



PONY CLUB
NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE

DRESSAGE & SHOWRIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**27th November –
29th November 2026**

2 horses Allowed in dressage

**Tamworth Pony Club
517 Bournes Lane, Hallsville NSW**

**Entries Open: 9am Friday 16th October 2026
Entries Close: Midnight Tuesday, 10th November 2026**

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2026 SCHEDULE



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The Association reserves all rights to alter any or all of the programs and conditions without due notice.

All competitors compete at their own risk.

1. ENTRIES

All Entries must be completed through Event Secretary. Competitors may compete on two (2) horses in the Dressage Championships only. A separate class entry is required for each horse. Horse details must be completed during the entry process, including microchip and PIC number. Interstate entries will be accepted and must be approved by their State office.

Before you enter:

Discuss your eligibility with your ZCI and Club Secretary, in particular for show rider:

- Is the rider 'Open' or 'Novice' (based on rider ability not horse) Open Ring is for riders with moderate to extensive riding/pony club experience and competition experience in any discipline.
- Novice Ring is for riders under 17 years with limited experience at shows, have not competed at Royals, Open Rings at Interschools, Open Rings at Ag Shows, Breed Championships, Show Horse Council or EA Competitions (with the exception of Leading Rein)

Before you enter

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

Horse ID Forms and Health Declarations Forms are now part of the entry process and are completed at the time of entry as an online form. There are no separate forms to complete.

2. SCRATCHINGS

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 SUBSTITUTIONS

The horse must be owned by the member, or a member of the rider's Club. See PONY CLUB NSW Blue Book Section 4, Clause 13 for more information.

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

In 2023 the Fitness Check was removed for State Championships. Fitness and horse welfare will be monitored over the duration of the event and horses and riders are subject to assessment by officials and/or team managers.

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. NUMBER OF COMPETITORS AND PERFORMANCES (New South Wales Competitors only)

Each class is limited to 35 entries for dressage, if the class is full, please enter the waitlist. We regularly receive scratching's.

Horse and rider must be of a suitable standard for the Championship. Competitors will be required to list their qualifying performance with their entries.

Riders must have competed in the respective level previously with a minimum score of 62% (at any of the three tests within that level e.g for Novice championship you must have achieved the qualifying score for either 2.1, 2.2 or 2.3 tests)

Entries will be checked with the Zone prior to acceptance of nomination, if a rider has not achieved the required performance level their nomination may 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.

The Association reserves all rights to alter any or all of the programs and conditions without due notice. All competitors compete at their own risk.

Callers are permitted for all age groups and tests in the dressage championships.

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.

E-BIKES / ELECTRIC SCOOTERS / PEDAL BIKES – please leave at home, not allowed on the Tamworth Junior Pony Club Grounds.

7. ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURE

All horses must be on the grounds by 7:00am on the first day of their competition.

For example, if you are competing in Dressage on Friday, your horse must arrive before 7:00am Friday. If you are only competing in Show Riding on Saturday, your horse must arrive before 7:00am Saturday. Horses must remain on the grounds for the duration. All competitors are reminded they may not leave the grounds with their horse until after the final presentation of the Championship without permission from the Organising Committee.

8. 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 have a written request lodged to the secretary's office at the venue for the TD to make a decision. Failure to obtain permission may jeopardise future entry. Any rider who leaves without permission may be suspended from competing for a full twelve (12) months from the date of the breach of the regulations.

9. IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Dressage: Competitors will be allocated a bridle number which must be worn on the near side of the horse (either bridle or saddlecloth number) when competing. Numbers will be published in the Event Information. Competitors are to provide their own number holders or may purchase these through the Pony Club NSW website.

Show Riding: Competitors will be allocated a number which must be worn on the left arm when competing. Numbers will be published in the Event Information. Competitors are to provide their number holders (medical armband holder).

10. GEAR REGULATIONS

Please refer to the Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules in conjunction with the following exceptions:

- As per standard Dressage rules bitless bridles are not permitted – all horses must have an approved bit in their mouth.
- As per standard Dressage rules nosebands must be worn.
- Gloves must be worn.
- Short boots must be worn for Riders Under 17 in Show Riding

11. UNIFORM

Each competitor is to wear their Zone uniform and saddlecloth. Full Pony Club uniform is to be worn i.e. shirt, tie and jumper; fawn, beige, oatmeal or white jodhpurs.

