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WELCOME

Pony Club WA welcomes all our competitors, family, and supporters, whether on site at the State Equestrian Centre in Perth, or from the many state hubs around Australia.

This year, as the host state, we are planning for a Hybrid Nationals event to ensure we are as inclusive of as many participants as we can, while ensuring a fair and equitable competition is conducted.

We welcome all that are in attendance in Perth at the main hub from around Australia and from around WA and acknowledge the special effort it takes to participate given the incredible distance Perth is from the rest of Australia. We trust that the concept of a Hybrid Nationals becomes the norm moving forward.

Also new for the Nationals in 2023 is the addition of Masters for Dressage and Showjumping. Masters is for riders aged 25+ as at 1 January and ensures we are inclusive of our adult members, many of whom have progressed through Pony Club as children. Adult aged riders are comprising a significant part of our Pony Club membership.

Pony Club WA looks forward to seeing you personally, or virtually, and wishes you every success for the 2023 Nationals wherever you are in Australia.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Entries Open: Monday, 26 June 2023

Entries Close: Monday, 24 July 2023

Closing Date for Applications for Special Exemption: Monday, 31 July 2023

State Hubs: 19 August - 25 Sept 2023 Results / Videos must be submitted within 7 days of completion of the State event.

Pony Club Nationals (State Equestrian Centre, Western Australia): 1 - 5 October 2023

Mounted Games (Benalla Sports and Equestrian Centre, Victoria): 2 - 5 October 2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



Pony Club Western Australia recognises the Nyungar people, the traditional owners of Whadjuk Boodjar, the land in Western Australia on which this event is being held, and the traditional owners of Country across Australia wherever our dispersed events are conducted. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

State Equestrian Centre, Brigadoon, Western Australia

Sunday 1/10	Monday 2/10	Tuesday 3/10	Wednesday 4/10	Thursday 5/10
Bump In	Tetrathlon Swim Phase	Tetrathlon Shoot Phase	Tetrathlon Run Phase	Tetrathlon Fun session
Trot Up	Eventing Dressage	Eventing Cross Country	Eventing Showjumping	
Opening Ceremony	Showjumping	Showjumping	Showjumping	
	Dressage	Dressage	Dressage	
Welcome Dinner				
	Quiz Written Phase		Quiz	Presentations
		Showman Jumping Phase		Showman Dressage & Workouts
		Games Night		Formal Dinner & Presentation of the Roger Braham OAM Perpetual Shield

Mounted Games – Hosted by Pony Club WA at Benalla Sports and Equestrian Centre, Victoria

Monday 2/10	Tuesday 3/10	Wednesday 4/10	Thursday 5/10
Bump In	Team Managers Meeting	Mounted Games Competition	Mounted Games Competition
	Trot Up		
	Team Practice & Equipment Familiarisation		

VENUE DETAILS

State Equestrian Centre, 303 Cathedral Avenue, Brigadoon

Located just 35 minutes from the Perth CBD in the picturesque Swan Valley region is WA's premier equestrian facility - the State Equestrian Centre (SEC). The SEC is located on 66 hectares of prime sporting land positioned on the banks of the serene Swan River and nestled amongst the beautiful Bells Rapids, world class restaurants and wineries, and many more local attractions.

Facilities:

- 70m x 30m Indoor Arena and grandstand seating with a capacity of 1400
- 60m x 35m outdoor 'International Arena'
- 80m x 80m outdoor 'C-Quest Arena'
- Two fenced outdoor warm up arenas
- Large grass general purpose field
- Polocrosse fields
- 'Swan Fields' grass arenas
- Conference rooms
- Caravan and camping sites
- Stable block with 147 stables, 4 wash bays, measuring bay, crush and a swab box

STABLING AND CAMPING AT THE STATE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, WA

Stable and Camping bookings will be taken by Pony Club WA on behalf of Equestrian WA. Equestrian WA will invoice riders separately.

AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rugs for Individual Champions

Rosettes for first to sixth place for Individual Championships

Rosettes for first to sixth place in each Championship Event

Rosettes for first to sixth place Quiz Written Phase

Medallions for first to third place in the Swim, Run and Shoot Phases of Tetrathlon

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rugs for Individual Champions

Rosettes for first to sixth place in Team Championship

ROGER BRAHAM OAM PERPETUAL SHIELD

The **Roger Braham OAM Perpetual Shield** will be awarded to the Champion State, awarded over all Championship disciplines competing at the event.

- Dressage
- Eventing
- Mounted Games
- Quiz
- Showjumping
- Tetrathlon

Championship points will be allocated with the winning team for each discipline receiving the same number of points as there are competitive teams. The Team who scores last position receiving 1 Championship point, for example, if there are 7 teams:

1 st place = 7 points 2 nd place = 6 points 3 rd place = 5 points 4 th place = 4 points	5 th place = 3 points 6 th place = 2 points 7 th place = 1 point
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GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Organising Committee reserves the right to alter, amend, combine, or delete any part of the program if circumstances arise which make it necessary.

