



2026 SCHEDULE

PONY CLUB
NEW SOUTH WALES

SPORTING, CAMPDRAFT & CHALLENGE

2x Horses allowed in campdrafting

18th – 19th April 2026
Gresford Showgrounds, Zone 25

Entries Open Friday
6th March 2026

Entries Close: Midnight
Sunday 29th March 2026



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1. ENTRIES

All Entries must be completed through Our website. Horse details must be completed during the entry process, including microchip, PIC number and Horse ID form. Interstate entries will be accepted and must be approved by their state office. Competitors may compete on two (2) horses in the Capdrafting.

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 –**
 - **Rider membership name and member ID**
 - **Your Horse ID information, microchip number (compulsory) and description of markings**
 - **PIC number**
 - **Zone Chief Instructor details – your ZCI may have an approval code for you to input**
 - **Volunteer details.**
- **Should your entry be refused an administration fee of \$20 will be retained.**

Horse ID Forms & 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." There are no refunds on pre-order only merchandise. 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

A recent change to protocols for State Championships has been the removal of the Fitness Check on the afternoon prior to competition. Fitness and horse welfare will now be monitored over the duration of the event and horses and riders will constantly be 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. PERFORMANCES (New South Wales Competitors only)

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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HORSES MUST STAY ON THE GROUNDS: No horse may leave the ground from the time they arrive prior to commencement of competition until the conclusion of the final parade, without the permission of the Organising Committee.

LEAVE:

All riders are reminded that they are expected to attend presentation in full uniform and may not depart from the grounds until after the final presentation of the Championship without permission from the Organising Committee. 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.

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.

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.

7. IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Competitors will be allocated a back number which must be worn when competing. Numbers will be published in the Event Information. Competitors are to return their numbers at the end of the event and have them marked off as returned.

Competitors may choose to wear a bridle number for the challenge only.

8. GEAR REGULATIONS

Please refer to the Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules.

9. UNIFORM

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

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, facepaint) 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 from 7.30am each day and each horse 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. DRAW

The Draw for each event will be available at the Team Managers Meeting and on the "PONY CLUB NSW STATE CHAMPS" Team App on the day prior to the first day of competition for each Championship. Competitors failing to be ready when called may incur disqualification. Riders to compete in draw order.

17. SCORING

Live Scoring may be available via the Pony Club NSW State Champs Stack TeamApp throughout the Championship. The final championship scores will be displayed for a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the award being made for the championship. The time of final posting of each score sheet will appear on the bottom of the score sheet. The parade for final presentation will NOT be marshalled until the posting of the final scores is imminent. The chief marshal will liaise with the Technical Delegate to determine the appropriate time.

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. 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.

20. CAMPING AND STABLING

Gresford Showground has 65 permanent stables, 30 yards and 50 panel yards at the venue. There is plenty of room for BYO portable yards, and members with their own yards are encouraged to use them. Powered and unpowered camping is available. It is strongly recommended that you bring your own generator, as power access is limited to one area near the stables.

21. ENTRY FEES

First Aid Levy: \$20.00 per competitor
Sporting Event Fee: \$70.00 per competitor
Campdraft Event Fee: \$70.00 per horse
Challenge Fee: \$70.00 per competitor
Stable Fee: \$20 per horse for duration
Yard Fee: \$15 per horse for duration
Cattle Fee: \$20
Powered Camping Fee: \$40 per family for duration
Unpowered Camping Fee: \$30 per family for duration

22. PHOTOGRAPHER

Rodneys Photography will be available throughout the event. No other attendees are permitted to sell photographs taken of the event. <https://www.rodneysphotography.com.au/>

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

2026 State Sporting, Campdraft & Challenge Championships
Gresford Showground, Zone 25

Friday 17th April	12:00pm – Competitors can arrive 5:30pm – Sporting Team Managers Meeting
Saturday 18th April	7:00am – All sporting competitors must be on the grounds. 8:00am – Sporting Championships TBA – Sporting Championship Presentation TBA – Campdrafting Team Managers Meeting
Sunday 19th April	7:00am – All campdraft & Challenge competitors must be on the grounds. 8:00am – Campdraft Gear Check (<i>each age group at the start of their event</i>) 8:00am – Campdraft Championships 11:00am - Challenge Gear Check (<i>each age group at the start of their event</i>) TBA – Campdraft & Challenge Championship Presentation
Monday 20th April	All competitors must depart the venue before 11am

*Please note that a break **may** take place during the day if weather conditions are not suitable (according to the PCA Hot Weather Policy). Classes will continue again later in the afternoon if this happens.

