

PCA News

Pony Club Australia Monthly Newsletter



PONY CLUB
AUSTRALIA

DECEMBER 2022

Merry Christmas

*to all
our Members*

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**Who was
Club of
the Year?
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It's time to pay or renew memberships, add new members, do a transfer, or maybe you just need to change your password . . .

Visit the back of the newsletter for step by step help.



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**Now on the PCA
YouTube channel**



**Watch and Learn
in your own time**

PLUS

- **Horse Welfare and the Five Domains Model**
- **Inclusive Coaching Made Easy and Fun**
- **A Better Bit for the Horse and Rider Combination**
- **Understanding Your Pony Club Insurance**

You can also access these from the [PCA website \(Under Coaches\)](#)

The 2022 PCA Awards

RESULTS



**Rider of the Year
12 Years and Under
WINNER**

ISAC STALEY
Mornington Peninsula
Pony Club VIC

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Ranvet
Trusted Performance Products



**Best Achievement
Rider 13-17 Years
WINNER**

ABBY RAYMOND
North Dorrigo Pony Club NSW

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**Best Achievement
Rider 18-25 Years
WINNER**

SHARNE HASKINS
Londonderry Pony Club NSW

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**Volunteer of The Year
WINNER**

DIANNE OULD
Peel Metro Horse and Pony Club
WA

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[Read more about the winners here \(ponyclubaustralia.com.au/members/awards\)](https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/members/awards)

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The 2022 PCA Awards

RESULTS



**The Kay Irving Award
Coach of the Year
WINNER**
JACQUI BLADIER
Mornington Peninsula
Pony Club VIC

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dmac apparel

**Gill Rolton Memorial
Alumni Award 2022**
JAMES MEYER
GOOLWA DISTRICT
PONY CLUB, SA
AND NOW IN WA

**Riding Centre
of The Year**

**PHOENIX ACRES
EQUINE CENTRE**
Bundaberg, QLD

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**Club of The Year
WINNER**

**YANDINA
PONY CLUB
QLD**

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Competition

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PCA YAC- "WE <3 PONY CLUB" INTERVIEW SERIES



FILMING GUIDE

1

Using a Phone or Camera, film in Portrait Orientation



2

Wear your Club or State Pony Club Uniform (informal rally day polos are fine!)

3

Choose a quiet and well lit area to film. Make sure the video can hear you!
You can film alone, or with your horse

4

Answer the questions per your interview script (rider or non rider), starting a new video for each question. (1 rider interview = 6 short videos)

TIP!

HAVE SOMEONE ASK YOU THE QUESTIONS OFF CAMERA, THEN HIT RECORD!

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Send your interview videos to yac@ponyclubaustralia.com.au for submission

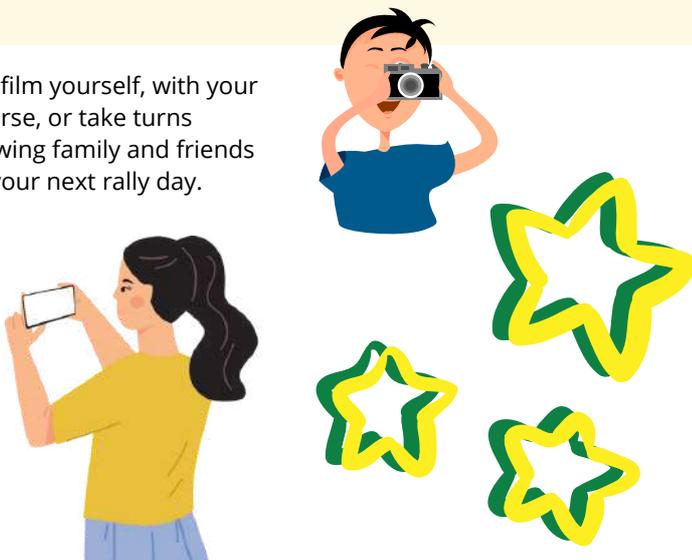
Every submission will go in the draw to win a prize!

Your submission could be included in a nation wide campaign!

Thank you for helping the YAC shape the future generations of Pony Club

Have a question? Get in touch with us!
yac@ponyclubaustralia.com.au

You can film yourself, with your horse, or take turns interviewing family and friends at your next rally day.