ALL COMPETITORS

- The Rider's age is determined as of 1 January 2023.
- All Riders must be current Junior, Senior or Adult "Masters" (over 25 years) financial members of Pony Club Australia. This includes Riders who are current financial members of a Pony Club that is a member of a State Association that is a member of Pony Club Australia.
- A minimum of two states are required to compete to constitute a PCA National Team Championship event, otherwise the event will become a competition for individuals only.

ALL DISCIPLINES

- One Horse per Rider, one Rider per Horse.
- Exemption to the one Rider one Horse rule may be given and is subject to approval by the Organising Committee.
- A 2023 exception to the one Rider one Horse rule applies if a discipline Team of 3 cannot be made from State or Territory nominations. A second competition horse is allowed from an already competing Rider if the second horse is also qualified to compete.
- For all disciplines except Eventing, borrowed horses are allowable but are subject to approval by the rider's home State and the Organising Committee.
- Horses may participate in a maximum of 2 Disciplines.
- A horse may compete in any two Jumping Disciplines. Jumping events include Showjumping and Eventing. For 2023 Tetrathlon is not included as a Jumping Discipline.
- Substitutes due to injury or illness are at the discretion of each State or Territory up until the commencement of competition of the Discipline entered.
- Unless otherwise stated in this Program, Pony Club Australia National Rules apply to this event including the Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules.
- Swabbing of horses may be carried out randomly at this event (in WA and at the Hubs).

GEAR RULES

This competition will follow the current PCA National Gear Rules at [NATIONAL GEAR RULES - Pony Club Australia](#)

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

A hybrid competition. All tests will be judged from a video recording to ensure a level playing field.

- Sub Juniors are 10 - 12 years of age.
- Juniors and Seniors Combined are 13 - 25 years of age.
- For entries from each State or Territory:
 - The Sub Junior Team is to be a maximum of 6 Riders with the top 3 scores to count.
 - The Junior and Senior Combined Team is to be a maximum of 12 Riders with the top 6 scores to count.
 - Where there are insufficient numbers to form a Team, Individual Riders are permitted.
 - Points are accumulated from each event.
 - All Riders will be scored for Individual Championships.
 - All Riders in each Team form the Team.

Championship Events:

	Preliminary	Novice	Elementary	Medium	Advanced
Sub Junior	1.1 1.2 1.3	2.1 2.2 2.3			
Junior/Senior		2.1 2.2 2.3	3.1 3.2 3.3	4.1 4.2 4.3	5.1 5.2 5.3

TESTS: [Dressage Rules & Tests | Equestrian Australia](#)

Riders compete at the 3 consecutive tests at the level they have chosen. Each Rider can only ride each Championship test once.

SCORING:

Individual Championship

1. Each Rider competing at any level may score Individual Championship points.
2. Riders must compete in all three consecutive tests at the same level to be eligible for Individual Championship points.
3. If a Rider is eliminated in an event, Individual Championship points will not be awarded for that event, but the Rider is eligible to score Individual Championship points and Team Championship points in other events.
4. Individual Championship points are allocated to each Rider for each test as follows:
First place – 35 points
Second place – 34 points
Third place – 33 points; and so on until the end of the field.
5. If there are equal placings in a particular event, the placings will be determined as follows:
(a) The higher total collective marks will decide the higher placing.
(b) If these marks remain equal, the placings remain tied.
6. Points awarded at the completion of each event will be totalled to determine the Individual Champion. The Individual Champion is the Rider with the highest combined Individual Championship points of the three tests collectively at each dressage level.

7. If there are equal placings for the Individual Championship, the Individual Champion will be determined as follows:

- (a) The Rider with the highest aggregate percentage of the three tests combined.
- (b) If there is still a tie, the Rider with the highest score in the .3 test.
- (c) If there is still a tie, the Rider with the highest score in the .2 test.
- (d) If there is still a tie, the Rider with the highest score in the .1 test.
- (e) If there is still a tie, equal placings will be awarded for Individual Champion. Team Championship

Team Championship – Combined Junior/Senior Teams

- 1. A minimum of six Riders in a Team must commence each of their scheduled tests for the Team to be eligible for Team Championship points.
- 2. The six Riders with the highest Individual Championship points from each Team count towards the Team Championship.
- 3. If there is an equality of Team Championship points for two or more Riders in the same Team, the Rider competing at the higher dressage level will take precedence over the Rider competing at the lower dressage level.
- 4. Team Championship points are allocated to the placings of each Rider for each dressage level as follows:
First place overall – 35 points
Second place overall – 34 points
Third place overall – 33 points; and so on until the end of the field.
- 5. The Team Championship will be awarded to the team with the highest points.
- 6. If there is an equality in Team Championship points for two or more Teams, the Team with the highest number of Riders competing at the higher level of dressage will be the Team Champion.