Helmet checks and tagging (for helmets not already tagged with current Pony Club NSW tags) will be available.

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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. GEAR CHECK

The Gear Check will take place each day, in draw order when presenting for their class. 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. All horses must be microchipped to attend a State event.

15. 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.

16. 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.

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.

17. AWARDS

Dressage:

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION: Riders will receive class ribbons to eight place, more ribbons may be awarded if entries suffice.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Champion & Reserve Champion will be awarded to the two (2) highest placed horses in each section.

CHAMPION INTER-ZONE AND INTER-STATE TEAMS

Show Riding:

Rider Classes

Champion Riders

Show Hacks : • Champion Open Pony • Champion Open Galloway • Champion Open Hack

Show Hunters: • Champion Hunter Pony • Champion Hunter Galloway • Champion Hunter Hack

Champion Pony Club Mount (judged on Points System)

Champion Point Score for each Age Group

Champion Zone Team

Supreme Classes: • Supreme Champion Rider • Supreme Champion Show Hack • Supreme Champion Show Hunter

Pairs / Teams: Riders may form pairs or teams with members from their own zone and age group.

18. SHOWRIDING SCORING – OPEN CLASSES

The Novice Ring has no Championship.

For the Open Rings the following applies:

INDIVIDUAL CLASSES: Riders will receive ribbons to 5th place. Points will be awarded for wins and placings on the basis of 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, 2 points for 4th place and 1 point for 5th place. Pairs and Teams of Four classes are not included in the point score.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP: The individual Champion will be the rider with the most points over the Championship in each age group.

RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP: The Reserve Champion will be the rider with the second most points over the Championship in each age group.

INTER-ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP: There will be one Zone Team Championship award. Teams are to comprise a maximum of four riders and a minimum of three riders. All scores to count.

INTER-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: There will be one State Team Championship award. Teams are to comprise a maximum of four riders and a minimum of three riders. All scores to count. In the event of equality for the highest overall point score or for places in the Zone Team, a count back will be conducted in the following manner. The rider with the most first places, then the rider with the most second places and so on until a division is reached. If no division is reached the following criteria will apply. The highest place rider in the: 1. Riding Class 2. Bareback Class 3. Hack Class

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. CAMPING AND STABLING

Tamworth Junior Riding Pony Club offers 80 permanent stables at the venue, with the option to use own BYO portable yards. Camping available:

- 32 Powered Sites
- 50 Unpowered Sites

A full canteen will be available for the duration of the event for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Dinner orders will be required to be pre ordered and information will be issued following the close of entries.

Grounds are located approximately 10ms from the centre of Tamworth.

22. ENTRY FEES

Dressage Entry – 3 tests	\$100
Show Riding Entry	\$90
Show Riding Novice Ring	\$70
First Aid Levy	\$26 per competitor
Stables	\$15 per night
BYO yards	\$10 per night
Powered Camping	\$25 per night
Non-Powered Camping	\$15 per night



2026 Pony Club NSW Dressage Championships

To be held on the Friday and Saturday AM

Entry fee \$100.00
Placings to 8th in all classes

Callers are permitted.

Classes may be split or combined as required.
Minimum number of entries of at least 3 required for a class to be held.

Preliminary – Tests 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3

Under 11 years
11 and under 13 years
13 and under 15 years
15 and under 17 years
17 and under 25 years

Novice – Tests 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3

Under 13 years
13 and under 17 years
17 and under 25 years

Elementary – Tests 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3

Under 13 years
13 and Under 17 years
17 and under 25 years

Medium – Tests 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3

Under 17 years
17 and under 25 years

Advanced – Tests 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3

Under 17 years
17 and under 25 years



2026 Pony Club NSW Show Riding Championships

To be held on the Saturday PM and Sunday

Entry fee \$90.00 Open

Entry fee \$70.00 Novice

Placings to 5th in all classes

Open Rings

Classes will alternate between rings – riders must be prepared to go in when called