PCA YAC- "WE <3 PONY CLUB" INTERVIEW SERIES



1

Hi, my name is [First name only]. I am [age] years old.

2

I am a member of [Club Name] Pony Club (or accredited riding centre), [State].

3

I joined Pony Club when I was [age] years old.

4

My favourite discipline is [discipline, eg Dressage, Showjumping, Mounted Games].

5

I love Pony Club because

6

My favourite Pony Club memory so far is ...

7

My equestrian dream would be to...

8

My biggest Pony Club achievement would be...

RIDING MEMBERS SCRIPT

(There's a set of questions for non-riding members too!)

MORE: Facebook, Insta and email: yac@ponyclubaustralia.com.au

Christmas Gift Ideas

PCA SOCKS
\$29



**Available
in JustGo**



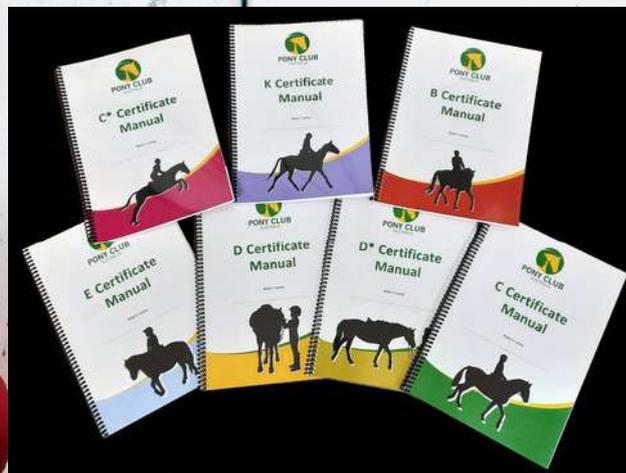
**TRUCKER
CAPS**
\$29

**Polo
tops**
\$65



**Certificate
Manuals**

Start at \$28



**Lungeing
Manual**
\$25

Equitana Extravaganza



Pony Club Australia was an exhibitor at Equitana Melbourne in November and it was great to see members popping in to the trade stand and saying hello and picking up some giveaways. Four teams took part in the Two-Phase Challenge with the winning team winning inscribed rugs and Heiniger gift packs. The coach education session also drew a good crowd.



The winning Two-Phase Championship team

Photos clockwise from top) A member of the winning two phase challenge team; Pambula Pony Club (NSW) was one of the first to visit the PCA stand; and the education session with coaches Kathleen Kindler and Rachael Edwards.

BELOW: PCA people at the stand (l to r) Board chair Heather Disher, Member Services Officer Michelle Newham, CEO Dr Catherine Ainsworth and Participation and Dev't Manager Sally Wiseman.

2 Phase Teams Challenge

- 1st Werribee Warriors - Werribee & Kangaroo Ground PCs
(Green team, pictured above)
- 2nd Squad Licorice All Sorts - Woodlands PC, Lilydale PC, Mount Evelyn PC
- 3rd The Mavericks - Phillip Island PC
- 4th Gisborne Gallopers - Gisborne PC



Equitana Extravaganza



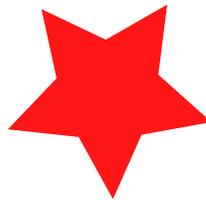
The Stockman's Challenge at Equitana during the Pony Club display proved a real test, with riders having to open and close a gate, step along a pipe sideways, carry an oilskin, walk over a wooden bridge, clear a jump and walk backwards between witches hats. All riders, including the mounted games teams and musical ride teams, got to take part.

Musical ride teams came from Woodlands (Dr Seuss the Seussical) Pony Club and Maryborough Pony Club (VIC) with a Scottish theme and looked great dancing to the music!

Competition Results

Stockmans challenge:

- 1st Seren McKeever - Woodlands Pony Club
- 2nd Gabe Smith - Phillip Island Pony Club
- 3rd Ryan Seini - Kangaroo Ground Pony Club
- 4th La'Moza Velisha - Werribee Pony Club
- 5th Cloe Kristy - Woodlands Pony Club
- 6th Kane Radburn - Werribee Pony Club



Seren McKeever (right) from Woodlands and the lovely Sunny won the Stockman's Challenge phase (individual). You can watch their winning ride here. They were also in the 2nd-placed team for the day.