Team Championship – Sub Junior Teams

- 1. A minimum of three Riders in a Team must commence each of their scheduled tests for the Team to be eligible for Team Championship points.
- 2. The three Riders with the highest Individual Championship points from each Team count towards the Team Championship.
- 3. If there is an equality of Team Championship points for two or more Riders in the same Team, the Rider competing at the higher dressage level will take precedence over the Rider competing at the lower dressage level.
- 4. Team Championship points are allocated to the placings of each Rider for each dressage level as follows:
First place overall – 35 points
Second place overall – 34 points
Third place overall – 33 points; and so on until the end of the field.
- 5. The Team Championship will be awarded to the team with the highest points.
- 6. If there is an equality in Team Championship points for two or more Teams, the Team with the highest number of Riders competing at the higher level of dressage will be the Team Champion.

DRESSAGE RULES: [Dressage Rules & Tests | Equestrian Australia](#)

Organisation

A State Association, a Zone, a Pony Club, or an Individual (Organiser) may be directly responsible for the organisation of part of the Dressage Championship. Videoed Dressage Tests will be judged remotely by Judges appointed by the Organising Committee.

Dress

Riders are to be in Formal State Pony Club uniform.

Arena

The arena must be 20m x 60m in size.

It must be of competition standard with all arena letters positioned correctly around the arena.

Judging

Videoed Dressage Tests will be judged remotely by Judges appointed by Pony Club WA. The Gear Check video and the Dressage Test Video must be forwarded immediately on completion of the event as per instructions.

- Riders must record and submit a separate virtual Gear Check video taken and dated on the same day as their Dressage Test video, comprised of:
 - Both sides of the horse's head showing the bridle in full
 - Both sides of the saddle showing the saddle and girth in full
 - If the saddle has saddle flaps, both sides of the saddle with the saddle flap lifted showing underneath the saddle flap and girth in full
 - All four legs of the horse
- Tests must be ridden specifically for the class in the PCA National Championships within the scheduled filming period. Do not submit videos of tests from another competition. Any video which is suspected of having been filmed during another competition or outside the scheduled filming period for the PCA National Championships will not be accepted.
- The Gear Check Video and the Dressage Test Video must be submitted in their original format. Do not edit videos, including sound editing, or apply any kind of filter. If the judge suspects that a video has been edited this may result in elimination, at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

Filming

- Film from the judge's position at C. The camera must be set back approximately 2-3 meters from the C marker, approximately 1.5m above the ground level of the arena.
- If filming on a smartphone, hold the device in the landscape (sideways) orientation.
- Sound **MUST** be recorded.
- There must be some zoom when the rider is at the A end of the arena – entries may be marked down if the judge(s) cannot see the entirety of both Rider and horse clearly during each movement.

DRESSAGE VIDEO GUIDELINES

Your test will need to be recorded. Please follow these instructions to ensure your test can be judged online.

Filming Position

- Film from behind the judge's position at the C marker, outside the arena
- If it is a sunny day, try to ensure the sun is behind the camera. We understand this is not always possible due to the orientation of some arenas, however the filming must still be done at C
- If you can, mount the device on a tripod to keep it steady.

Technique

- If filming on a smartphone, hold the device in the landscape orientation (i.e., sideways)
- Tests will commence from inside the arena. Start filming after the Judge rings the bell to commence the test, (e.g., as the rider passes the E or B marker).
- Keep the horse and rider in the centre of the frame
- Sound **MUST** be recorded.

Zooming

- Avoid excessive zooming in and out - the judge will need to see the part of the arena the competitor is in and the whole horse and rider clearly
- Some zooming is necessary when the horse and rider are at the far end of the arena

Framing

- The horse and rider should fill about half of the vertical space in the frame whenever possible.

EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors must attend the Eventing Competition in Western Australia. This is not a Hybrid event.

- Sub Juniors are 10 - 12 years of age.
- Juniors and Seniors Combined are 13 - 25 years of age.
- The Sub Junior Team is to be a maximum of 6 Riders with the top 3 scores to count.
- The Junior and Seniors Combined Team is to be a maximum of 12 Riders with the top 6 scores to count.
- Where there are insufficient numbers to form a Team, Individual Riders are permitted.
- All Riders will be scored for Individual Championships.
- All Riders in each Team form the Team.

