

RULES FOR SHOWJUMPING EVENTS

(Revised January 2016)

A. RULES

These rules have been adopted by PCAQ and must be followed by all bodies running Pony Club Showjumping Events. The rules are laid down by the FEI as published by Equestrian Australia (EA) and are printed, with amendments for Pony Club, by kind permission of the National EA Secretary. (September '87).

B. PREAMBLE

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. If there is no rules to deal specifically with a particular circumstance, or if the nearest interpretation of the pertinent rule would result in an obvious injustice, it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision based on common sense and fair play, thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of FEI, EA & PCAQ rules. Video evidence can now be used in some decisions provided it is an official recording. Private recording is not to be used. Video evidence should not be used to determine time for a competitor on course or in a jump off.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

The making of an entry in any event run under the rules of the PCAQ constitutes acceptance of those rules.

D. ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY - COMPETITORS & HORSES

Competitors may carry the logo of the sponsor on the saddle cloth, only when competing in a State Team. The size of the logo may not exceed 100 sq.cm. Advertising may appear on obstacles, sides of arena, back numbers, rugs, and as approved by PCAQ.

Prizes bearing the name of the sponsor, e.g. rugs, may be placed on horses at the presentation of prizes.

No commercial prefix or suffix may be added to the horse's name.

E. DEFINITIONS

- a. The term "event" refers to the complete meeting or fixture under the control of an Organising Committee.
- b. The term "competition" refers to each individual class for which places and prizes are awarded.
- c. The term "discipline" refers to the type of event or competition which can be either Jumping, Dressage, Dressage with Jumping, Horse Trials. "Events" may include "competitions" for more than one "discipline".
- d. The term "Organising Committee" refers to any organisation, group, society or body which is responsible for the management of an event.
- e. The term horse refers to a horse or pony when the intention of the rule so indicates.
- f. For the purpose of these rules, the term "disqualify" means that a competitor and horse may take no further part in the competition. Disqualification may be extended to cover any other competition/s at the event.
- g. The term "bell" includes any device used to signal to a competitor.
- h. The person responsible for compliance with these rules shall be the rider.

F. OFFICIAL SHOWJUMPING HEIGHTS

a. Starting Heights

10 & under	60cm
12 & under	70cm
	80cm
13 & u. 26	70cm
	80cm
	90cm
	100cm
	110cm
	120cm
Seniors	Choose their own height

Unofficial classes at lower heights and for specific groups may also be included at an official day, but not at State Championships. The organisers must state on the programme the criteria for each class, e.g. unofficial 60cm for all ages. Otherwise all other rules apply. The Unofficial programme must not impede the running of the Official programme.

Open Showjumping Day:

Clubs may run an Open Day with qualifying rounds for PCAQ Championships provided the day has been approved with Official Judge and Course Builder. At Open Days riders may compete in a number of types of events and a variety of heights.

b. Grading Points (Jan.2016)

- There are no grading points for PCAQ Showjumping Height classes.
- Horse/rider combination can stay in a particular height as long as they desire.
- Horse/rider combination can move between heights but not on the same day.
- Horse/rider combination can qualify for a number of height classes for State Championships, but compete at State at the highest height that horse/rider combination has qualified.
- One horse can only have one rider on any particular day.
- One horse can be ridden by one rider on a particular day and by another rider on another day, i.e. one horse may be qualified by one rider at height/s and by another rider at height/s.

c. Downgrading

There is no downgrading for Showjumping.

G. PERFORMANCE CARDS

Horses which compete in Official Showjumping Height Competition must have a PCAQ performance card to record qualifying results for State Championships.

Application for Performance Cards for a horse are made to the PCAQ OFFICE on the appropriate form by the Club Secretary and accompanied by the fee.

A number is allotted to the horse, which is the same for all disciplines, the Performance card is returned to the Club Secretary for distribution.

Members are required to produce the card when competing in Official Showjumping Height Competitions, **INCLUDING 12 years and under, and 10 & under.**

When nominations do not have Horse Registration Numbers AND riders do not have performance card on the day, riders will compete HC. (June 11)

If a card has been applied for but not yet received, rider should request a pending performance card number from PCAQ before the competition in order to compete officially.