Horses may compete as an Open Hack or a Show Hunter

Classes may be split or combined according to entry numbers

Saturday Classes

Pony Club Mount

1. Pony Club Mount 17 and under 25 years
2. Pony Club Mount 15 and under 17 years
3. Pony Club Mount 13 and under 15 years
4. **Champion Pony Club Mount 13 years and over**
5. Pony Club Mount 11 and under 13 years
6. Pony Club Mount 9 and under 11 years
7. Pony Club Mount under 9 years
8. **Champion Pony Club Mount under 13 years**
9. **Supreme Champion Pony Club Mount**

Pleasure Horse (ridden in snaffle bit, no whips or spurs)

10. Pleasure Horse over 16hh
11. Pleasure Horse over 15.2hh ne 16hh
12. Pleasure Horse over 15hh ne 15.2hh
13. Pleasure Galloway over 14.2hh ne 15hh
14. Pleasure Galloway over 14hh ne 14.2hh
15. Pleasure Pony over 13.2hh ne 14hh
16. Pleasure Pony over 13hh ne 13.2hh
17. Pleasure Pony over 12.2hh ne 13hh
18. Pleasure Pony ne 12.2hh

Open Ring Pony Club Mount Workout

Pony Club Mount Workout

Form line-up in section, then-

1. Trot out towards the left
2. Canter in the top corner
3. Canter through the bending poles
4. Back to trot over the poles on the ground
5. Turn right and half.
6. Rein back several strides
7. Walk between the poles on the ground
8. Halt, dismount and perform rein drill
9. Lead horse back to judge, halt, salute.

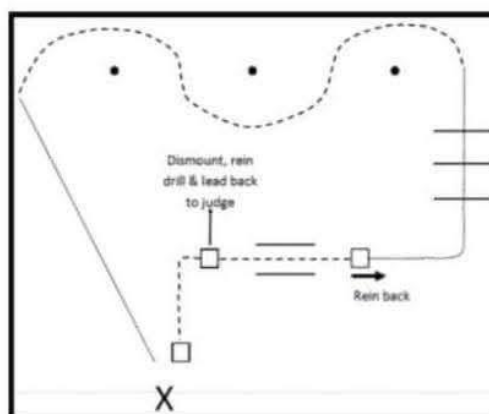


DIAGRAM KEY

X – Judge

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- - - - Canter

□ Halt

Sunday Classes

Show Hack Classes

- 19. Show Hack over 16hh
- 20. Show Hack over 15.2hh ne 16hh
- 21. Show Hack over 15hh ne 15.2hh
- 22. Champion Show Hack**
- 23. Show Galloway over 14.2hh ne 15hh
- 24. Show Galloway over 14hh ne 14.2hh
- 25. Champion Galloway Hack**
- 26. Show Pony over 13.2hh ne 14hh
- 27. Show Pony over 13hh ne 13.2hh
- 28. Show Pony over 12.2hh ne 13hh
- 29. Show Pony ne 12.2hh
- 30. Champion Open Pony**
- 31. Supreme Champion Open Show Horse**

Show Hunter Classes

- 32. Show Hunter Hack over 16hh
- 33. Show Hunter Hack over 15.2hh ne 16hh
- 34. Show Hunter Hack over 15hh ne 15.2hh
- 35. Champion Show Hunter Hack**
- 36. Show Hunter Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 37. Show Hunter Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 38. Champion Show Hunter Galloway**
- 39. Show Hunter Pony over 13.2hh ne 14hh
- 40. Show Hunter Pony over 13hh ne 13.2hh
- 41. Show Hunter Pony over 12.2hh ne 13hh
- 42. Show Hunter Pony ne 12.2hh
- 43. Champion Show Hunter Pony**
- 44. Supreme Champion Show Hunter**

Rider Classes

- 45. Rider 17 years and under 25 years
- 46. Rider 15 years and under 17 years
- 47. Champion Rider 15 years and under 25 years**
- 48. Rider 13 years and under 15 years
- 49. Rider 11 years and under 13 years
- 50. Champion Rider 11 years and under 15 years**

