



**PONY CLUB**  
NEW SOUTH WALES

# STATE

## MOUNTED GAMES & TEAM SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

**Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park  
Polocrosse Fields  
Entrance via Sheathers Lane**

**Entries Close: Midnight 17th July 2026**

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## 2026 SCHEDULE



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All competitors compete at their own risk.**

## **1. ENTRIES**

All Entries must be completed through Nominate. A separate class entry is required for each entry, one rider per entry form. Horse details must be completed during the entry process, including microchip and PIC number. **Riders must compete in 3 events.**

### *Before you enter*

- **Discuss your eligibility with your ZCI and Club Secretary, in particular:**
- **Have ready all of the information you will need to enter –**
  - i. **Rider membership name and member ID**
  - ii. **Team's eligibility**
  - iii. **Your Horse ID information and microchip number (compulsory)**
  - iv. **PIC number**
  - v. **Zone Chief Instructor approval code**
  - vi. **Volunteer details.**
- **Should your entry be refused an administration fee of \$20 will be retained.**

## **2. Scratching / Refund / Cancellation Policy**

Competitors must not bring an unwell horse to the venue. Should you need to scratch you must notify your ZCI and the Pony Club NSW office. The Pony Club NSW State Championships Refund policy applies:

*"Refunds will no longer be issued after close of entries. Where a member feels this may create undue financial hardship they can apply to the State office for special consideration." Credit card & processing fees are not refunded.*

## **3. HORSE OWNERSHIP AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

For Mounted Games & Team Sporting, where riders are competing for their Zone, Area or State, riders may compete on a horse owned by themselves or a member of their Club or a member of the region the team represents. Therefore, a zone team can draw from the zone, and Area team from the Area or a State team from the State. (Amendment March 2024 Council Meeting)

In the event of illness or injury (and at the discretion of the Technical Delegate) a horse may be substituted providing the Zone Chief Instructor approves. Substitutions must be advised by the Zone in writing no later than 6:00pm on the day prior to competition. The substitute horse must comply with all the conditions of nomination for the Championship, including Horse ID information and Horse Health Declaration, for which it is being substituted. Any competitor riding a horse not fulfilling the above conditions will incur disqualification.

## **4. HORSE WELFARE**

Swabbing of horses for illegal substances may be carried out at the championships.

Destruction of severely injured horses: If a horse is so severely injured that on humanitarian grounds it has to be destroyed, the following procedure will apply; if the owner or authorised representative is present, their agreement will first be obtained by the official Veterinary Surgeon. If the owner or representative is not Available the Technical Delegate acting on the advice of the Official Veterinary Surgeon, may order the destruction of a horse.

## **5. PERFORMANCES**

Entries will be checked with the Zone prior to acceptance of nomination, if a rider has not achieved the required performance level their nomination will not be accepted, and a refund issued less a \$20 administration fee.

## **6. GENERAL RULES FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Championship will be conducted under the rules of the Pony Club NSW as set down in the current Pony Club NSW Handbook, as advised in Council minutes to date and in conjunction with the relevant Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules.

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### **ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURE:**

- Mounted Games Championships - All horses must be on the grounds by 7am, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October
- Team Sporting Championships – All horses must be on the grounds by 7am, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- Horses must remain on the grounds for the duration of the championship they are entered in.

All riders are reminded that they must be present at the final presentation of the Championship and must not depart the grounds without permission from the Organising Committee. Any rider who leaves without permission may be suspended from competing at Championships for a full twelve (12) months from the date of the breach of the regulations.

All yards and camping areas must be cleaned to a satisfactory standard prior to departure.

**VEHICLE PARKING:** All vehicles park at their own risk. A horse free area will be provided for anyone wishing to park their vehicle away from horses.

**EVENT TIMING:** The commencement time for each State Championship is from when the horse arrives on the grounds and until the last horse leaves the presentation arena.