H. AGE OF COMPETITORS

At Official events and State Championships riders compete in their age as at the **first day of competition** (2014).

12 years and under Age group has been added to Official events and State Championships (June 90), & 10 Years & Under age group has been added to official events and State Championships (Nov 2010).

I. SPEEDS

Classes	First Round	Subsequent Rounds
10 & u.	300 mpm	325 mpm
12 & u.	√	√
70cm & 80cm	√	√
Unofficial	√	√
90cm, 100cm, 110cm, 120cm	350 mpm	350 mpm

Final Rounds on fastest time.

Note: Unofficial Classes at Official Days are run to the same rules as the Official Competition, but for the final round it is run on Ideal Time as for Gymkhanas (see following paragraph)

Gymkhanas & Unofficial Competitions - Ideal Time (Aug 2003) Final round will be on Ideal Time calculated at the rate of 350 mpm. Placings are on the nearest to ideal time on either side e.g. with an ideal time of 40 seconds, a rider coming in at 38 seconds would be equal with a rider coming in at 42 seconds. First/second round at 300mpm. When an event is run with Ideal Time in the final round there are NO time penalties.

c. Grand Prix: As in Table above.

J. TEAMS EVENTS: 12 years & under **are** eligible to be included in teams where such teams are automatically selected from the highest points scorers on the day. 12 Years & Under are **not** eligible for the State Zone Teams Event or for any other Teams event contested by an actual jumping competition except where the team is made up entirely of 12 & Under riders e.g. Zone Teams Showjumping Challenge.

See Teams Paragraph S.

K. PROGRAMME FOR OFFICIAL EVENTS

A programme should be published by the organisers not less than six weeks before the event. A copy must be sent to PCAQ for approval before it is printed and distributed. The programme need not repeat the Rules contained in this Rule Book, but should include:

- Place & date of event with brief instructions of how to reach venue
- Classes to be held (all to be offered)
- Name & address to which nominations are to be sent.
- Closing date and conditions for entries
- Information as to when & where draw may be accessed, or request for email address to which draw may be sent or, alternatively, stamped self addressed envelope in which draw may be mailed to club nomination secretary.
- Administrative arrangements, such as stabling, accommodation and catering.
- Disclaimer of liability (As per General Rule 29 – Page 11)
- Organisers' Reservation of Right (As per General Rule 30 – Page 11)
- Types of Competitions to be held.
- A programme must include 3 events, **ONE** of which may be a speed event.

L. COMPETITIONS FOR OFFICIAL EVENTS:

Table a events: A1, A2, AM3, AM4, AM5, AM6, AM7, Grand Prix, Double Accumulator, Accumulator not directly against the clock, Competitions in two phases, e.g. Power & Speed.

A/B & C ONLY: Puissance, Six Bar.

Speed events: One speed event per programme of 3 events. Scurry; Top Score; Take your own Line; Fault & Out; Hit & Hurry, Accumulator against the clock.

12 & Under, 10 & Under may also include a 'Clear Round' competition (not counted for championship).

10 Years & Under

Riders 10 Years or under may choose to ride in either 10 & Under or 12 & Under class on any competition day. **Unofficial events**

Unofficial events, can be held on an official day, but not at State Championships.

M. TWO HORSE RULE:

At the discretion of the organising committee:

- Riders may enter 2 horses in the same or different heights.

- Each horse may gain qualifying results.
- EACH HORSE WILL BE PLACED IN ITS CLASS AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR OVERALL AWARDS.

N. SENIORS

- Seniors are included in all classes except at State Championships.
- Seniors choose the height they wish to compete in, including 60cm & 70cm, if not stated will be placed in 80cm.
- To be eligible for overall award they must choose 70cm and above and be combined in the classes for 13 years & under 26 years. If no competitors in their nominated height, then combine with riders under 13 years.
- Seniors compete as though they are part of the group, and are placed as if they were in the group BUT THEN they are recorded separately AS they do not take a place from a rider under 26. e.g. Jan (senior) is placed 3rd in the 90cm AM5 group so is awarded 8 points on the senior scoresheet; the next placed Under 26 rider in the group is then placed 3rd).
- If there is equality for overall senior, the rider in the higher level is placed ahead of the other, if in the same level then calculated as for other groups as per rule book.
- Seniors do not form part of an official team except where the conditions of the event permit e.g. Zone Teams Showjumping Challenge.