	Dressage phase	Showjumping phase	Cross Country phase
Sub-Junior	EA Novice 2.1 (2023)	80cm **	80cm *
Junior/Senior	EA Novice 2.2 (2023)	95cm **	95cm *
Junior/Senior	EA Novice 2.3 (2023)	1.05m **	1.05m *

Dressage Tests: [Dressage Rules & Tests | Equestrian Australia](#)

* Cross Country phase fence specifications:

	Sub-Junior	Junior/Senior	Junior/Senior
Max height	80 cm	95 cm	105 cm
Brush	100 cm	115 cm	125 cm
Spread (e.g., open ditch)	140 cm	200 cm	240 cm
Spread at top	80 cm	100 cm	120 cm
Spread at base	120 cm	150 cm	180 cm
Drop (max)	100 cm	120 cm	140 cm
Height of obstacle into water with drop or without drop	Not allowed	50 cm	80 cm
Water depth entry to exit	30 cm	30 cm	30 cm
Minimum width of crossing	6 m	6 m	6 m
Speed	400 mpm	450 mpm	500 mpm
Distance	1500-2300 m	2000-3000 m	2000-3000 m
Min jumping efforts	15-25	15-25	20-25

** Showjumping phase specifications

Jumping Table	Sub-Junior	Junior/Senior	Junior/Senior
Distance	600 m	600 m	600 m
Speed **if arena is less than 2300 square m, max. speed for any level shall be 325mpm	300 mpm	325 mpm	325 mpm
Height	80 cm	95 cm	105 cm
Oxer spread	90 cm	100 cm	120cm
Triple bar spread	120 cm	140 cm	150 cm
No. Obstacles/ Max efforts	9/10	9/10	9/10
Combinations	1 x double	1 x double	1 x double

Scoring – Individual

Individual scoring shall be as per the Eventing rules.

The same rider must complete all three phases, mounted, on the same horse.

1. Disqualification or elimination from one phase involves disqualification or elimination from the whole competition.
2. The placings are reached by adding together all the penalty points incurred in the separate phases.
3. Scoring of Individual Champion to be calculated from the three Championship phases. The winner is the competitor with the lowest total penalty points.
4. In the case of a tie, the winner or place getter will be determined in the order as follows:
 - a. The rider with the lowest Cross Country (total of jumping and time penalties).
 - b. If there is still a tie, the winner or place getter will be the one whose Cross-Country time was the closest to optimum time.
 - c. If there is still equality, the placing will be decided in favour of the competitor with the best score in the Showjumping phase (time and obstacles).
 - d. If there is still equality, the placing will be decided in favour of the competitor with the fastest time in the Showjumping phase.
 - e. If there is still equality, the placing will be decided in favour of the competitor with the highest percentage score in the Dressage phase. If there is still equality, the tied placing will remain.

Scoring – Team Championship – Combined Junior/Senior Teams

1. Teams consist of a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve riders.
2. For scoring purposes, the 'Team' shall be defined as the six riders with the lowest penalties after all phases have been scored.
3. The winning Team for Eventing will be that Team which scores the lowest total of penalties accumulated across all three phases.
4. In the case of a tie for 1st or any other place, the higher placing Team will be determined in the order as follows:
 - a. The Team with the lowest penalties in the Cross-Country phase (total jumping and time penalties).
 - b. If there is still a tie, the higher placing Team will be that one whose Cross-Country time was closest to the optimum time.
 - c. If there is still equality, the placing will be decided in favour of the Team with the best score in the Showjumping phase (jumping and obstacle).
 - d. If there is still equality, the placing will be decided in favour of the Team with the fastest time in the Showjumping phase.
 - e. If there is still equality, the placing will be decided in favour of the Team with the highest percentage score in the Dressage phase. If there is still equality, then the tied placing will remain.

Scoring – Team Championship – Sub-Junior Teams

1. Teams consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of six riders.
2. For scoring purposes, the 'Team' shall be defined as the three riders with the lowest penalties after all phases have been scored.
3. The winning Team for Eventing will be that Team which scores the lowest total of penalties accumulated across all three phases.
4. In the case of a tie for 1st or any other place, the higher placing Team will be determined in the order as follows:
 - a. The Team with the lowest penalties in the Cross-Country phase (total jumping and time penalties).
 - b. If there is still a tie, the higher placing Team will be that one whose Cross-Country time was closest to the optimum time.
 - c. If there is still equality, the placing will be decided in favour of the Team with the best score in the Showjumping phase (jumping and obstacle).
 - d. If there is still equality, the placing will be decided in favour of the Team with the fastest time in the Showjumping phase.
 - e. If there is still equality, the placing will be decided in favour of the Team with the highest percentage score in the Dressage phase. If there is still equality, then the tied placing will remain.

MOUNTED GAMES

National Satellite Hub hosted by Pony Club WA at Benalla Sports and Equestrian Centre, Victoria.