- 51. Rider 9 years and under 11 years
- 52. Rider under 9 years
- 53. Champion Rider under 11 years**
- 54. Supreme Champion Rider**

Best Educated Horse

- 55. Best Educated Hack over 16hh
- 56. Best Educated Hack over 15.2hh ne 16hh
- 57. Best Educated Hack over 15hh ne 15.2hh
- 58. Best Educated Galloway over 14.2hh ne 15hh
- 59. Best Educated Galloway over 14hh ne 14.2hh
- 60. Best Educated Pony over 13.2hh ne 14hh
- 61. Best Educated Pony over 13hh ne 13.2hh
- 62. Best Educated Pony over 12.2hh ne 13hh
- 63. Best Educated Pony ne 12.2hh

Bareback Rider

- 64. Bareback Rider 17 and under 25 years
- 65. Bareback Rider 15 and under 17 years
- 66. Bareback Rider 13 and under 15 years
- 67. Bareback Rider 11 and under 13 years
- 68. Bareback Rider 9 and under 11 years
- 69. Bareback Rider under 9 years

Pairs & Teams (from same Zone)

- 70. Pair of Riders 17 and under 25 years
- 71. Pair of Riders 13 and under 17 years
- 72. Pair of Riders under 13 years
- 73. Team of Four Riders 17 & under 25 years
- 74. Team of Four Riders 13 & under 17 years
- 75. Team of Four Riders under 13 years

Team Of Four Workouts

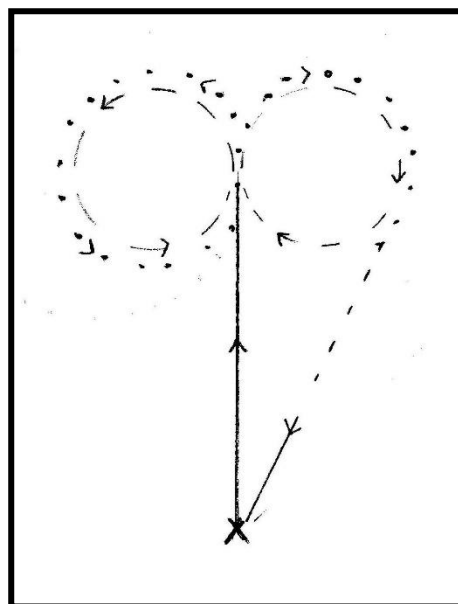
Teams Under 13 years

Form line-up in section, then-

1. Walk out in single file (approximately 40m)
2. Trot a circle to the right in single file
3. Change direction, form half section and trot circle left
4. Form section and canter a circle (left rein)
5. Change direction canter half circle right
6. Canter back to judge and halt through trot and walk
7. Sustain halt 5 seconds while saluting

DIAGRAM KEY

X – Judge	
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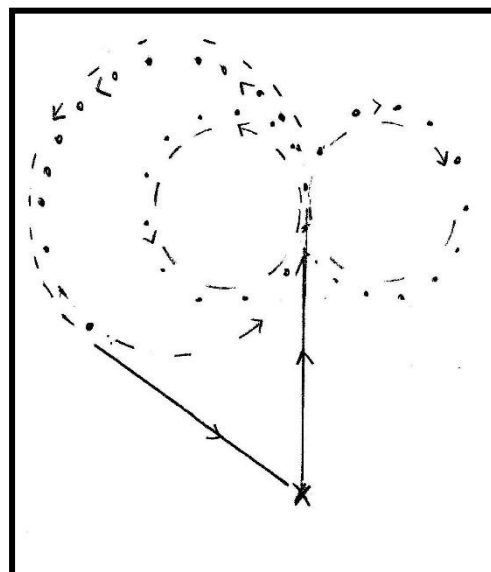
Teams Workout 13 years – Under 25 years

Starting from the line-up, in section

1. Walk in section
 2. Trot a figure of eight in section, 1st circle to left
 3. Canter a figure of eight in section
 4. At the completion of the right (2nd) circle of the figure of eight, change rein
 5. Go on to a larger circle at the canter (left rein), canter full circle
 6. At the change over point, remain on the left rein form half section
 7. Trot
 8. Form single file at the trot
 9. Walk and at the same time form a section
 10. Come back to the halt in front of the judge
 11. Sustain halt five seconds while saluting
- Note: From 7 – 9 is done on one large circle