Hors Concours (HC)

Organisers may at their discretion, accept entries "Hors Concours" but no prize can be awarded nor qualification earned for participation "Hors Concours".

O. COMBINED GROUPS

Combined Group Criteria: Three (3) competitive riders make a group, and therefore are not combined.

When one or two riders have been nominated for a class, or if after close of nominations, the number decreases, the Organizers have the right to combine the group with the height above or below i.e. 100cm with 90cm; 10 & u. with 12 & u.; (c) 12 & under with 80cm; or if insufficient only 1 rider 120cm and only 1 rider in 110cm would then combine with 100cm.

Jumping the Course: Example: Where 120cm combine with 110cm: The lower height jump their first round at 110cm; then course is adjusted to 120cm and these riders jump their first round. Same procedure applies for second round or jump off.

Placings: Combined Groups are treated as ONE group for the purpose of calculating the result of each class and overall awards, i.e. Penalties and time judged equally, ignoring the different heights.

Example: Joey (120cm) 4 pen. 31.6 sec. 2nd
 Bill (110cm) 0 pen. 35.0 sec. 1st
 Henry (110cm) 4 pen. 33.4 sec. 3rd

Qualifying results: are recorded in the same way, i.e. Q for clear first round in Table A.

P. OVERALL TROPHIES:

At Official days where trophies, sashes and other awards are made to overall winners, these are based on points 10 points for 1st descending to 1 point for 10th.

Awarding Overall Champions is not mandatory. If awarded it is recommended that trophies offered could increase in value/importance as the heights increase.

The Organising Committee is not required to give an award of the same value to the overall winner of any class with less than 3 riders, but this situation should not arise now that groups are combined when there are less than 3 riders. Whether rider/horse combination qualifies has no bearing on their awards on the day.

Q. JUMP-OFFS AND/OR SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS

- Height of obstacle can be increased in maximum increments of 10cm.

- Spreads, Oxer/Parallel, is to be no less than the height, and no wider than the height plus one third.

R. RESULTS

Results of **Official & Zone (State Qualifier)** competitions are to be forwarded to PCAQ Office in the week following the competition. Results should be on the form provided by PCAQ, which **must** include the Horse's name as shown on Performance Card; Horse Registration No., **and State Qualification if achieved (refer PCAQ website for requirements).**

S. AGE OF HORSE

Horses must be a minimum age of 4 years and have 4 year old teeth in wear.

T. JUDGE &/OR COURSE BUILDER

Official, Zone and Gymkhana competitions, **the judge and course builder must be** a member of CIP, or listed as PCAQ Showjumping Course Builder **and/or judge for the relevant level or above. EA registered Judges and Course Builders may be used.**

The Course Builder must be in attendance to supervise the building of the course. If a person is Judge and Course Builder, he/she is responsible for one ring only.

On a case by case basis, approval to use unofficial judges can be obtained from the Chair of Sub-committee, a CIP member or RDC, having been supplied with all relevant information (Aug2011).

Names and level of accreditation to be submitted to Showjumping Sub-committee and RDC for Official and Zone (State Qualifier) events, and for Gymkhanas to Zone Chief Instructor, for approval.

Clubs may run an Open Day with qualifying rounds for State Championships provided the day has been approved with Official Judge and Course Builder.

U. EQUALITY OF POINTS - INDIVIDUAL

In the event of equality of points for age or grade Champion, the winner is the rider with the most wins. If still equal, most seconds, and if still equal, the most thirds.

If a result is still not obtained, the Championship will be decided from the result of the Grand Prix or other top event on the day. This is to be for State, Zone and Official days. (May 96) At official days where trophies, sashes and other awards are made to overall winners, these should be based on the same points scoring as used for placing, i.e. 10 points for 1st descending to 1 point for 10th place.

