

Zone Representative Report
North Eastern Zone Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 12th January 2016

National Data Base Update – A new data base system is being rolled out across the state, which will be used by all states and territories. The functions and capabilities have been designed to reduce the burden on officials and volunteers throughout Pony Club, as well as expanding on the abilities to communicate and process information. The new system will allow clubs to personalize to individual club needs, and will include membership, payments, event management, competition entry and a more interactive website. Clubs can choose which functions they wish to use. PCAV will offer education sessions and the provider offers a 24/7 help desk to assist clubs as the new system is gradually phased in. Both systems will operate during the phase in period to allow all information to be transferred. More information will be forwarded to clubs as the implementation date approaches.

Membership Fees 2016/17 – Junior \$135, Associate/Senior Riding \$155. \$5 Early bird fee reduction if paid before 30th June 2016.

First quarter Profit and Loss figures for the 2016/17 financial year are available to view. Please see me after the meeting.

Games, Flat and Musical Ride Championships – the schedule is available on the PCAV website for clubs wishing to start practicing. Please note that for games the Green group age has changed from under 17 to under19.

PCAV will be hosting the International Mounted Games Exchange in 2016. Expressions of interest are being sort for those interested on being on the organizing committee. Please forward to PCAV.

Tetrathlon – A plan is being developed to extend tetrathlon across the state with the view to creating a state level competition by the end of 2016. There will also be an opportunity for riders to nominate for selection to represent Australia in the International Tetrathlon Exchange in Ireland in 2016. Details will be posted on the PCAV website as they come to hand.

Pony Club Australia Awards - Anyone wishing to nominate any riders, coaches, officials or volunteers for a Pony Club Australia Award need to nominate by the 11th March 2016. Further details are on the Pony Club Australia website.

New Rules for 2016 are available on the website. Please make everyone aware of any rule changes. Some rules to note are the following:

- Timing devices are not permitted in cross-country for Grades 4 and 5.
- From 1 July 2016 D Certificate is required to be graded for Horse Trials
- There is a new rule in regards to paddling.

- The introduction of a new 5A combined training grade for under 10 years. Dressage test 5A must be used and heights and spreads maximum of 0.3metres. Riders may not be led.
 - No rider may be led in any competition unless it is a requirement of the class e.g. Led Rider. Riders may not be led over jumps or poles at any competition.
 - Gear checkers need to also be aware of all changes. Such as helmet standards and gaiters.
- Show jumping - Competition Entries – Horses are restricted to a MAXIMUM of 5 rounds per day.
(N.B. Whilst horses may not go through to a jump-off this is still considered a round, even if the horse does not take part.)

There is now a rule surrounding Freshman's Show-jumping - Freshman's Entries – Horses are restricted to a MAXIMUM of 5 rounds per day. Heights and spreads must be stated on the schedule. All riders must sign a Liability Waiver, and pay the fee if required, as per Insurer's cover requirements. Optional Participation ribbons may be awarded.

As Horse trial season is round the corner, it is important for clubs to prepare their riders and parents on the rules of competition. Areas to note are member cards and grading, gear rules, overuse of whip, outside assistance and dangerous riding.

It is also important to note that any contractors who regularly officiate at pony club events need a working with children check. Please check the 2016 bylaws section 8.

Expressions of interest are also required for those riders wishing to be considered for the Inter-zone Horse Trials. Riders need to indicate their interest with me and keep a record of their whole class results.

Clubs requiring their cross-country courses to be accredited must organize well in advance with their allocated accreditor. Final accreditation should not be left until the day before.

North Eastern Zone requires more Course Accreditors. A plan to assist in the education and assessment of course accreditors is being looked into. Anyone interested please contact Michele Aldous or myself so we can keep you informed.

All programs for competitions and clinics need to be approved before distribution. It is a good idea for clubs holding clinics to have a program ready to go if they choose to open it up to outside riders. All instructors must be registered with PCAV.

Good luck to all our riders who qualified for the State Dressage and Show-jumping Championships in March.

