

Pony Club Australia National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (PCANCAS)

Structure of the PCANCAS

Sport Australia encourages each national sporting organisation to determine its coach accreditation pathway. PCANCAS training programs include the following components:

- coaching general principles - generic principles of coaching and athletic performance that apply to all sports
- Pony Club®-specific - skills, techniques, strategies and scientific approaches to our particular sport
- coaching practise - practical coaching and application of coaching principles at Pony Club®

PCANCAS courses utilise competency based training principles. This includes:

- competency standards that specify the levels of knowledge and skills required
- flexibility in education training delivery
- equitable access to the program and equitable training methods
- assessment that measures the identified competencies
- a mixture of theory and practical training
- currency - coaches must update their accreditation at least every **4 years**.

PCANCAS Accreditation

The Pony Club Australia (PCA) course structure and delivery methods make the system very attractive and affordable for coaches. Prospective coaches from the absolute beginner to the more experienced can work through the course at their own pace depending on their level of experience and access to assistance. The main features are:

- Flexible Course Delivery - work at your own pace, work with a mentor, attend workshops and clinics etc
- Competency Based Assessment including by video
- Recognition of Current Competency - people gain skills and knowledge in many ways, by formal training or life and work experience

PCANCAS Accreditations

There are currently 2 levels:

- Preliminary - this is the entry level and set at the D/D* Efficiency Certificate level and is a pre-requisite for Level 1
- Level 1 - this is at C/C*/K Efficiency Certificate level
 - Level 1 Mounted Games Specialist - coaches must have Preliminary PCA Coach qualification and complete Modules 1,2, Module 3 (3.1 to 3.5 only) of Level 1.