- Juniors are 15 years of age and under.
- Seniors are age 16 - 25 years of age.
- Each State or Territory may have one Team of 5 Riders in each age group.
- Each State or Territory may not enter Individual Riders.
- Scoring and Games as per current Mounted Games Rulebook.

Championship Games – to be run over two days (order to be advised)

Team Bending	HILO
2 Flag	Ball & Bucket
Ball & Flag	Litter
Sock	5 Cone
Tack Shop	Bottle
5 Mug Pole - Pole Specific	Quoits and Cone
3 Mug	Pony Express
Ball & Cone	2 Mug
Pony Club Pole	Pyramid
Sword	Stepping Stone Dash
Tyre	Rope
Windsor Castle	Inter/State 5 Flag

QUIZ CHAMPIONSHIP

A Hybrid event.

- Sub Juniors are 10 - 12 years of age.
- Juniors are age 13 - 16 years of age.
- Seniors are age 17 - 25 years of age.
- Each State or Territory may have a Team of 4 competitors in each age group.
- The top 3 scores in each Team will count.
- States who are unable to send a Team to Western Australia may enter up to 4 Individual Riders per age group in the Written Phase. This phase will be conducted virtually.
- The Team Championship will be conducted in Western Australia during the Championships.
- Points are accumulated from each event.
- All competitors will be scored for the Individual Championships.
- All competitors in each Team form the Team.

	Certificate Level
Sub Juniors	D* and one level above
Juniors	C and one level above
Seniors	C* or K, and one level above

SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

A Hybrid event.

- Sub Juniors are 10 - 12 years of age.
- Juniors and Seniors Combined are 13 - 25 years of age.
- For entries from each State or Territory:
- The Sub Junior Team is to be a maximum of 6 Riders with the top 3 scores to count.
- The Junior and Senior Combined Team is to be a maximum of 12 Riders with the top 6 scores to count.
- Where there are insufficient numbers to form a Team, Individual Riders are permitted.
- Points are accumulated from each event.
- All Riders will be scored for Individual Championships.
- All Riders in each Team form the Team.

Championship Events:

	Championship Event 1	Championship Event 2	Championship Event 3
Sub Junior	Article 273.1, 273.2.2.1, 273.3.3.2, 273.4.4 (Competition over Two Rounds)	Article 238.2.2 (AM5)	Article 238.2.2 (AM5)
Junior/Senior Combined	Article 273.1, 273.2.2.1, 273.3.3.2, 273.4.4 (Competition over Two Rounds)	Article 238.2.2 (AM5)	Article 238.2.2 (AM5)

Heights, Spreads and Speeds:

	Sub Junior	Junior/Senior	Junior/Senior
Number of Efforts	9 to 12	9 to 12	9 to 12
Maximum Starting Height	0.75m	1.00m	1.10m
Maximum Height	0.85m	1.10m	1.20m
Maximum Spread	0.95m	1.20m	1.30m
Speed – metres per minute	325	325	325

RULES:

[Jumping Rules & Regulations | Equestrian Australia](#)

SCORING:

By the Judge physically present and judging the rounds:

The Judge will conduct each class and judge each Rider in each class according to the rules.

The results must be submitted immediately to Pony Club WA according to the instructions given.

By the central remote Scorer:

Individual

Step 1: Collate results received from Judges physically present and judging the rounds.

Step 2: Use the following Points System to allocate the corresponding points to each Rider:

Points System

1. Every Rider that completes an event will score points according to their placing in their field:
First place overall – 35 points
Second place overall – 34 points
Third place overall – 33 points and so on.
2. If a Rider is eliminated in an event, they will not be awarded points for that event. However, they are eligible to score points in the other events.
3. These Individual Rider points for each event are added together progressively throughout the Championship to determine the Individual Champion.
4. In the event of an equal placing in an event, the scores will be added together and divided equally.

Scoring – Team Championship – Combined Junior/Senior Teams

1. Teams consist of a minimum of six and a maximum of 12 Riders with the best 3 scores to count. To be eligible for a Team placing, at least six members of the Team must complete each scheduled event.
2. A minimum of six Team members must ride all Championship events before the Team is eligible for an award.
3. Points obtained by the six highest placed riders in each Team for each event are totalled for that event.
4. In the case of the equality of points for the final placing, the scores will be added and divided equally. If these are still equal, then the placings are tied.
5. If a Rider is eliminated, which would preclude the Team from obtaining a Team score, then the eliminated Rider can continue for the Team (receiving 20 penalties more than the worst placed competitor who has finished that round), thereby enabling the Team to be scored in the following way:
 - a) If the Team is a two-round event, then the Rider carries that score into the next round.
 - b) If the Team event is, for example, an AM5 then the score obtained by the above method becomes the Rider's Team score.