## **7. GEAR REGULATIONS**

Please refer to the Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules in conjunction with any exceptions in this schedule.

## **8. TEAM UNIFORMS – MOUNTED GAMES**

- Club Team Members are to wear their Club Uniform or Club polo shirt and either fawn, bone, white or oatmeal jodhpurs. Club saddlecloths must also be worn.
- Zone Team Members are to wear their Zone Uniform or Zone polo shirt and either fawn, bone, white or oatmeal jodhpurs. Zone Saddlecloths must also be worn.
- Inter-Zone/Composite Team members are to wear a matching team coloured Polo shirt as agreed along with either fawn, bone, white or oatmeal jodhpurs. Their club saddlecloth must also be worn.

Riders are permitted to wear correctly coloured riding trousers designed specifically for riding or labelled stockman cut, moleskin or similar appellation, the top of which should be at the rider's waist and the length of which shall be such that when mounted the top of the rider's boot shall be covered. Riding Trousers may not be worn with long boots.

## **9. TEAM UNIFORMS – TEAM SPORTING**

Team Sporting teams are Zone teams. Each rider is to wear their Zone Uniform or Zone Polo shirt and either fawn, bone, white or oatmeal jodhpurs. Zone polo shirts are to be worn by riders of both club and zone teams.

Team Sporting riders are permitted to wear correctly coloured riding trousers designed specifically for riding or labelled stockman cut, moleskin or similar appellation, the top of which should be at the rider's waist and the length of which shall be such that when mounted the top of the rider's boot shall be covered. Riding Trousers may not be worn with long boots. Horses should have the riders Zone saddlecloth

While Pony Club NSW encourages team spirit, team colour additions not designed for equestrian use (eg tutus, face paint) must not be worn in any official event capacity such as in competition or at presentations.

## **10. PARTICIPATING ZONE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each family entering riders is required to nominate one volunteer. Name, email address and telephone numbers of volunteer to be included at the time of nomination.

## **11. BEST PRESENTED ZONE AND TEAMWORK TROPHY**

A Trophy will be awarded to the Zone which shows the best conduct, teamwork and presentation throughout the event.

## **12. GEAR CHECK**

The Gear Check will take place each day, in draw order when presenting for their first event. Horses will be identified through microchip scanning at their first gear check. All competitors must present to gear check while leaving themselves plenty of time to present for their draw order.

## **13. EXERCISE**

Competitors may exercise their horses in the areas provided. Horses may be schooled, exercised, or lunged only by their nominated riders at the venue for State competitions. All persons must wear an approved Equestrian Helmet whilst lunging a horse/pony at any Pony Club fixture. An adult member of Pony Club NSW is permitted to lunge a horse for riders under 17 years of age at all Pony Club competitions, with the permission of the Senior Instructor, Zone Chief Instructor or Team Manager.

## **14. PROFESSIONAL COACHING**

Competitors may not be coached by professional coaches (parent coaches excluded) while at the venue, at the risk of disqualification from the Championship.

## **15. DISQUALIFICATION**

The Pony Club NSW Executive, together with the Technical Delegate and Advisory Committee, has the power to disqualify any competitor for a breach of any rule, or for unacceptable behaviour.

## **16. APPLICATION FOR EARLY LEAVE**

If a competitor wishes to leave the venue prior to the final presentation of awards their Team Manager is required to make a written request to be lodged at the Secretary's office at the venue for decision by the Organising Committee. Failure to obtain permission may jeopardise future entry.

## **17. SCORING**

See relevant section of current [Pony Club NSW Handbook](#).

In the event of a tie in points for champions, first and second positions will be determined by a tie breaker game with flag race and all other positions, third to fifth, will be determined by a count back.

## **18. PROTESTS**

Protests must be lodged in writing on the required form, by the Zone Team Manager together with a fee of \$50.00 and handed to the Secretary on the ground. Protests must be made no later than one hour after the incident that gave rise to the protest, or in the case of scores, within fifteen minutes of the final championship scores being posted. Protests against the qualification of competitors or horses must be lodged in writing on the required form not later than one hour prior to the commencement of the event.

