FEE	ZONE FEE	CLUB FEE
1	Club	Unmounted	Supporter Member	All ages		\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00	Optional	Optional
2		Riding	Ready to Ride	10&U Rally/non comp Only	\$ 16.50	\$ 55.50	\$ 72.00	Optional	Optional
3			Junior Riding Member	2 - 17 years	\$ 16.50	\$ 113.50	\$ 130.00	Optional	Optional
4			Senior Riding Member	18 - 24 year	\$ 16.50	\$ 113.50	\$ 130.00	Optional	Optional
5			Adult Riding Member	25 yrs. – 80 yrs. Competition/rallies/non-competitive activities	\$ 16.50	\$ 155.50	\$ 172.00	Optional	Optional
6			Come and Try	All ages (Includes visiting rallies). No PA insurance		\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	Optional	Optional
7			Top Up Membership	Already a member with EA with insurance	\$ 16.50	\$ 55.50	\$72.00	Optional	Optional
8			Open Riding Membership	18yrs – 80 yrs. P/A insurance. Open Comp Only	\$ 16.50	\$ 155.50	\$ 172.00	NA	NA
9	State	Unmounted	Unpaid Coach	Unpaid except for reimbursing expenses				NA	NA
10			Paid Coach	Paid a fee to coach more than reasonable reimbursement.		\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00	NA	NA
11			Officials	New. For officials that require accreditation.		\$ 0	\$ 0	NA	NA