*Times for Team Managers Meetings are approximate and are subject to change. Announcements will be made.

KEY DATES

Entries Close	Midnight Sunday 29th March 2026
Scratching Deadline for Stable/camping refund	Friday 10th April 2026
Event Arrival	From Friday 17th April 2026
Event Dates	Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th April 2026
Departure Deadline	11am Monday 20th April 2026

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2026 State Sporting Championships
Gresford Showground, Zone 25

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UNIFORM	Each rider is to wear their own Zone uniform and saddlecloth. Full Pony Club Uniform is to be worn i.e., shirt and tie, and either fawn, oatmeal or white jodhpurs, or stockmen's cut trousers. Riding Trousers may not be worn with long boots.																								
QUALIFYING TIMES	<p>Riders must have times recorded on their performance card for any two of these four events to qualify:</p> <p>Flag Race:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Under 11 years</td> <td style="width: 40%;">- 51 seconds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 & Under 13 years</td> <td>- 49 seconds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13 years & Over</td> <td>- 44 seconds</td> </tr> </table> <p>Bending Race:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Under 11 years</td> <td style="width: 40%;">- 16 seconds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 & Under 13 years</td> <td>- 14 seconds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13 years & Over</td> <td>- 12 seconds</td> </tr> </table> <p>Barrel Race:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Under 11 years</td> <td style="width: 40%;">- 25 seconds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 & Under 13 years</td> <td>- 23 seconds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13 years & Over</td> <td>- 21 seconds</td> </tr> </table> <p>Bonfield Bounce Bend:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Under 11 years</td> <td style="width: 40%;">- 40 seconds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 & Under 13 years</td> <td>- 37 seconds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13 years & Over</td> <td>- 35 seconds</td> </tr> </table>	Under 11 years	- 51 seconds	11 & Under 13 years	- 49 seconds	13 years & Over	- 44 seconds	Under 11 years	- 16 seconds	11 & Under 13 years	- 14 seconds	13 years & Over	- 12 seconds	Under 11 years	- 25 seconds	11 & Under 13 years	- 23 seconds	13 years & Over	- 21 seconds	Under 11 years	- 40 seconds	11 & Under 13 years	- 37 seconds	13 years & Over	- 35 seconds
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RULES	<p>For Bonfield Bounce at State Sporting Championships the height of plastic barrels are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Juniors (under 13 years) no less than 30cms and not to exceed 40cms 2. Seniors (13 years and over) no less than 50cms and not to exceed 60cms 																								
AWARDS	<p>All events will be point scoring for Individual, Zone and State Team Championship awards.</p> <p>Individual Competition – ribbons to tenth place</p> <p>Individual Championship – Age Champion and Reserve</p> <p>Inter-Zone Championship – Champion Zone to comprise of a maximum of four riders and minimum of three riders.</p> <p>Inter-State Championship – Champion state to comprise of a maximum of four riders and a minimum of three riders.</p>																								
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SCHEDULE
 2026 State Campdraft Championships
 Gresford Showground, Zone 25