Scoring – Team Championship – Sub-Junior Teams

1. Teams consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of six Riders with the best 3 scores to count. To be eligible for a Team placing, at least three members of the Team must complete each scheduled event.
2. A minimum of three Team members must ride all Championship events before the Team is eligible for an award.
3. Points obtained by the three highest placed riders in each Team for each event are totalled for that event.
4. In the case of the equality of points for the final placing, the scores will be added and divided equally. If these are still equal, then the placings are tied.
5. If a Rider is eliminated, which would preclude the Team from obtaining a Team score, then the eliminated Rider can continue for the Team (receiving 20 penalties more than the worst placed competitor who has finished that round), thereby enabling the Team to be scored in the following way:
 - a) If the Team is a two-round event, then the Rider carries that score into the next round.
 - b) If the Team event is, for example, an AM5 then the score obtained by the above method becomes the Rider's Team score.

VIRTUAL SHOWJUMPING RULES:

Organisation

A State Association, a Zone, or a Pony Club (Organiser) may be directly responsible for the organisation and judging of part of the Showjumping Championship. The Judge and Course Designer must sign a declaration that the Course is compliant with the plans and diagrams sent to them by the Organising Committee for each Competition.

The course

The arena must be 70m x 30m. A course plan designed by an FEI course designer with international virtual showjumping competition experience will be provided to the Organiser. The course plan will be designed on a grid and will contain detailed specifications for building the Showjumping course. Electronic timing gear will be required. The Judge must act as the Technical Delegate and inspect the built course to ensure that it has been built in accordance with the course plan.

Video

Each Hub must submit an unedited video, including sound, of each Course. If filming on a smartphone, hold the device in the landscape (sideways) orientation. Please submit to the Organising Committee along with the results.

SHOWMAN CHAMPIONSHIP

This will be a Hybrid event. The results from this event do not count for the Roger Braham OAM Perpetual Shield.

- Sub Juniors are 10 - 12 years of age.
- Juniors and Seniors Combined are age 13 - 25 years of age.
- Groupings by Dressage test and Jumping Height. Further details to be confirmed.
- Each State or Territory may have Teams of 4 competitors in each age group with the top 3 scores in each Team to count.
- Each State or Territory may enter Individual Riders.
- All competitors will be scored for Individual Championships.
- 3 and 4 Phase Showman to be offered.
- All competitors in each Team form the Team.

The Showman competition, originally derived from International Show Horse competitions. The competition has been designed to reward the all-round equestrian athlete with a well-developed capacity to present a horse under saddle and in-hand. Showman consists of 3 or 4 phases of equal weighting (100 marks each). The same horse/athlete combination must complete all phases.

All classes have a dressage test, an individual ridden display, and an in-hand presentation. Four-phase Showman classes also include a Showjumping phase. The Showjumping phase is scored with the variation from the Optimum time and any jumping penalties deducted from the phase maximum of 100 points. Dressage is scored as normal - percentage - with the additional phases of the competition scored out of 100 each. Scores are collated and the winner is the combination with the highest score for each class.

Showman 3 Phase	Age	Dressage	Ridden	In Hand	
Sub Junior	10 - 12 years	Preliminary 1.3	Set workout	Set workout	
Combined Junior & Senior	13 - 25 years	Novice 2.3	Set workout	Set workout	
Showman 4 Phase	Age	Dressage	Ridden	In Hand	Jumping
Sub Junior	10 - 12 years	Preliminary 1.3	Set workout	Set workout	60cm
Combined Junior & Senior	13 - 25 years	Novice 2.3	Set workout	Set workout	80cm
Combined Junior & Senior	13 - 25 years	Novice 2.3	Set workout	Set workout	90cm

TETRATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

For the Ridden Phase, riders will compete in their home State within a hub. The Jumping course will be set by our Course Designer and the plans emailed to each State to replicate. Teams will then travel to WA to compete alongside each other in the remaining phases of Running, Shooting and Swimming between 1-5 October. The WA ridden phase will be held at the State Equestrian Centre on Saturday, 16 September 2023. The Running and Shooting phases will be held at the State Equestrian Centre and the Swimming phase at a nearby swimming pool.

Section	Age	Ride	Run	Swim	Shoot
Sub Junior	10-12 years	75cm	1km	100m	7m, 2 hands
Junior	13-16 years	85cm	2km	200m	10m, 1 hand
Senior	17-25 years	95cm	3km	200m	10m, 1 hand

- Females and Males are separate competitions for both individual and team events.
- Sub Juniors are 10 - 12 years of age.
- Juniors are age 13 - 16 years of age.
- Seniors are age 17 - 25 years of age.
- Each State or Territory may enter a maximum of 4 Female Riders in each age group and a maximum of 4 Male Riders in each age group with the top 3 scores in each Team to count.
- Where there are insufficient numbers to form a Team, each State or Territory may enter Individual Riders.
- Points are accumulated from each phase.
- All Riders will be scored for Individual Championships.
- All Riders in each Team form the Team.

