



2026 SCHEDULE

PONY CLUB
NEW SOUTH WALES

TETRATHLON & FORMAL GYMKHANA

13th – 15th March 2026
Nana Glen Equestrian Park , Zone 9

Entries Open Friday
6th February 2026

Entries Close: Midnight
Sunday 22nd February 2026



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All competitors compete at their own risk.**

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.

Before you enter

- **Discuss your eligibility with your ZCI and Club Secretary, in particular:**
Riders must have completed a minimum of three (3) rally days and horse and rider must be of a suitable standard for a Championship. At least one of the Rally Day attendances must be an Instructional Rally Day held at the member's own club. Regional Schools, Demonstration Riders for Instructor assessments and any other Pony Club instructional days can be counted as a Rally Day if this day falls on the members owner club Rally Day.
No horse under five (5) years of age will be eligible to compete i.e. horse to show all permanent teeth and the corners to be in wear – no other criteria is acceptable.
- **Have ready all of the information you will need to enter –**
 - i. **Rider membership name and member ID**
 - ii. **Grade**
 - iii. **Your Horse ID information, microchip number (compulsory) and description of markings**
 - iv. **PIC number**
 - v. **Zone Chief Instructor approval code and contact details**
 - vi. **Volunteer details.**
 - vii. **Tetrathlon competitors – swim times must be provided prior to the event for seeding purposes**
- **Should your entry be refused an administration fee of \$20 will be retained.**

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.** For the Tetrathlon Championship, the only performance requirements are a jump grade that aligns with the height/division entered and the ability to safely swim the prescribed distance.

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 bridle number which must be worn on the near side of the horse (either bridle or saddlecloth) when competing. Numbers will be published in the Event Information. Competitors are to provide their number holders or may purchase these through the website along with merchandise orders. A

limited number of number holders will be available for purchase at the venue.

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.

Formal Gymkhana - Full Pony Club uniform is to be worn i.e. shirt, & tie; fawn, beige, oatmeal or white jodhpurs. Riding trousers are permitted. Riders under 17 years may only wear jodhpur boots in Show Riding classes.

Tetrathlon – Refer to uniform details under Championship details.

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 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. SCORING

Tetrathlon – please see Pony Club Australia 2025 Tetrathlon Rulebook. In the event of a tie in points for individual champions a countback will take place on the riding phase.

Formal Gymkhana – Competitors will receive 10 points for first place in events, down to 1 point for 10th place. The competitor with the highest amount of points overall will be awarded Champion for that age group. In the event of a tie in points for individual champions a countback will take place to the highest number of first places then the highest number of second places and so on. If this does not decide the placing the countback will then go to the highest place in the Riding Class event.

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. Live Scoring may be available throughout the Championship.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. CAMPING AND STABLING

Nana Glen Equestrian Park offers a number of permanent yards at the venue, with the option to use own BYO portable yards. Powered & Unpowered camping is available. Generators may be used but please be mindful to keep noise to a minimum overnight.

20. ENTRY FEES

Formal Gymkhana – \$70

Tetrathlon – \$70

First Aid Levy: \$20 per competitor

Horse Levy - \$6 per horse per day

Black Stables: \$20 per day

Green Stable: \$30 per day

Open Yards: \$10

Camping Powered \$30 per day

Camping Non Powered \$25 per day



2026 Pony Club NSW Tetrathlon Championships

Entry fee \$70

- **Friday – 3 unmounted phases, Saturday - Riding phase**

Age Groups and Divisions

Minimus	7 and under 10 years - combined
Sub Junior	10 & Under 13 Years - male & female
Junior	13 & Under 17 Years - male & female
Senior	17 & Under 26 Years - male & female

Riding Phase

	Max Jump Height	Speed	Efforts, Inclusions and Notes
Minimus	45cm	300 mpm	
Sub Junior Championship	70cm	300 mpm	12 – 18 efforts Max 2 doubles, slip rail, gate *Riders may choose to jump a lower height and have points deducted @ 100 points per 5cm
Sub Junior Novice	60/45 cm	300 mpm	
Junior Championship	85cm	325 mpm	
Junior Novice	70/60/45 cm	300 mpm	
Senior	95/85/70/60cm	350/325/300 mpm	

Swimming Phase

Minimus	50m	Male/Female	0 min 50 secs	±6 pt/sec
Sub Junior	100m	Male/Female	1 min 20 secs	±6 pt/sec
Junior	200m	Male/Female	2 min 30 secs	±4 pt/sec
Senior	200m	Male/Female	2 min 30 secs	±4 pt/sec

Running Phase

Minimus	1000m	Male	4 mins 0 secs	±6 pt/sec
		Female	4 mins 5 secs	±6 pt/sec
Sub Junior	1000m	Male	3 min 30 secs	±6 pt/sec
		Female	3 min 45 sec	±6 pt/sec
Junior	2000m	Male	7 min 20 secs	±4.5 pt/sec

		Female	8 min 00 secs	±4.5 pt/sec
Senior	2000m	Male	7 mins 20 secs	±4.5 pt/sec
		Female	8 mins 00 secs	±4.5 pt/sec

Shooting Phase

	Pistol	Distance	Notes
Minimus	NERF Pistol	3m	
Sub Junior	Laser Pistol	7m	Pistol may be held with both hands
Junior	Laser Pistol	10m	Single hand hold
Senior	Laser Pistol	10m	Single hand hold

Please note:

Minimus - NERF Pistols will be provided – only the provided pistols may be used

All other categories - Laser Pistols will be provided. Competitors may use their own compliant laser pistols if they prefer.

