



Handbook Changes 2020

The Handbook can be found at: www.ponyclubtas.com.au

Updates from Pony Club Tasmania

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Handbook Updates

2.5.6 Transfer of Membership

- a. A member wishing to transfer from one club to another, may do so upon resigning from their former one.
- b. If the member wishes to transfer without changing their place of residence, they must obtain permission from both clubs concerned.
- c. ***A member transferring to a new club, but not changing residence, cannot compete as a member of their new club team within three calendar months of acceptance of their subscription by the new club. They must attend three qualifying rallies with their new club before competing in a club team. Club Team means compete at a Championship.***
- d. ***A member transferring to a new club due to a change of residence into a new district, may compete as a member of their new club team within three calendar months provided they meet the three qualifying rally rule. They may carry any (horse or rider) rally qualification with them from their previous club***

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Section 8: Rules for Pony Club Eventing

EA 515.5.3 Veterinary -Annex D1

- ▶ A Veterinary Surgeon must be present during the jumping and cross-country tests.
- ▶ A Veterinary Surgeon must be available on call for the duration of the event.
- ▶ The EA Branch or its representative (e.g. the Technical Delegate) may vary these requirements in exceptional circumstances.
- ▶ Should there be no Veterinary Surgeon present, all athletes should be informed before they compete.

Destruction of Severely Injured Horses

- ▶ If a horse is so severely injured that on humanitarian grounds it ought to be destroyed, the following procedure will apply:
- ▶ If the owner or his authorised representative is present, his agreement will first be obtained by the official Veterinary Surgeon.
- ▶ If the owner or his representative is not available, the Technical Delegate, acting on the advice of the official Veterinary Surgeon, may order the destruction of the horse

Veterinary Requirements for Grade 4/5 Events and Training Days (as per next slide)

- ▶ The name and phone number of the veterinarian is to be published on the notice board and the schedule must state that there will be no vet present

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▶ **EA523.1 Medical Information – PC Rule Medical Requirements**

For the purpose of determining whether full EA medical services, as per the EA eventing rules, are required to be present where there is a cross country and showjumping component of the day, the following should be used:

▶ **Competition**

A Competition is defined as an event where entries are taken, the event is scored and placegetters are named:

For example – ODE; Hunter Trial; Hickstead; Open Mini ODE; Shortcourse event; Combined Training event which includes Cross Country and Showjumping or any variation where there is a cross country/show jumping component. Medical services requirements are determined by the level of the competition.

There are two competition levels:

a) Competition which includes Grade 3 or above

These competitions are run under EA Eventing rules regardless of the grade and therefore require full EA medical services for the cross country and showjumping phases.

b) Competition which includes Grade 4 or 5 only

These competitions are run under EA Eventing rules but with reduced medical coverage. A registered first aid provider with a minimum of one paramedic is required for the cross country and showjumping phases.

▶ **Training Day**

A Training Day is defined as a day where a coach is present and responsible for a rider or group of riders. The day is not scored and there are no placegetters. The riders are under the guidance of a coach at all times. If the club chooses to include EA riders, the coach must be an EA qualified coach. If only PC riders are allowed, the coach can be either a PC Level 1 coach or an EA coach. These days require a nominated Senior First Aider or First Aid Provider to be present for the duration of the day.

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- ▶ Helmet Tagging – PCT has adopted a helmet tagging system to ensure riders are using a complying Australian Standard helmet as listed by Pony Club Australia (which differs slightly from the EA standards). Clubs have received the tags and information on how to tag the helmet but please ensure you are clear on the EN1384 Standard. [Click here for Helmet Tagging Instructions](#)

If a helmet is tagged with an EA tag, it does not need to be PC tagged

- ▶ Safety Vests are now compulsory for the cross country phase of pony club eventing competition and must meet the current EA standard. They are recommended for rallies/training days but are not compulsory and can be of any type.
- ▶ French Link Bits– the EA rule making them prohibited for Eventing Dressage has been reversed. They are now allowed for eventing dressage again and always have been allowed for pure dressage
- ▶ Ticket to Play – has been re-opened and is providing \$200 vouchers towards membership fees for riders in receipt of qualifying centrelink benefits. Contact Grada to find out how to apply



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- ▶ Virtual Membership Cards – PCT is no longer issuing paper membership cards. When members join through MyPonyclub, they receive an emailed receipt which can be used as proof of membership, or they can download the Pony Club Australia app where they can access their virtual card on their phone.
- ▶ Riding Centre Accreditation – Pony Club Australia has introduced a new stream of membership which incorporates commercial riding centres. There have been two centres in the north accredited by PCA which allows the centre access to the National Syllabus to conduct testing and accredit riders. Centre riders are not allowed to compete at pony club events and once they own their own horse, they should be joining their local pony club.

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- ▶ Probationary Membership Form – Pony Club Australia has developed a ‘probationary membership’ document for clubs who wish to put some parameters around new memberships. The form sits on the PCT website and it is up to individual clubs if they wish to adopt this procedure for new members. Clubs are reminded that if they adopt the process it must be used for ALL new membership applications.
- ▶ Dressage & Showjumping Championship qualification period has been extended to 21st September and all riders who previously qualified for the April event are still able to compete, provided they are paid members. If clubs have new combinations who are not fully qualified, there is an avenue for an application for dispensation which will be assessed on a case by case basis. Such applications must be well considered by the DC as being safe and competent at the level of competition and an established coach should have input. There is no guarantee the dispensation will be approved, but the Board is keen to encourage as many riders as possible within the PCT rules.

Pony Club Tasmania – Reminders:

Risk Management

Committees are reminded to have a standing agenda item titled 'Risk Management' where all incidents are noted. This is particularly useful to keep track of incidents which make a pattern or to ensure maintenance is completed and noted

Medical Levy for ODE's

A reminder to Clubs that the medical levy collected from ODE's must be sent to Andrea at the EA Office, immediately after the event so that she has the funds to pay the invoice

Working with Vulnerable People Checks

Please be vigilant in making sure your coaches and volunteers and positions that require mandatory registration are up to date with their registration. Registration numbers need to be reported through your Zone to Pony Club Tasmania.

MEN!!! We need Men! – The Board has been advised that it must move to gender balanced board with at least 40/60% by 2023 to retain our funding. We currently have one male on the Board and would like to find another this year. We have an appointed position available and are looking for a male with suitable business skills. So if anyone has a husband; cousin; son who may be interested and suitable, please speak to a Board member.

Pony Club Tasmania – Reminders:

COVID-19

Return to Riding Roadmap – Stage 3

<http://ponyclubtas.com.au/COVID-19.aspx>

- Rallies & Events
- Review Club Safety Plan for rallies and all events held by the Club
- Remember – Gatherings for outside are limited to 500 and inside are limited to 250
- Practice 1.5m distancing - set up theory lessons and canteens with distancing; for dressage judges – use large cars and have judge in front driver seat and penciller in the diagonal seat in the back... UNLESS... the judge uses a family member to pencil
- 2sqm/person density limits
- Equipment sharing is allowed – wash bibs after each event; wash marshall vests after each use; wipe down radios, jump judge boards, marshall and gear checking boards; live scoring tablets need to be wiped between users ie penciller and judge; wipe games equipment and polo x racquets down and any other hard equipment used. You can't clean too much!
- All facilities can now be used
- Practise strict hygiene and cleaning at the beginning and end of the day and regularly throughout the day. Allocate a dedicated person/team to do this
- Must have an allocated responsible person at the venue at all times
- Adhere to PCT guidelines – YOU CAN'T OVER DO IT!