DIAGRAM KEY

X	Judge	
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Schedule – Pony Club NSW Show Riding Championships

Novice Ring

Novice ring for riders under 17 years with limited experience at shows, judged on rider ability not horse. Riders in the Novice ring should not have competed at Royals, Open Rings at Interschools, Open rings at Ag Shows, Breed Championships, Show Horse Council or EA Competitions (with the exception of Leading Rein Classes). If in doubt of suitability the Zone Chief Instructor may advise.

Classes will alternate between rings – riders must be prepared to go in when called
Placings will be awarded to 5th place – there are no Championships in the Novice Ring
Horses may compete as a Show Hack or a Show Hunter.

Definition – a Show Hack is generally more refined and elegant than a Show Hunter, which is more solid with bigger bone structure and more workmanlike appearance

Saturday PM

Novice Pony Club Mount

- 114. Novice Pony Club Mount 15 and under 17 years
- 115. Novice Pony Club Mount 13 and under 15 years
- 116. Novice Pony Club Mount 11 and under 13 years
- 117. Novice Pony Club Mount 9 and under 11 years
- 118. Novice Pony Club Mount under 9 years

Novice Pleasure Mount

- 119. Novice Pleasure Mount over 15hh
- 120. Novice Pleasure Mount over 14hh ne 15hh
- 121. Novice Pleasure Mount over 12.2hh ne 14hh
- 122. Novice Pleasure Mount ne 12.2hh

Sunday

Show Hack ridden by Novice Rider

- 123. Show Hack over 15hh ridden by Novice Rider
- 124 Show Galloway over 14hh ne 15hh ridden by Novice Rider
- 125. Show Pony over 12.2hh ne 14hh ridden by Novice Rider
- 126. Show Pony ne 12.2hh ridden by Novice Rider

Show Hunter ridden by Novice Rider

- 127. Show Hunter Hack over 15hh ridden by Novice Rider
- 128. Show Hunter Galloway over 14hh ne 15hh ridden by Novice Rider
- 129. Show Hunter Pony over 12.2hh ne 14hh

ridden by Novice Rider

- 130. Show Hunter Pony ne 12.2hh ridden by Novice Rider

Novice Rider

- 131. Novice Rider 15 and under 17 years
- 132. Novice Rider 13 and under 15 years
- 133. Novice Rider 11 and under 13 years
- 134. Novice Rider 9 and under 11 years
- 135. Novice Rider under 9 years

Novice Handler

- 136. Novice Handler 15 and under 17 years
- 137. Novice Handler 13 and under 15 years
- 138. Novice Handler 11 and under 13 years
- 139. Novice Handler 9 and under 11 years
- 140. Novice Handler under 9 years

Rider without Stirrups

- 141. Rider without Stirrups Horse over 15hh
- 142. Rider without Stirrups Galloway 14hh ne 15hh
- 143. Bare Saddle Pony 12.2hh ne 14hh
- 144. Bare Saddle Pony ne 12.2hh

Novice Pairs

- 145. Pair of Novice Riders under 9 years
- 146. Pair of Novice Riders 9 and under 11 years
- 147. Pair of Novice Riders 11 and under 13 years
- 148. Pair of Novice Riders 13 and under 15 years
- 149. Pair of Novice Riders 15 years and under 17 year

Novice Ring Pony Club Mount Workout

Pony Club Mount

Judges will complete a score sheet which will be totalled, and places given by Steward (judge may require 2nd Steward). Presentation is also part of the overall score.

Must be ridden in a Snaffle bit as per PCA rules.

- Presentation of Horse & Rider
- Trot over jump
- At Witches hat Lengthen reins
- Trot through bending poles on a loose rein.
- At the Witches hat re-take rein and canter left lead.
- Canter half a circle with a simple change through trot.
- Canter right half a circle back towards judge, trot, walk & then halt at judge.