ENTRIES	Via Website
CLOSE OF ENTRIES	Sunday 29th March 2026
AGE GROUPS	<p>Ages are taken as at the first day of competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 and Under 13 years • 13 years and Under 15 years • 15 years and Under 17 years • Associate
ELIGIBILITY	Suitable performance of mount/rider combination. A minimum performance of an outside score in two (2) events will be required. Please provide details on to Zone Chief Instructor for approval.
UNIFORM	Each rider is to wear their own Zone uniform and saddlecloth. Full Pony Club Uniform is to be worn i.e., shirt and tie, and either fawn, oatmeal or white jodhpurs, or stockmen's cut trousers.
RULES	<p>The Championship Zone and State Campdraft team will be the team with the highest score, which refers to the points awarded by the judge. In the event of equality for individual placings in teams, a count-back is conducted as under: (i) total scores; (ii) total cut outs; (iii) total horse work; (iv) total course.</p> <p>Equality of Individual places for Campdraft – in equality of score for first placing, a run-off will be conducted. "Scores" from all rounds are added together to determine the Champion. If equality still exists, cumulative cut out scores will determine placings. Count back system will apply after this to determine minor placings: (i) cut out; (ii) horse work; (iii) course.</p> <p>The organisers have the option of conducting a one round competition, one round and final or two round competitions depending on the availability of cattle, number of entrants and facilities.</p> <p>In a one round and final competition, riders who do not obtain an outside score in the first round shall not be placed ahead of those who do.</p> <p>RE-DRAW FOR FINALISTS: At State Campdrafting Championships a re-draw for finalists will be done. In the event of there being outside scores and camp scores, the outside scores will be drawn separately and will go first.</p> <p>Competitors may compete on two (2) horses in the Capdrafting.</p> <p>NO WHIP OF ANY KIND MAY BE CARRIED OR USED BY A COMPETITOR IN A CAMPDRAFT.</p>
AWARDS	<p>Individual Competition – ribbons to tenth place</p> <p>Individual Championship – Age Champion</p> <p>Inter-Zone Championship – Champion Zone to comprise of a maximum of four riders and minimum of three riders.</p> <p>Inter-State Championship – Champion state to comprise of a maximum of four riders and a minimum of three riders.</p>
PRESENTATION	Will be announced

SCHEDULE
 2026 State Challenge Championships
 Gresford Showground, Zone 25

ENTRIES	Via Website
CLOSE OF ENTRIES	Friday 29th March 2026
AGE GROUPS	<p>Ages are taken as at the first day of competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 11 years • 11 years and Under 13 years • 13 years and Under 15 years • 15 years and Under 17 years • Associates
EVENTS	<p>Under 11 yrs and Under 13 yrs - Utility UP1, Working WP1, Time trial TTP4</p> <p>Under 15 yrs, Under 17 yrs & Associates - Utility UP2, Working WP11, Time trial TTP4</p>
UNIFORM	<p>Each rider is to wear their own Zone uniform and saddlecloth. Full Pony Club Uniform is to be worn i.e., shirt and tie, and either fawn, oatmeal or white jodhpurs, or stockmen's cut trousers.</p> <p>Bridle numbers may be used instead of back numbers. Competitors are to provide their number holders.</p>
RULES	<p>The Challenge consists of three sections, a Utility pattern, a Working pattern, and a Time Trial. Ribbons will be awarded to the winner and placegetters of each section.</p> <p>All sections must be completed to obtain an overall score. Champion and Reserve Champion and placegetters will be awarded overall.</p> <p>Each section must be completed in accordance with the selected pattern. In the event that a horse or rider falls or loses control in any section, the horse would be disqualified in that section and will not receive an overall score.</p> <p>Scores from the Utility and Working sections are added together (maximum 200 points) with the Time Trial score in seconds deducted from that total score to give an overall score.</p> <p>The overall winner is the horse that scores the highest overall score. Placings will be determined in the same manner.</p> <p>In the event of equality of scores in the Utility or Working patterns the count back starts with Type, Presentation and Overall Impression, with the highest score leading to the highest placing. Should the scores still be equal then the next movement of the pattern should be used to determine the winner. If there is still an equal score the countback is to go to the next movement in the order listed on the pattern. If necessary, the countback can continue through the movements in order until a winner is determined.</p> <p>In the event of equality of Overall scores, the countback will be to the Working Pattern and then the Time Trial.</p>
PRESENTATION	Will be announced