[Stockman's Challenge winning ride](#)



National Gear Rules draws big response

The release of the [2023 edition of the National Gear Rules](#) (first edition was July 2022) has caught the attention of equestrians around the world, some of whom comment and share our weekly horse welfare and equitation science-based Facebook and Instagram posts as well. The latest changes to the Gear Rules, which had input from all States, have been well received by our members as well.

Don't forget:

- They apply to all members throughout Australia, for rallies, musters and competition, and will be updated (for new gear etc) annually
- You can use the 2022 edition as long as you also read [the Appendix](#), which brings you up to date with the 2023 changes
- There are exemption forms for those who have a good case for using gear not in the Rules; these are submitted online.



“ Way to go Australia! (British Columbia)

Nothing short of amazing, Australian pony club kids are now allowed to ride without nosebands in competitions, what a progress ♥ maybe Dansk Ride Forbund could be inspired.(Denmark)

Pony Club Australia really has stepped up on behalf of the horses lately. They have some really good educational material and this noseband rule is good, too.(Finland)

Scoot boots are now allowed at Pony Club. I am loving the modernisation of the rule books (Aust).

In Australia, nosebands are now optional in all disciplines 😊 Way to go (Denmark)

Fabulous news for many many people competing in numerous disciplines around Australia! Change can be a fabulous thing (Aust)

That's fantastic ♥ Amazing that Australian kids are allowed to ride without nosebands, when apparently the argument (at least in Denmark) for not allowing us to skip nosebands in dressage is that it's too dangerous and makes the horses too hard to control... Hope this will create some ripples (Denmark)

Pony club Australia leading the way ♥♥♥fantastic step in the right direction

PCOZ Leading the way for horse welfare again (NZ)

Progress (NZ)! ”



The Healing Powers of Horses and Ponies

From Pony Club UK comes this lovely story:

"I'm DC of the Curre Hunt branch. Back in June last year we started to host a family fleeing the war in Ukraine (mum, dad and two children Milana 9 & Mykyta 6.

"Their home in Kharkov City has seen some of the worst suffering of the war there.

They had never encountered horses before but were soon firm friends with the equine residents at home and helping with all the yard jobs after I hurt my leg in a fall. Of course Milana was soon in the saddle and coming to Pony Club rallies. Both children have already competed in our branch triathlon!

Milana wears her Pony Club kit with great pride. Testament to the healing power of horses and inclusivity of Pony Club. "



**Dr Jacqui Panozzo,
WormCheck**

- Worm faecal egg count (FEC) service for horses and livestock.

A Wet Spring and the Effect on Worms

In spring, parasites in horses should be managed by getting a faecal worm egg count (FEC) performed to determine if they need to be dewormed.

Not all horses need to be treated, and so it is better to avoid using deworming drenches rather than use them unnecessarily, as this can lead to drug resistance.

In spring, when the weather warms but remains damp, the development of worm eggs passed in manure into larvae that will reinfect horses occurs quickly – in some cases this can occur in as little as four days.

A large population of infective larvae will build up on the pasture: remember that of all the worms on your property, 90% of those worms are free-living larvae on the grass. These larvae will survive for up to six months in the environment if it is damp enough.

Therefore, it is best to manage worm infections in a way that decreases this larvae population, rather than attempting to eliminate the smaller population of adult worms within the horse. Management of larval populations can be accepted through manure pickup and by deworming horses that are shedding high numbers of worm eggs.

It is recommended to check horses via FEC in early spring and deworm those with high egg counts, as this will decrease the contamination of pastures over the spring period.

However, this year across Eastern Australia, it has been a very wet spring, which looks likely to carry over into summer. Therefore, there will be a risk of high larval loads on pasture, as the warm, damp weather provides optimal conditions for worm larvae survival.

If your horses were checked via FEC at the start of spring, or dewormed in early spring, it may now be worth having them re-checked via FEC to determine if they need another treatment.

If you have not checked your horses this spring, it is worth checking your horses for high egg counts and/or high worm burdens from grazing pastures with higher larval loads than normal this spring.

