

# Pony Club WA Eventing Rules Amendments

*Effective 01 February 2023*

## 22 Entries

Entry form must be signed by the parent or guardian of the Rider if the Rider is under 18 years of age.

Entry fee will be set by the organising committee.

Entry fees will be refunded less an administration fee on production of either a Veterinary or Medical/Doctors Certificate (an administration fee of up to 25% can be deducted) to competitors who withdraw after the close of entries.

~~Substitutions are permitted accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate.~~ Mounts may be substituted before the commencement of the event upon presentation of a Veterinary Certificate. If such a substitution is made, the replacement mount must be eligible within the terms of the Pony Club WA Rules.

~~No substitution of rider is permitted under any circumstances, once the competition has commenced (May 2022)~~

Riders may substitute up to four days prior to the commencement of the event, only with the expressed permission of the organising committee. (September 2023)

Withdrawals must be made by 4.00 pm on the day before the event, **or as stated in the schedule.**

Riders are restricted to TWO rides in any Pony Club WA one day event.

### 25.1 Numbers:

~~Horse: For the purpose of easy identification after a rider has been separated from their horse, a horse must carry its number either on the saddle cloth or the bridle in all phases.~~

For easy identification after a rider has been separated from their horse, all competitors must have securely fixed visible competition numbers on both sides of the horse in all phases (August 2023)

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## 25.2 Restriction on Schooling Horses:

Under penalty of elimination, unless specifically authorised by the Technical Delegate competitors are forbidden to ride close to the Cross Country fences, or in the Jumping and dressage arenas.

A competitor who allows another person to school his/her horse during the Event will be eliminated.

~~No competitor may have practised on any of the obstacles to be used in the competition for four weeks before the competition. It is also forbidden, under penalty of elimination, to inspect the Cross Country obstacles or course before it is officially open to the riders unless authorised by The Technical Delegate. Exemptions to the four week time closure may be requested in writing to the Pony Club WA~~

~~Eventing Committee.~~

Under the penalty of elimination, in the fourteen days prior to the commencement of the competition, no competitor may have practised on any of the obstacles to be used in the competition, or inspect the cross country, obstacle or course before it is officially opened to riders, unless authorised by the Technical Delegate.

Should the grounds host a second event within the fourteen days of closure, competitors are allowed to compete the same horse in a different grade or a different horse, in a different grade, without being penalized. Competitors competing the same horse, or a different horse in the same grade, will ride the competition HC.

Exemptions to the **fourteen day** closure may be requested in writing to the Pony Club WA Eventing Committee. **(July 2023)**

## 28 Dangerous Riding

- Jumping **any** obstacle, **flagged or unflagged**, which does not **form** part of the **riders numbered** course. **(September 2023)**

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## 29.3 Use of the Whip Or Other Items (October 2022)

It is a breach of Pony Club Australia policy and considered Abuse of Horse to:

- Use a whip or other item to hit an unriden horse, other than as a guide when adding a horse on a float/truck and in ground work exercises, or using a lunging whip whilst lunging
- Use of whip or other item to hit the head of a horse
- Use the whip to strike a ridden horse
  - More than twice in succession
  - After the last effort in a competition
  - With an overarm action (eg using the whip in the right hand to strike the left flank or shoulder)
  - To vent the rider's or coach's temper
  - On any area of the body other than behind the rider's leg or down the shoulder of the horse.
- Abuse a horse by tugging on the reins and inflicting pain with the bit
- Use spurs to reprimand a horse
- Instruct a rider to use a whip or spurs in a non-approved manner. This applies to parents, supporters and coaches.

All cases reported will be reviewed case by case by the Technical Delegate along with:

~~Excessive and/or misuse of the whip may be considered abuse of Horse and will be reviewed case by case by the Technical Delegate according to the following principles:~~

- The whip is not to be used to vent a Riders temper.
- The whip is not to be used after elimination.
- ~~• The whip is not to be used after a horse has jumped the last fence on a course.~~
- ~~• The whip is not to be used overhand, (i.e. a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank).~~
- ~~• The whip is not to be used on a horse's head.~~
- ~~• The whip is not to be used more than three times for any one incident.~~
- If a Horse skin is broken the use of the whip is always excessive.

## 48 Penalties

- Jumping any obstacle, flagged or unflagged, which does not form part of the riders numbered course (September 2023)