

Pony Club WA State Showjumping Squad

The Pony Club WA State Showjumping Squad is to provide an opportunity for showjumping combinations to be supported by mentoring and to assist with increasing skills, knowledge and experiences with the aim to increase participation in the showjumping discipline and to encourage participation at the Pony Club national and/or international events.

INFORMATION

AGE GROUP	HEIGHT	JUMP OFF HEIGHT
Sub-Junior	80cm	90cm
Junior	105cm	To 115cm
Senior	110cm	To 120cm

AGE GROUP	AGE	HEIGHT
Sub Junior/Junior	16yrs and under	90cm
Senior	17yrs and over	105cm

AIM

1. Increase awareness and participation in the Showjumping discipline at PCA Nationals 2022 and beyond.
2. Support a squad of riders who have the capacity to compete at the highest pony club levels.
3. Provide a Showjumping Squad Chief Coach to oversee, instruct and mentor squad riders and their equine partner(s).
4. Hold 4 – 6 clinics in 2022 with invitational high caliber coaches.
5. Encourage squad riders to participate in Officials Training eg. Showjumping Judging and/or Course Designing to increase knowledge and practical experience in the showjumping arena.
6. Equip squad riders with skills, knowledge and practical experience, such as: competing at required heights, goal setting, understand the prevention of injury and Injury management (of both horse and rider), long distance travel, completing a performance diary and more.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **A maximum of 25 riders will be selected for the squad with up to 10 reserve riders.**
- The Showjumping Squad sub committee and Squad Chief Coach will assess applications against the selection criteria and select riders to attend one of two selection clinics where final ranking and selection will take place.
- Riders will be notified of selection or non-selection. Any appeals against squad selection must be conducted in accordance with the Pony Club WA Handbook, Book 4.
- A non-refundable payment of \$60.00 +GST is required for all new and returning members.
- All squad members will receive a current Squad Long Sleeve Polo and a Riders Diary.
- Reserve squad: if there is an over subscription of accepted applications, nominations can be placed on a waiting list to make a reserve squad. If there are places available at any clinic, reserve squad members can be invited to participate, however non squad member charges may apply.
- Clinics will have fees to cover ground fees, coach's fees, lunch and any other expenses. Cost of clinic will be advertised when clinic details opened (estimated to be approximately \$70-\$100 per clinic).
- Any squad clinics that are undersubscribed by Squad and reserve, can be opened up to pony club members jumping at appropriate level (non-squad member charges will apply).

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Riders must be current financial members of Pony Club WA
- Riders and horse must be qualified as per 2019 Pony Club WA rally qualification
- Riders should have attained or be actively working towards the appropriate Efficiency Certificate, so they are qualified by the Nationals application date.

Ages and Jumping Heights:

- Senior squad members must be between 17 and 24 years as of the 1st January. Minimum of 3 competition performances with 4 penalties or less in SJ rounds at 105cm in past 12 months (not eventing showjumping rounds).
- Sub junior/Junior squad members must be 16 years and under as of the 1st January. Minimum of 3 competition performances with 4 penalties or less in SJ rounds at 90cm level in the past 12 months (not eventing showjumping rounds).

SELECTION PROCESS (NEW MEMBERS)

Round one:

1. Riders send in application via email including application form and cover letter (outlined below)
2. Successful riders will be invited to attend a selection clinic

Round two:

3. Riders that make it through to round two attend a selection clinic where they will have lessons with the chief coach to show their competency.
4. Riders will attend an informal group interview where they will be asked to demonstrate their willingness to represent Pony Club WA and the squad and what they wish to gain from the squad.

SELECTION PROCESS (2021 MEMBERS)

Round one:

1. Submit 2021 rider diary.
2. Automatic invite to attend selection clinic.

Round two:

3. Attend a selection clinic where they will have lessons with the chief coach to further prove their competency and improvements from 2021 squad attendance.
4. Riders will attend an informal group interview where they will be asked to demonstrate their willingness to represent Pony Club WA and the squad and what they wish to gain from the squad.

Successful riders will be notified of their acceptance onto the squad. Unsuccessful riders will be notified if they have been placed on the reserve squad or not and how they can improve their chances of future selection.