AWARDS:

- Places 1st to 5th in individual phases in each age group and gender (where separate)
- Overall places 1st to 5th in each age group and gender (where separate)
- Champion and Reserve Champion in each Age Group and gender
- Rugs for the Overall Champions in the Championship classes – highest pointscore boys and girls combined.
- Prizes for the Overall Champions in the Novice classes – highest pointscore boys and girls combined.
- The following will be awarded based upon all competitors who compete over that distance, regardless of age group or gender:
 - Best 1 km run – 1st, 2nd & 3rd
 - Best 2 km run – 1st, 2nd & 3rd
 - Best 100m swim – 1st, 2nd & 3rd
 - Best 200m swim – 1st, 2nd & 3rd
 - Best 7 metre shoot – 1st, 2nd & 3rd
 - Best 10 metre shoot – 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Inter-Zone Championship:

There will be one Zone Teams Championship award. Teams are to comprise a maximum of four rider and a minimum of three riders. All scores to count. The team with the highest points overall will be awarded the Zone Team Championship. Depending on the number of entries, teams may comprise of Championship and Novice riders, this will be confirmed closer to the event.

Uniform

Riding Phase – Gear check will be conducted as per PCA National Gear Rules and Pony Club NSW Eventing Rules for Cross Country **including body protectors** and a clearly visible bridle/saddlecloth number. Each rider must wear their own Zone Polo shirt and saddlecloth. Competitor number, safety helmet and riding boots **MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES** whilst riding. Competitors should be neatly dressed in the designated uniform of their home Zone. This is to include appropriate riding pants.

Running Phase – Competitors are to wear their designated Zone uniform and clearly always display their competitor number in a manner designated by their Section Steward.

- Running shoes with spikes are permitted.
- Competitors must wear a top which covers their midriff. Singlets may be worn for the running phase.
- Use of iPod, headphones and mobile phones is not permitted.
- Watches which do not include a communication device are permitted.

Shooting Phase – Competitors will be neatly dressed in the designated uniform of their Zone. Enclosed shoes that do not cover the ankle bone are compulsory. Competitors are not allowed to wear items of clothing that are military in nature.

The use of special devices, means or garments to support the competitors leg, body or arms is prohibited. A wristband (or equivalent) to provide support on the hand and arm holding the pistol is prohibited. Radio, tape recorders or any type of sound-producing or communication systems are prohibited. Only visors/caps and glasses/corrective lenses or filters may be worn. Mobile phones and any other type of communication system must be switched off.

Rules

The event will be run under the Pony Club Australia Tetrathlon Rule Book 2023 and Amendments.

In addition to the above:

That for riders safety at Pony Club NSW Tetrathlon events during the ridden phase a mounted block be provided within a riders box (marked on the ground) for riders use when dismounting/remounting for the slip rail. Riders must be in full control of their mount before moving outside of the rider's box, including being seated in the saddle with boot feet in the stirrups and holding the reins. If a judge deems the rider not to be fully in control a penalty may be imposed.



2026 Pony Club NSW Formal Gymkhana Championships

Entry fee \$70

INDIVIDUAL CLASSES: Riders will receive ribbons to 5th place for each class. Points will be awarded as follows: 10 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 10th place.

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

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

INTER-ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP: There will only 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.

NOTE: To be eligible for an Individual Championship award the competitor must have competed in each event.

Age Groups

Under 9 years
9 years and Under 11 Years
11 and Under 13 years
13 and under 15 years
15 and under 17 years
Associate

Showjumping Classes – *Showjumping will be run under Article 238.2.2 and 245.3 (one round with and immediate jump off for competitors with 0 penalties). E & D Grade will be run under Optimum Time*

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Jump Heights Offered</i>
Under 9 years	E grade
9 & Under 11 Years	E & D Grade
11 & Under 13 Years	E, D & C Grade
13 & Under 15 Years	D, C & B Grade
15 & Under 17 Years	D, C & B Grade
17 & Under 26 Years	D, C & B Grade

Show Riding Classes – *Pleasure Hack may only be ridden in a snaffle bit with or without a cavesson noseband. No whips or spurs permitted. To be ridden with reins in one hand.*

Hack Class	Pleasure Class
Bareback Class	Rider Class

Sporting Classes

Flag Race

Barrel Race

Bending Race

Mug Race

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

2026 Pony Club NSW State Tetrathlon and Formal Gymkhana Championships

Thursday 12th March	Competitors may arrive 5pm Tetrathlon Practice Shoot 7pm Tetrathlon Team Managers Meeting
Friday 13th March	8am Tetrathlon Run Phase 10am Tetrathlon Shoot Phase 3pm Tetrathlon Swim Phase 5pm Formal Gymkhana Team Managers Meeting
Saturday 14th March	8am Tetrathlon Ride Phase TBA Tetrathlon Presentation – Tetrathlon Riders may depart after Presentation 8am Formal Gymkhana Championships - Showjumping and Sporting
Sunday 15th March	8am Formal Gymkhana Championships – Hacking classes TBA Formal Gymkhana Presentation – Formal Gymkhana Riders may depart after Presentation
Monday 16th March	All competitors must depart the venue before 10am

*Please note that a break may take place during the day if weather conditions are not suitable in line with the PCA Hot Weather Policy.

Key Dates

Entries Open	Friday 6th February 2026
Entries Close	Midnight Sunday 22nd February 2026
Scratching Deadline for Stable/Camping refund	Friday 6 th March 2026
Event Arrival	From 1pm Thursday 12 March. All horses must be on the grounds by 7.00am on their first day of competition.