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PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA
**NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre
October 1-5, 2025

Competition Schedule (Short Version)

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2025 Pony Club Australia National Championships

On behalf of Pony Club Australia, we take great pleasure in welcoming riders and their families to the Pony Club Australia National Championships at **Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre (WPNEC) in Victoria**.

Werribee Park is one of Australia's premier equestrian venues, boasting top-class facilities that cater to a wide range of disciplines. With its well-maintained arenas, extensive cross-country course, and excellent spectator areas, it provides the perfect setting for this prestigious event. Riders will have the opportunity to compete in a world-class environment while enjoying the camaraderie of Pony Club members from across the country.

With the exception of part of the tetrathlon event, which will be held at a nearby facility, all events will take place at Werribee Park, allowing riders and supporters to experience the full competition atmosphere in one central location. This setup ensures that competitors can watch, support, and connect with teammates and fellow riders throughout the championships.

Victoria is known for its vibrant culture, scenic landscapes, and equestrian heritage. We encourage you to take some time to explore the area, whether it's visiting the nearby Werribee Mansion and Rose Garden, the Open Range Zoo, or heading into Melbourne to experience its renowned cafes, arts scene, and waterfront attractions.

The Pony Club Australia team would like to extend our sincere thanks to the organizing committee and the many volunteers who have dedicated countless hours to making this event a success. Your hard work and passion ensure that riders, supporters, and families enjoy a warm and welcoming experience.

We look forward to an exciting and memorable competition at **Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre** and wish all competitors the best of luck.

Yours sincerely,

Pony Club Australia

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IMPORTANT DATES

Entries Open: Monday, 1st June 2025

Entries Close: Monday 30th July 2025

Pony Club Australia Nationals (Werribee Equestrian Centre, Victoria): 1 - 5 October 2025

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 2025.

- **Sub Junior:** riders under 13 years of age. Must be a member of a Pony Club affiliated with Pony Club Australia
- **Junior:** riders 13 years and under 17 years of age. Must be a member of a Pony Club affiliated with Pony Club Australia
- **Senior:** riders 17 years and under 26 years of age. Must be a member of a Pony Club affiliated with Pony Club Australia
- **Open:** Rider under 81 years old. Must be a member of a Pony Club affiliated with Pony Club Australia
- **Master's:** 26 years and under 81 years of age. Must be a member of a Pony Club affiliated with Pony Club Australia. *Results from Master's will not contribute to the Roger Braham OAM Perpetual Shield point score.*
- **PCA Accredited Riding Centre member:** any age, Class may be split into age group depending on numbers.
 - *Results from these classes will not contribute to the Roger Braham OAM Perpetual Shield point score. **DRESSAGE ONLY***
- **Rider with All Abilities:** Class may be split into age group depending on numbers. *Results from these classes will not contribute to the Roger Braham OAM Perpetual Shield point score. . **DRESSAGE ONLY***
- **Para rider:** Para riders by FEI/EA graded definition, Class may be split into age group depending on numbers. *Results from these classes will not contribute to the Roger Braham OAM Perpetual Shield point score. . **DRESSAGE ONLY***

NOTE RIDERS CAN ONLY ENTER 1 OF EITHER RIDING CENTRE, PARA OR ALL ABILITIES CLASS

- Quiz - Must be a member of a Pony Club affiliated with Pony Club Australia – Can be Riding or non-riding member.

Teams

- Each State/Territory is permitted to enter a minimum of 3 and a maximum six riders in each age group in Dressage, Eventing, Showjumping, Formal Gymkhana
- Each State/Territory is permitted to enter four riders in each age group in Male & Female classes in Tetrathlon
- Each State/Territory is permitted to enter a team of 5 riders in the Mounted games teams event, and a max of 3 pairs (6 riders) in the Mounted Games pairs event
- Each State/Territory is permitted to enter four riders in each age group in Quiz
- Teams to be a minimum of three and a maximum of six
- A minimum of three states are required to compete to constitute a PCA National Team Championship event, otherwise the event will become a competition for individuals only.
- Points for team are accumulated from each event as listed in the program.
- All competitors will be scored for individual championships
- A mounted presentation will be held for each discipline.
- Uniform is to be the competitor's State uniform.