## **19. PRESENTATION**

At the conclusion of the state championship/s, team managers must assemble **ALL MEMBERS** of their teams in **full and correct uniform (whether ribbon winners or not) for the final parade and presentations**. The failure of any competitor to comply may well jeopardize the receiving of an award and/or future acceptance for championship competition. The only exception is when permission has been granted by the advisory committee following written application from the Team Manager.

## **20. ZONE FLAG/BANNER**

Zone Team Managers are requested to bring banners for the official parade. Team Managers are to parade with teams. Riders must wear full Pony Club uniform for the parade.

## **21. RESPONSIBILITY**

Neither the Organising Committee, Pony Club NSW nor the Pony Club NSW Advisory Committee accept any responsibility for accident or illness of horse, or rider, groom, spectator or any other person or damage to motor vehicle throughout the duration of the Championship. Riders ride at their own risk.

NSW Road Rules apply to all venues during State Championships and must be adhered to, including the wearing of helmets while riding bicycles. Motorised/e-scooters are subject to NSW Road Rules and must not be ridden at the venue – disability scooters excepted.

## **22. PHOTOGRAPHER**

[Rodney's Photography](#) will be available throughout the event – links of the galleries to view and purchase images will be shared to competitors on social media and in Team App during and after the event. Only the Official Photographer (confirmed with a contract through the State Office) is permitted to sell photos from the event.

## **23. CAMPING AND STABLING**

Camden Showgrounds offer plenty of camping option and yards to cater for all competitors. Competitors may elect to BYO yards if they prefer and these will be located with unpowered camping. Canteen will be provided by Zone 23 throughout the weekend.. Please support our local clubs by purchasing some yummy food from the canteen. More information on local facilities will be available in the rider notes.

## **24. VENUE INFORMATION**

Bicentennial Equestrian Park is located in Camden and you must use the Sheathers Lane entry

**Facilities include:**

1. Metal Yards available – yards are a hard surface, and require min 2 bags of shavings, you are required to BYO Shavings, competitors can order from the local produce.
2. Powered and unpowered camp sites
3. Hot showers and toilets
4. Disabled amenities

Campfires are permitted in a contained fire drum, no fires to be lit on the ground due to safety reasons and fire spread. Some fire drums will be available for use.

**Dogs Permitted at the event must be on a lead.**

**25. ENTRY FEES**

Mounted Games - \$75 per rider (5 in a team)

Team Sporting - \$75 per rider (5 in a team)

First Aid Levy – \$25 per rider for weekend

Camping - \$30 for per night

Yards \$15 per night

Horse Levy \$15 per night



## 2026 Pony Club NSW Mounted Games Championships

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**Entry fee \$75**

**10 games**

**Junior Teams - Placings to 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Senior Teams – Placings to 3rd**

**Overall Champion Pointscores**

There will be **ten games with a tiebreaker**. The Committee reserves the right to change any or all games.

**1 - Postman's Chase**  
**2 - Mug Race (5Mugs)**  
**3 – Old Sock Race**  
**4 – Hi Lo Race**

**5 – Rope Race**  
**6 - Stepping Stones Dash**  
**7 – Carton Race**  
**8 – Quoits & Cones Race**

**9 – Tack Shop Race**  
**10 - Five Flag Race**

### **Qualifying Times**

The following qualifying times apply for games to be held at the State Championships. Team must meet the qualifying time in at least five events. Team's recorded times are to be presented to ZCI for approval.