To be submitted as part of application:

- Completed and signed application form and compliance statement.
- Cover letter of max 500 words outlining:
 - Brief overview of their horse and their riding history together (similar to the short discussion you would have with a new coach at the beginning of a lesson or clinic)
 - Competency level eg. jumping height and brief overview of results over the past 12-24 months.
 - What they aim to get out of their involvement in the squad – both personally and towards their competition
 - How they demonstrate willingness and commitment to the squad movement and the aims of the squad (outlined above).

SQUAD REQUIREMENTS

- Squad members must continue to provide their results from competitions. Exemptions may be granted by the Squad Sub Committee, in the case of illness or injury to the horse or rider.
- Squad members must commit and attend a minimum of three Squad dates per annum. All squad members must reapply each year and previous attendance and commitment will be considered in the selection process.
- Squad members must continue to demonstrate to the Chief Squad Coach, and Coaches that they have met the necessary standards during the training period to justify their selection as a Squad Member. This includes discipline, behavior, presentation ambassadorial skills, team spirit and general conduct.
- Riders are expected to keep informed on Squad related information by checking their emails, and the squad Facebook page or group chat.

Application Form

Pony Club WA State Showjumping Squad

NAME			
EMAIL			
PHONE			
D.O.B		AGE AS OF 1/1/2022	
MEMBER OF PONY CLUB WA SINCE			
CURRENT CLUB			
DATE OF JOINING CLUB		NO. OF CLUB WORKING RALLIES ATTENDED IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS	
PREVIOUS CLUB/S		CERTIFICATE HELD	

We, the undersigned, do hereby declare that the above-named horse and rider combination are competent.

We acknowledge that the rider has a basic knowledge of the Pony Club Aims and Objectives, is an enthusiastic and cooperative club member and would be a good ambassador for their state and/or country.

Horse and Rider have qualified at our pony club, as per 2018 Pony Club WA Working Rally Definition.

ENDORSEMENT OF CLUB

<p>Club Signature (please circle the applicable officer)</p> <p>Chief Coach <u>or</u> President <u>or</u> Secretary</p>	
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HORSE DETAILS

If you have more than one horse that is eligible, please fill out to following form for each horse.

NAME		HORSE NAME			
HEIGHT		AGE			
HAVE YOU AND YOUR EQUINE PARTNER ATTENDED THE PONY CLUB WA CHAMPIONSHIPS OR THE PERTH ROYAL SHOW AND TWO SHOWJUMPING DISCIPLINE EVENTS (CAN BE EA SHOWJUMPING OR A PONY CLUB SHOWJUMPING DAY) IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS AT THE FOLLOWING LEVEL?			<table border="1"> <tr> <td>YES</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> </table>	YES	NO
YES	NO				

THREE BEST COMPETITION RESULTS (MUST BE FROM THE PAST 12 MONTHS)

	EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE	CLASS TYPE	HEIGHT (CM)	JUMPING PENALTIES	TIME PENALTIES	JUDGE NAME
1							
2							
3							

FIVE OTHER COMPETITION RESULTS FROM THE PAST 12-24 MONTHS

	EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE	CLASS TYPE	HEIGHT (CM)	JUMPING PENALTIES	TIME PENALTIES	JUDGE NAME
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							

Statement of Compliance

SQUAD RIDERS, COACHES, MANAGER, PARENTS WITH PONY CLUB WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

This document is to be read and signed by every rider, coach, manager and parent who have nominated to participate in the Pony Club WA Showjumping Squad.

I, (print name), as a representative, of Pony Club WA acknowledge that I have read and understand the Pony Club WA Code of Conduct and undertake to comply with the requirements contained in this document and as defined in all other Pony Club WA policies.

SIGNATURE OF RIDER	
DATE	

NAME OF PARENT GUARDIAN	
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/ GUARDIAN (if rider is under 18)	
DATE	

Please Note:

As from 22nd March 2009, any member representing the PCA having been found **NOT** to have upheld the 'Aims and Objectives' of Pony Club or to have been in breach of the PCA 'Code of Conduct', will **NOT** be considered for selection in future International/National Events.

Please forward completed application including this form and the cover letter to development@ponyclubwa.asn.au by 17th January 2022.