Additional Information for State regarding Teams:

If states have insufficient Senior aged competitors to fill their state Senior team, surplus Junior riders may be chosen to compete in the Senior team. This applies in the following cases:

1. There are enough Junior aged riders available to form a Junior team but there is not enough Senior aged riders to form a Senior team,
2. There are not enough riders available to form either a Junior team or a Senior team, however combined, there is enough riders available to form a combined Senior team.

The following conditions will apply:

- Seniors must have first priority on places in senior teams. If eligible Senior aged riders are available for selection then these riders must be chosen.
- Juniors who filled senior teams must be competent to jump 95cm and run 3 km.
- Juniors in a Senior class will compete as individuals and Team members in the Senior classes.
- Team selections are a State based decision.

MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- The Rider's age is determined as of 1 January 2023.
- Adult "Masters" (over 25 years): All Riders must be current financial members of Pony Club Australia. This includes Riders who are current financial members of a Pony Club that is a member of a State Association that is a member of Pony Club Australia.
- A minimum of two states are required to compete to constitute a PCA National Team Championship event, otherwise the event will become a competition for individuals only.
- The results from the Masters Championships do not count for the Roger Braham OAM Perpetual Shield.

MASTERS DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

This is a Hybrid competition. All tests will be judged from a video recording to ensure a level playing field. Please refer to the filming guidelines in the Dressage Championship section.

- The Team is to be a maximum of 4 Riders with the top 3 scores to count.
- All Riders in each Team form the Team.
- Where there are insufficient numbers to form a Team, Individual Riders are permitted.
- Points are accumulated from each event.
- All Riders will be scored for Individual Championships.

	Preliminary	Novice	Elementary
Masters	1.1	2.1	3.1
	1.2	2.2	3.2
	1.3	2.3	3.3

TESTS: [Dressage Rules & Tests | Equestrian Australia](#)

Riders compete at the 3 consecutive tests at the level they have chosen. Each Rider can only ride each Championship test once.

SCORING:

Individual Championship

1. Each Rider competing at any level may score Individual Championship points.
2. Riders must compete in all three consecutive tests at the same level to be eligible for Individual Championship points.
3. If a Rider is eliminated in an event, Individual Championship points will not be awarded for that event, but the Rider is eligible to score Individual Championship points and Team Championship points in other events.
4. Individual Championship points are allocated to each Rider for each test as follows:
 - First place – 35 points
 - Second place – 34 points
 - Third place – 33 points and so on until the end of the field
5. If there are equal placings in a particular event, the placings will be determined as follows:
 - (a) The higher total collective marks will decide the higher placing.
 - (b) If these marks remain equal, the placings remain tied.
6. Points awarded at the completion of each event will be totalled to determine the Individual Champion. The Individual Champion is the Rider with the highest combined Individual Championship points of the three tests collectively at each dressage level.
7. If there are equal placings for the Individual Championship, the Individual Champion will be determined as follows:
 - (a) The Rider with the highest aggregate percentage of the three tests combined.
 - (b) If there is still a tie, the Rider with the highest score in the .3 test.
 - (c) If there is still a tie, the Rider with the highest score in the .2 test.
 - (d) If there is still a tie, the Rider with the highest score in the .1 test.

(e) If there is still a tie, equal placings will be awarded for Individual Champion. Team Championship

Team Championship

1. All four Riders in a Team must commence each scheduled test for the Team to be eligible for Team Championship points.
2. The three Riders with the highest Individual Championship points from each Team count towards the Team Championship.
3. If there is an equality of Team Championship points for two or more Riders in the same Team, the Rider competing at the higher dressage level will take precedence over the Rider competing at the lower dressage level.
4. Team Championship points are allocated to the placings of each Rider for each dressage level as follows:

First place overall – 35 points
Second place overall – 34 points
Third place overall – 33 points; and so on until the end of the field.
5. The Team Championship will be awarded to the team with the highest points.
6. If there is an equality in Team Championship points for two or more Teams, the Team with the highest number of Riders competing at the higher level of dressage will be the Team Champion.

MASTERS SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

This is a Hybrid competition.

- For entries from each State or Territory:
- The Team is to be a maximum of 4 Riders with the top 3 scores to count. All Riders in each Team form the Team
- Where there are insufficient numbers to form a Team, Individual Riders are permitted.
- Points are accumulated from each event.
- All Riders will be scored for Individual Championships.