Individuals

- All competitors in each event will be scored for the Individual Championships.
- Riding Centre, All abilities and Para dressage classes are individual championships only

ALL DISCIPLINES

- One Rider per Horse. -Horses may enter 2 disciplines but must be with the same rider.(exception Tet riders are permitted to borrow a horse that is already ridden by another competitor in a different discipline for the ridden phase of Tet, however this would count as a discipline for this horse and horses may only compete in 2 disciplines)
- Riders are permitted to enter 2 horses in different disciplines only if states/territory cannot fill all team positions.
- For all disciplines, if distance prohibits the competitor, borrowed horses are allowed, subject to approval by the rider's home State and the PCA Organising Committee by close of entries.
 - Horses may participate in a maximum of 2 Disciplines.
 - Substitutes due to injury or illness will be at the discretion of each State or Territory up until the commencement of competition of the Discipline entered and the horse must have passed the veterinary check (trot up).
 - Unless otherwise stated in this Program, Pony Club Australia National Rules apply to this event including the Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules. [Competition Resources | Pony Club Australia Resource Hub](#)
 - Swabbing of horses may be carried out randomly at this event.

GEAR RULES

This competition will follow the current PCA National Gear Rules [Competition Resources](#) | [Pony Club Australia Resource Hub](#)

PCA NATIONALS - DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Team events - Sub Junior/ Junior/ Senior/ Masters/ Open

Individual Events - Sub Junior/ Junior/ Senior/ Masters/ Open/All Abilities/ Riding Centre/ Para

A Team is to be a maximum of 6 Riders with the top 3 scores to count.

- Each State/Territory is permitted to enter six riders in each age group
- Teams to be a minimum of three riders and a maximum of six riders in each age group. Top 3 scores to count- all riders considered to be the team.
- Points accumulated from each event.
- Where there are insufficient numbers to form a Team, Individual Riders are permitted.
- All Riders will be scored for Individual Championships.

- Individual entry only events - Riding Centre/ Special needs/ Para. – **No rugs for these classes**

Championship Events:

	Preliminary	Novice	Elementary	Medium	Advanced
Sub Junior	1.1	2.1			
	1.2	2.2			
	1.3	2.3			
Junior	1.1	2.1	3.1		
	1.2	2.2	3.2		
	1.3	2.3	3.3		
Senior		2.1	3.1	4.1	
		2.2	3.2	4.2	
		2.3	3.3	4.3	
Open				4.1	5.1
				4.2	5.2
				4.3	5.3
Masters		2.1	3.1		
		2.2	3.2		
		2.3	3.3		
All Abilities	1.1				
	1.2				
Riding Centre	1.1				
	1.2				
Para	EA PD Preliminary test				

TESTS: EA Dressage test will be used

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

PCA NATIONALS - EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Teams & Individual Events: Sub Juniors/ Juniors/ Seniors/ Masters/ Open

- Each State/Territory is permitted to enter six riders in each age group
- Teams to be a minimum of three riders and a maximum of six riders in each age group. Top 3 scores to count- all riders considered to be the team.
- Points accumulated from each event.
- Where there are insufficient numbers to form a Team, Individual Riders are permitted.
- All Riders will be scored for Individual Championships.

	Dressage phase	Showjumping phase	Cross Country phase
Sub-Junior	Ev- Test B - 80	80cm **	80cm *
Junior	Ev- Test B - 95	95cm **	95cm *
Senior	Ev- Test B - 95	95cm **	95cm *
Masters	Ev- Test B - 80	80cm **	80cm *
Open	Ev Test B CCNI	1.05cm **	1.05cm *

Dressage Tests EA

PCA NATIONALS - SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

Teams & Individual Events: Sub Juniors/ Juniors/ Seniors/ Masters/ Open

- Each State/Territory is permitted to enter six riders in each age group
- Teams to be a minimum of three riders and a maximum of six riders in each age group. Top 3 scores to count- all riders considered to be the team.
- Points accumulated from each event.
- Where there are insufficient numbers to form a Team, Individual Riders are permitted.
- All Riders will be scored for Individual Championships.