“*Not all horses need to be treated, and so it is better to avoid using deworming drenches rather than use them unnecessarily, as this can lead to drug resistance.*”



If you would like to organise a FEC for your horses, see the WormCheck website for details on submitting samples.

www.wormcheckaustralia.com

The Centre Page

Introducing new accredited riding centres to the Pony Club® family

Phoenix Acres Equine Centre (right) has just been announced as the 2022 PCA Accredited Centre of the Year!

The Centre has achieved a lot with their Pony Club Program over 2022.

A sign up day in January, then a start up camp, helped 30 junior riders and two senior riders prepare for rallies and know what to expect.

The centre took 13 members to a local gymkhana with great success; many of them came home with a number of ribbons and achievements. Some of those riders have gone on to official days within our zone for show jumping and jumping equitation, only riding in unofficial classes.

In October seven program horses were taken to Burpengary to compete in the Special Olympic National event. One of our members also competed at this event and came home with one gold medal and two silver medals. Our horses performed well with their riders, many of whom went home with medals also.

'We have created a wonderful community at Phoenix Acres through our love of horses with all of our members improving so much each time they ride. We hope to increase the number of members in 2023,' Tina Dixon said.

'We look forward to continuing to bring horses to families that are unable to purchase their own ponies.'



Centre and school work together



Kurshonbrooke Lodge Equestrian Centre in Gumdale, Brisbane, has been working with a local school.

Throughout terms 3 and 4, this group of Year 4 Students have worked through both theory and practical components of the Pony Club Australia syllabus to start their equestrian journey, and have completed their E Certificate.

A spokesperson said the group had started Term 3 as absolute beginners and are now well and truly on their way to becoming well-rounded horse people both on and off the horse. She thanked Gumdale State School staff, parents and students for supporting this program this year.

'We are incredibly proud of each and every one of these students. Thank you to Pony Club Australia for your continuous support and for providing such valuable resources and programs for riders of all abilities and ages. We are proud to be a Pony Club Australia Accredited Riding Centre.'

Pony Club Australia accredits approved riding centres around Australia to teach the Pony Club syllabus to riders without their own horses. Riders, if and when they get their own horse, are then able to join a local Pony Club. [MORE HERE:](#)

Out and About

Our thoughts are with the many communities and Pony Clubs around the country still battling flood waters and the aftermath.

The drone photo at right from Mildura Racing Club last week shows the state of play there - the racecourse is in the foreground and behind it the Mildura Horse Complex, which is home to Mildura Pony Club. The Murray River is just out of shot at the bottom of picture.

The next three photos are from Forbes Pony Club, NSW, where the waters have receded leaving a huge mess. The water level was around one metre high at the shed.



A couple of bright spots have been the help of several members of [Rapid Relief Team AU](#) to help clean up the clubrooms, and Rachel from Griffith Tack Box offering free, donated horse gear in the Bunnings car park at Forbes.



**National Integrity Framework:
Your December issue of NIF News
starts on the next page**

- ✓ Child safety
- ✗ Abuse.
- ✗ Bullying.
- ✗ Harassment.
- ✗ Competition manipulation.
- ✗ Illicit drugs.



NIF NEWS



PONY CLUB
AUSTRALIA



**WELCOME TO
NIF NEWS!**

TALKING INTEGRITY IN PONY CLUB

NATIONAL INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Pony Club signed onto the National Integrity Framework effective from the 1 JULY 2022. Breaches of the Member Protection, Child Safeguarding, Improper Use of Drugs and Medicines and Competition Manipulation and sports wagering policies will now be managed by Sport Integrity Australia, an independent and impartial body.

PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA COMPLAINTS PROCESS

If your complaint is not regarding a breach of the National Integrity Framework policies then raise your concerns with Pony Club. Pony Club has many rules and policies that all aim at making Pony Club a fair, safe and fun place to learn about horses and horse riding!

Suanne Waugh, PCA Integrity Manager
Integrity line: 0424 067 045

COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Click the box
to find the
resource!

National Integrity Framework complaints process

The Complaints, Disputes and Disciplines Policy provides sport and its participants with an independent and impartial complaint management process run by Sport Integrity Australia.

This means when someone wants to make a formal Complaint about allegations of Prohibited Conduct, it will be evaluated and assessed independently by Sport Integrity Australia. This removes any risk of a conflict of interest or perceptions of bias.

The Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy sets out the process for how Complaints will be managed by Sport Integrity Australia, including how disputes will be finalised and sanctions imposed.

**COMPLAINTS, DISPUTES AND
DISCIPLINARY POLICY (NIF)**

**NIF COMPLAINTS
PROCESS VIDEO**

**CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY
POLICY (PCA)**

GOT A QUESTION?

Ask me at integrity@ponyclubaustralia.com.au
P: 0424 067 045



CLICK HERE



NATIONAL INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK COMPLAINTS, DISPUTES AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

Overview

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What issues will Sport Integrity Australia manage?

Under the Policy, Sport Integrity Australia will look into any issue defined as 'Prohibited Conduct' within these policies:

- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Member Protection Policy
- Competition Manipulation and Sport Wagering Policy
- Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy
- National Integrity Framework.

What does Sport Integrity Australia not manage?

Sport Integrity Australia does not manage complaints in relation to eligibility and competition-related rules, conduct or governance by the sport.

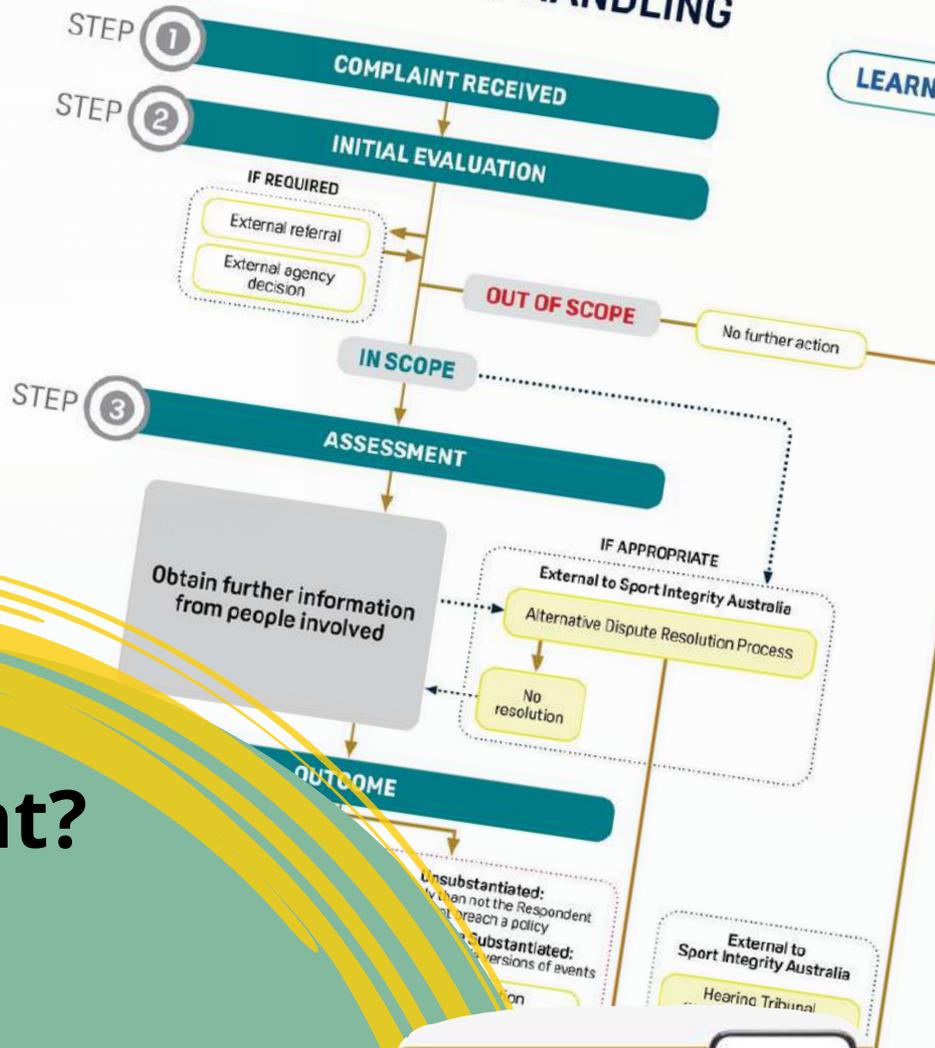
In addition, this Policy does not place a new process on sport. As such, Sport Integrity Australia is not authorised to handle anything that happened after the Disputes and Discipline Policy was implemented.