Masters	Article 273.1, 273.2.2.1, 273.3.3.2, 273.4.4 (Competition over Two Rounds)	Article 238.2.2 (AM5)	Article 238.2.2 (AM5)
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Heights, Spreads and Speeds:

	Masters
Number of Efforts	9 to 12
Maximum Starting Height	0.75m
Maximum Height	0.85m
Maximum Spread	0.95m
Speed – metres per minute	325

SCORING:

By the Judge physically present and judging the rounds:

The Judge will conduct each class and judge each Rider in each class according to the rules. The results must be submitted immediately to Pony Club WA according to the instructions given.

By the central remote Scorer:

Individual

Step 1: Collate results received from Judges physically present and judging the rounds.

Step 2: Use the following Points System to allocate the corresponding points to each Rider:

Points System

5. Every Rider that completes an event will score points according to their placing in their field:
First place overall – 35 points
Second place overall – 34 points
Third place overall – 33 points and so on.
6. If a Rider is eliminated in an event, they will not be awarded points for that event. However, they are eligible to score points in the other events.
7. These Individual Rider points for each event are added together progressively throughout the Championship to determine the Individual Champion.
8. In the event of an equal placing in an event, the scores will be added together and divided equally.

Team

6. A Teams consist of a four Riders with the best 3 scores to count. To be eligible for a Team placing, at least 3 members of the Team must complete each scheduled event.
7. A minimum of 3 Team members must ride all Championship events before the Team is eligible for an award.
8. Points obtained by the 3 highest placed riders in each Team for each event are totalled for that event.
9. In the case of the equality of points for the final placing, the scores will be added and divided equally. If these are still equal, then the placings are tied.
10. If a Rider is eliminated, which would preclude the Team from obtaining a Team score, then the eliminated Rider can continue for the Team (receiving 20 penalties more than the worst placed competitor who has finished that round), thereby enabling the Team to be scored in the following way:
 - a) If the Team is a two-round event, then the Rider carries that score into the next round.
 - b) If the Team event is, for example, an AM5 then the score obtained by the above method becomes the Rider's Team score.

ENTRY FEES

Competitors and Team Officials

Entry fees

Team Class Entry Fee (all disciplines)	\$605
Individual Class Entry Fee (all disciplines if not competing as part of a Team)	\$165
Quiz Team Entry Fee	\$165
Quiz Individual Entry Fee (Written Phase)	\$10
All Riders – Rider Entry Fee (includes event shirt)	\$250

Hub fees

Riders competing at Nationals in Western Australia (includes First Aid, Welcome dinner and Games Night with dinner)	\$230
Officials at Nationals in Western Australia (includes First Aid, Welcome dinner and Games Night with dinner)	\$130
<i>Bookings for the Formal Dinner in Western Australia will be taken separately.</i>	

Riders competing at Games hub Benalla, Victoria (includes First Aid, ground fees, Welcome dinner, Pizza Dinner, Gala Final Dinner)	\$290
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ENTRY PROCESS

1. States will endorse their Team members and submit their details via a spreadsheet to Pony Club WA.
Pony Club WA will invoice the State Office for the Team and Individual Class Entry Fees.
2. All riders will enter and pay their Rider Entry Fee online via JustGo.

STATE HUBS

To take into account the different costs at the dispersed locations the following will apply:

- Hub Fee: This will be at the discretion of the State Hub to recover any costs relevant locally and be 100% retained by the state running the hub. The WA segment held at the WA State Equestrian Centre will have a Hub Fee as will the Games held in Benalla.
- Additional Events: States can charge a fee for any additional events held at a State Hub and 100% retained by the State.

COMBINED HORSE TRANSPORT - DISCOUNTED TRANSPORTATION OFFER TO THE NATIONAL HUB

Combined Horse Transport have a strong affiliation with Pony Club and have a special offer for riders competing at Nationals in Western Australia. [Combined Horse Transport \(cht.net.au\)](http://cht.net.au)



GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES ENTERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Agricultural Department requirements for horses coming into WA:

[Importing equines into Western Australia | Agriculture and Food](#)

REFUND POLICY

Requests for refunds after close of entries must be accompanied by a Medical or Veterinary Certificate.
The Organising Committee will withhold an administration fee of 25% of the total entry fee.

COVID 19

Competitors will need to follow their individual State Government guidelines regarding COVID-19.

Competitors in Western Australia must observe these guidelines:

[COVID-19 Coronavirus: Managing COVID-19 in WA \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)

Annexe A – Application for Special Exemption



APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXEMPTION

Name of rider	
Age of rider	
State	
Event(s) to be entered	
Horse name and age	
Please describe the exemption from the event rules that you are applying for and why	
Team manager name	
Contact name and email	

All applications must be received by Monday, 31 July 2023 at nationals@ponyclubwa.asn.au

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