V. PAIRS COMPETITION

In the event of clubs having formed the maximum number of pairs for competitions, such as Rescue Relay or Jig Saw, where an extra rider is available from more than one club, the riders from those clubs may form pairs for the competition. **N.B.** This applies **ONLY AFTER** the maximum number of pairs from each individual club has been formed.

In Pairs competition, one fall eliminates the team.

W. TEAMS

REFER TO SCORING HANDBOOK FOR SCORING OF TEAMS.

Jumping as a Team_or on a Point system:

A team to consist of four (4) riders of any grade.

A team of three (3) may compete.

The best three (3) scores to count.

X. GYMKHANA COMPETITIONS

Type of event to be held should suit the standard of the riders and discretion is left with the Club or Zone Chief Instructor. Course Builders at Gymkhanas should observe the age and number of riders and construct their courses accordingly and make every effort not to over face riders. As standards change from Zone to Zone, it is recommended that the course builder and Zone/Club Chief Instructor liaise and set the heights for the day's competition.

Judge &/or Course Builder: Officials must be accredited as per Official List of PCAQ or EA Judges & Course Builders.

Recommended Heights for Jumping Events at Gymkhanas

6 years & under	20-30cm or substitute a non-jumping event
8 years & under	30-40cm
8 years & under 10 years	40-50cm
10, 11, 12 years	50-70cm
Other groups	70-90cm

Top Score add 20cm to maximum height.

Gear allowed is as per the Showjumping regulations.

A rider losing his/her helmet during a round will be eliminated.

Rules in brief are stated below but should be read in conjunction with Showjumping Rule Book. Some Rules have been modified.

Penalties:

Under Table A faults are penalised in penalty points. Penalties for disobediences (refusals) accumulate throughout the entire round.

Under Table C faults are penalised in seconds added to the time taken to complete the round.

Time:

For Riders under 13 years:-

First and/or second rounds Time Allowed calculated at 300 mpm.

Ideal Time: Jump-off on Ideal Time calculated at 350 mpm. When an event is run with Ideal Time, there are **NO** time penalties in the final round.

Placings are on the nearest to ideal time on either side, i.e. with an ideal time of 40 seconds, a rider coming in at 38 seconds would be equal with a rider coming in at 42 seconds.

FAULTS INCURRED DURING ROUND	GYMKHANA TABLE A	GYMKHANA TABLE C
First Disobedience	4 penalties	None (loss of time)
Second disobedience	8 penalties	None (loss of time)
Third disobedience	Elimination	Elimination
Obstacle knocked down	4 penalties	4 seconds
First fall of Horse/Rider or both	Elimination	Elimination
Disobedience & knocking down obstacle, plus time correction	4 penalties, plus 4 seconds	4 seconds for time correction
Exceeding Time Allowed	1 penalty for each commenced 4 seconds	No time allowed only time limit
Exceeding Time Limit	Elimination	Elimination Time of course under 600m is 2 minutes, over 600m is 3 mins.
Riders 13 years & over for exceeding Time Allowed in final jump-off against the clock	1 penalty for each commenced second	Not applicable
Riders under 13 years for exceeding Time Allowed in final jump-off on IDEAL TIME	NO TIME PENALTIES	Not applicable

Riders 13 years and over: run under Table A with no amendment.

Y. OBJECTIONS

Only the owner, or his authorised agent, or the rider of a horse taking part in the competition is entitled to lodge an objection. If at a State Event this must be through the Team Manager. Objections must be made in writing to the Secretary of the event accompanied by a deposit of \$50:

- not later than half an hour after the happening which gave rise to the objection or,
- where marks are concerned, within half an hour of the issue of the marks, or,
- in the case of objections to the qualifications of competitors, not later than half an hour before the start of the event, or,
- in the case of objections to the Showjumping course, not later than 10 Minutes after the walking of the course and before the start of the competition

Z. DRESS

Competitors are required to dress in accordance with General PCAQ Rules when competing or during the presentation of awards. On all other occasions, for example, when inspecting the course, dress must be neat and tidy and may include a sunhat. In any case, jodhpurs, riding boots, Pony club shirt and tie must be worn. In bad weather the wearing of a waterproof coat may be allowed by the Judge.