Poor conduct which is reported to the National Integrity Framework disciplinary process prior to the Policy implementation.

Participants can be used in the process, to manage in future – for intervention in the process to take action on child protection offered through the process.



NATIONAL INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK STEPS IN COMPLAINTS HANDLING



LEARN

CLICK HERE



Got a complaint?

Is it a breach of one of the following policies?

- Member Protection Policy
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Improper Use of Drugs or Medicines Policy
- Competition Manipulation & Sports Wagering

Lodge your complaint or report here!

Click Here

Not a breach of these policies?

- Lodge your complaint with Pony Club Australia

SUBMIT NOW

MAKE AN INTEGRITY COMPLAINT OR REPORT



How to reset password in JustGo for members

It is so hard to remember so many different usernames and passwords. Chances are there that you might not remember your login details for the JustGo database system to access your Pony Club profile. Simply click on **Forgot Password** to reset your password.

How to reset password in JustGo for members

The system will send you the **Reset Password** link and will also highlight your username.

This email will come from the support@ponyclubaustralia.com.au email address and will be sent to the email address mentioned in your profile. Please check your junk and spam folders for the password reset email.

Click on the **Reset Password** link and create your new password and **Save** it. In the confirmation pop-up window, click **OK**.

You will be redirected to the login screen, now just type in your username and password and **Log In**.

How can Clubs/Zones reset password in JustGo for members?

Even Clubs and Zones can generate the password reset link on behalf of members.

- Click on the Club Members tile.
- Search for the member
- Click on the human icon
- Click on update details
- And Password Notification

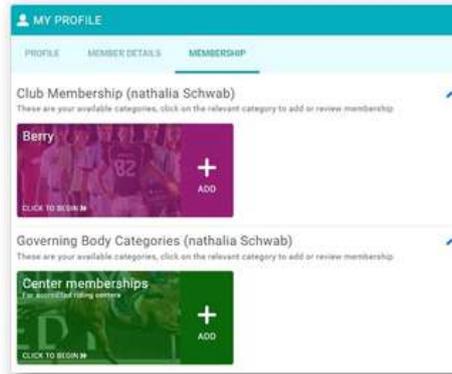
Again, please ask members to check their junk and spam folders for the password reset email, if they cannot find the email in their inbox.

How to renew a membership

Click on My Profile and head to **MEMBERSHIP**.

If you are part of a club, click on your **Club Membership**.

If you are part of a riding center, click on **Center Memberships**.

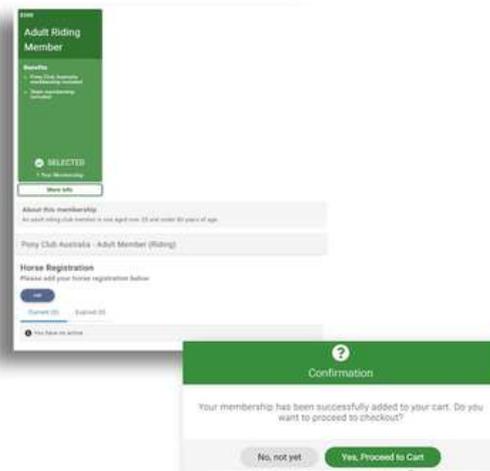


How to purchase a membership



Select the **membership type**; only relevant memberships will be available for purchase. For example, junior riders will only see Junior Riding Membership and not Adult Riding Membership.

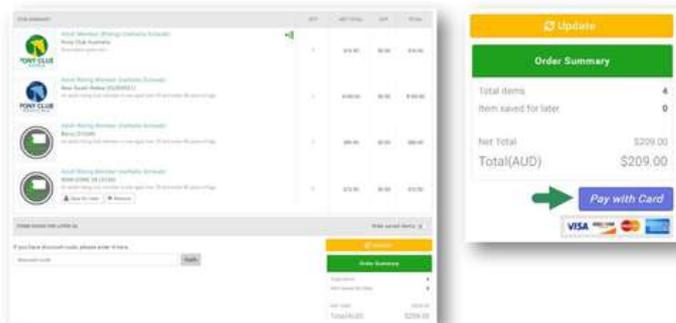
After completing all the required information, click on **Finish**, and in the pop-up, **Yes, Proceed to Cart**.