**Postman's Chase:** 2 minutes 20 seconds  
**Old Sock Race:** 2 minutes 45 seconds  
**Rope Race:** 2 minutes 30 seconds  
**Carton Race:** 3 minutes 45 seconds  
**Tack Shop Race:** 3 minutes 30 seconds

**Mug Race:** 2 minutes 30 seconds  
**Hi Lo Race:** 3 minutes 0 seconds  
**Stepping Stones Dash:** 1 minute 30 seconds  
**Quoits:** 2 minutes 45 seconds  
**Five Flag Race:** 2 minutes

### **MOUNTED GAMES TEAMS**

#### **a. JUNIOR TEAMS – UNDER 17 YEARS**

Five (5) members with no more than one (1) Associate in any Team.

Age is as at first day of competition.

The 5th rider, if not required for all games, must compete in a minimum of three (3) of the games. In the event of injury to horse and/or rider, the remaining riders will compete in all remaining games.

#### **b. SENIOR TEAMS**

FIVE (5) members with no more than one (1) Junior (under 17 years) in any Team. Age is as at first day of competition. The emergency, if not required for all games, must compete in at least three (3) of the games

### **Options of Team Composition are:**

**Club Teams** – Riders from the same Club

- In the first instance teams should be made of riders from the same club

**Zone Teams** – Riders from the same Zone

- IF there are not enough riders of eligible age groups within a club to form a team, then the riders may form a team from the same Zone.

**Inter-Zone/Composite Teams** – Riders from different Zones/Composite Zone Teams (will not be eligible for Championship Awards).

- IF there are not enough riders within eligible age groups from within the Zone to form a team, THEN riders from other Zones may form a team.

*Composite teams are permitted at the State Mounted Games Championships provided that, at both the Championship and the event where the respective composite zone team obtained times that enabled it to qualify for the Championship that:*

- 1. Each of the zones from which the riders in the composite team belong could not cater for the respective rider in any competing zone (ie the number of competing riders from that zone was not divisible by five) and*
- 2. Regarding any competing club team or teams, the club filled that team or those teams firstly with any rider who had been part of a Pony Club NSW mounted games training squad and secondly with any rider who had previously competed at a State Mounted Games Championship.*
- 3. Composite Zone Teams will not be eligible for Championship Awards*

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## 2026 Pony Club NSW Team Sporting Championships

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Entry fee \$75

10 races

Junior Teams - Placings to 5<sup>th</sup>

Senior Teams – Placings to 3<sup>rd</sup>

Overall Champion Pointscores

There will be **ten games with a tiebreaker**. The Committee reserves the right to change any or all games.

1 - Team Bend Race

2 - Pyramid Race

3 - Team 3 Mug Race

4 - Fishing Race

5 – Team Flag Race

6 - Balloon Busting Race

7 - Straight Barrel Race

8 - Sword Race

9 – Bottle Exchange Race

10 - Flag Exchange Race

### Qualifying Times

The following qualifying times apply for games to be held at the State Championships. Team must meet the qualifying time in at least five events. Team's recorded times are to be presented to ZCI for approval.

**Team Bend Race:** 90 sec

**Pyramid Race:** 2min 45 sec

**Team 3 Mug Race:** 120 sec

**Fishing Race:** 160 sec

**Team Flag Race:** 160 sec

**Balloon Busting Race:** 110 sec

**Straight Barrel Race:** 110 sec

**Sword Race:** 120 sec

**Bottle Exchange Race:** 2min 45 sec

**Flag Exchange Race:** 2min 45 sec

### a. JUNIOR ZONE TEAMS – UNDER 17 YEARS

Five (5) members with no more than one (1) Associate in any Team and should be from the same Zone.

Inter-Zone/Composite Teams are permitted if the required number of riders cannot be found in one zone however will not be eligible for Championship Awards.

Age is as at first day of competition. All riders must compete in at least three (3) of the races.

**b. ASSOCIATE ZONE TEAMS**

Five (5) members with no more than one (1) Junior in any Team and should be from the same Zone. **Inter-Zone/Composite Teams** are permitted if the required number of riders cannot be found in one zone however will not be eligible for Championship Awards. Age is as at first day of competition. All riders must compete in at least three (3) of the races.