Championship Events:

	Championship Event 1	Championship Event 2	Championship Event 3
Sub Junior 70cm	TBC By sub committee		
Sub Junior 80cm			
Junior 80cm			
Junior 90cm			
Senior 90cm			
Senior 100cm			
Masters 70cm			
Masters 80cm			
Open 100cm			
Open 105cm			

Riders compete at the level they have chosen over 3 events. (riders only compete at 1 chosen height)

PCA NATIONALS - MOUNTED GAMES TEAMS

Rules: as per PCA National Mounted Games rules [Competition Resources](#) | [Pony Club Australia Resource Hub](#)
Junior team/ Senior team

- Juniors are 13yrs and under 16yrs.
- Seniors are age 16yrs – under 25yrs of age.
- Each State or Territory may have one Team of 5 Riders in each age group.

Championship Games – Games to be advised by Discipline committee max 21 races

PCA NATIONALS - MOUNTED GAMES PAIRS

Rules as per PCA National Mounted Games rules [Competition Resources](#) | [Pony Club Australia Resource Hub](#)
Sub Juniors/ Juniors/ Seniors/ Masters

- Individual places only for pairs
- States can enter a maximum of 3 pairs in each age group.
- 10 races maximum

Championship Games – Games to be confirmed by Discipline committee max 10 races

Bending Race	Litter Scoop
Ball & Bucket	Sword Race
Carton Race	Pyramid Race
Hi Lo Race	2 Mug
Stepping Stone Dash	Five Flag Race

PCA NATIONALS - QUIZ CHAMPIONSHIP

Sub Junior/ Junior/ Seniors/ Masters

- Each State or Territory may have a Team of 4 competitors in each age group.
- The top 3 scores in each Team will count.
- Points are accumulated from each event.
- All competitors will be scored for the Individual Championships.
- All competitors in each Team form the Team.
- Team members can be riding or non-riding members

Phases:

- Classroom phase - oral questions asked in a classroom setting.
- Mega room phase – Mega room is comprised of tables with horse related items displayed on them.
- Written test phase – Written test is comprised of up to 25 questions.

	Certificate Level
Sub Juniors	D* and one level above
Juniors	C and one level above
Seniors	C* or K, and one level above
Masters	Up to Level 1 coaching

TETRATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

Rules: as per PCA National Tetrathlon rules [Competition Resources | Pony Club Australia Resource Hub](#)

Section	Ride	Run	Swim	Shoot
Sub Junior	70cm	1km	100m	7m, 2 hands
Junior	85cm	2km	200m	10m, 1 hand
Senior	95cm	2km	200m	10m, 1 hand
Masters	85cm	1km	100m	10m, 1 hand

- Females and Males are separate competitions for both individual and team events.
- 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.

PCA NATIONALS – FORMAL GYMKHANA CHAMPIONSHIP

Sub Junior/ Junior/ Seniors/ Masters

- Each State or Territory may have a Team of 6 competitors in each age group.
- The top 3 scores in each Team will count.
- Points are accumulated from each event.
- All competitors will be scored for the Individual Championships.
- All competitors in each Team form the Team.

Classes

- Rider
- Pony Club Mount
- Hack
- Pleasure
- Bonfield Bounce
- 3 Mug
- Tee Bending
- Diamond Flag

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
Team Entry fee (all disciplines except Quiz & Tet)	\$605
Individual Entry fee (all disciplines if not competing in a team)	\$165
Quiz (team entry)	\$165
Rider fee (includes dinners Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat night, shirt).....	\$595
Team Official fee (includes dinners Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat night, shirt).....	\$300
Stable/yard fee (for duration).....	\$180
Shavings/bag.....	\$14.50
Camping(for duration).....	\$100
Extra Official dinner tickets.....	TBC

ENTRY PROCESS

1. States will endorse their Team members and submit their details via a spreadsheet to Pony Club

Australia. Pony Club Australia will invoice the State Office for the Team and Individual Class Entry Fees. The entry platform will be confirmed shortly.

2. Riding Centre entries must be endorsed through each relevant Riding Centre.

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%