How to purchase a membership

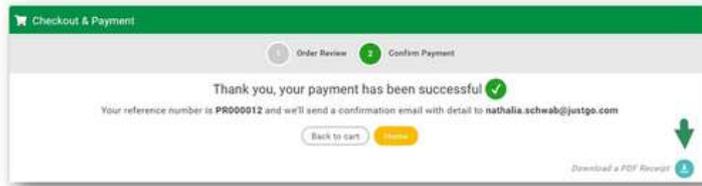
In the cart, you can see the summary of the amount going to PCA, the State, the State Zone and your club.

After checking everything, click on **Pay with Card**, and purchase your membership.



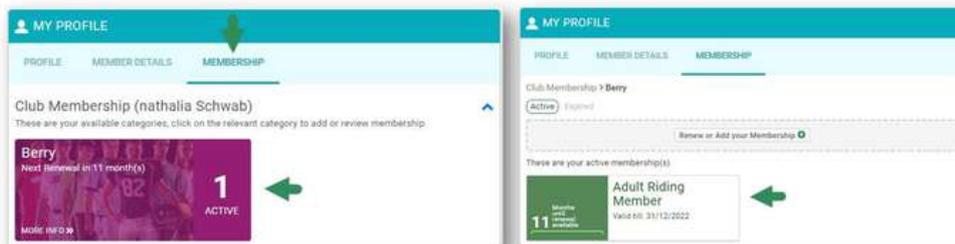
How to download my receipt

After the purchase, you will see a message confirming your payment. To download the receipt, click on the download button in your right corner.



How to check if my membership is active

You can check if your membership is active by heading to **MEMBERSHIP**, where you can find your membership type and expiry date by clicking on the **ACTIVE** membership.

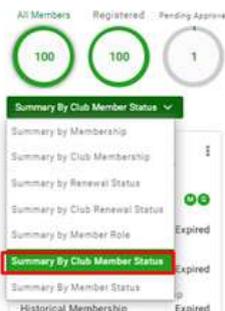


How to approve new club members

All the new club members require club approval before they can purchase any club memberships. Existing club members are allowed to purchase memberships directly.

All the new members can be approved through the **CLUB MEMBERS** tile.

In the Club Members tile, change the green drop-down to Summary by Club Members Status.



How to approve new club members

Then click on the **Pending Approval filter** (If you don't have a Pending Approval filter then there are no pending members for your club)

Click on three dots (next to the member name) and Approve



How to approve transfer requests

Club Transfers can also be approved from Club Members Tile.

Clicking on the purple dropdown and select Transfer Requests

Then click on the three dots next to the member's name and Approve/Decline.



Stripe Express Link and User Guide

All the clubs and zones will have to change their existing Stripe account to Stripe Express Account. To help with the transition, JustGo will run number of Stripe Express set up webinar sessions. These sessions are state wise and session timings and dates have been decided in consultation with the state bodies. During all the sessions, JustGo representatives will be present to answer questions and help clubs and zones with their queries. Clubs and Zones can also reach out to Support@justgo.com if they have any stripe related questions after the webinar session.

State bodies are responsible for communicating the dates and timing of the Stripe Express webinar session. Please contact your state, if you haven't yet received the links, dates or timings of the sessions.

The Stripe Express setup user guide and setup video can also be found on Pony Club Australia's website.

User guide link: [Payment Setup](#) (type in www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au and go to Club Source)

Video link: [Stripe Express Existing CustomerV4 webinar – YouTube](#) (type in <https://tinyurl.com/PCAStripeExpress>)

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Membership Renewal Checklist

PCA has created a Membership Renewal Checklist that all Clubs and Zones can use to set up their membership for the next year. The list covers all the important topics that need to be updated or reviewed while setting up 2023 memberships.

The list can be downloaded through the below link

<https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/web-2023-Membership-Renewal-Checklist.pdf>

(On the PCA website under 'Club Source')

If you require any help with the membership setup, please contact Support@ponyclubaustralia.com.au

All the best!!