



# 2026 SCHEDULE

**PONY CLUB**  
NEW SOUTH WALES

# STATE ODE & COMBINED TRAINING

2x Horses allowed

**8th - 10th May 2026**

Albury Wodonga Equestrian  
Centre (AWEC)

**Entries Open Friday**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7pm**

**Entries Close: Midnight**

**Monday 27th April 2026**



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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. A separate class entry is required for each horse. Stabling will be booked thru Global Entries.

Horse details must be completed during the entry process, including microchip and PIC number. Horses must also be kept on the grounds for the duration of the event so a stable, permanent yard or BYO yard must be booked/selected. 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**
- **Have ready all of the information you will need to enter as incomplete entries may be refused –**
  - i. **Rider membership name and member ID**
  - ii. **Your Horse ID information, microchip number (compulsory)**
  - iii. **PIC number**
  - iv. **Zone Chief Instructor details including ZCI code**
  - v. **Volunteer details.**
- **Should your entry be refused an administration fee of \$20 will be retained.**

## **2. SCRATCHINGS**

Competitors must not bring an unwell horse to the venue. Should you need to scratch you must notify your ZCI and process your scratching on event Secretary. 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**

Fitness and horse welfare will be monitored over the duration of the event and horses and riders will constantly be subject to assessment by officials and/or team managers. There is no trot up.

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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.

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.

*All horses must be on the grounds by 7.00am on the first morning of the Championship. No horse may then leave the grounds until the conclusion of the final parade without the permission of the Advisory Committee.*

#### **LEAVE:**

All riders are reminded that they may not leave 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 & 2026 RULE UPDATES**

Please refer to the Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules in conjunction with any exceptions in this schedule. Bitless bridles are not permitted.

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The Pony Club NSW ODE and Combined Training Advisory Committee recommendations are in line with the 2026 EA Eventing Rule Changes.

In addition to the new changes from EA, which include being able to carry a whip and have callers in the dressage at 80cm and below, **Pony Club NSW will allow callers in Eventing and Combined Training Dressage at ALL levels.**

**⚠ 2026 RULE UPDATES — PLEASE READ**

- WHIPS — ODE Dressage 80cm and below (E, D, C Grade): A whip (max 120cm including lash) or crop (max 75cm, not weighted at end) MAY be carried when entering the arena space and during the test.
- WHIPS — ODE Dressage 95cm and above (B, A, Championship): Whips are NOT permitted.
- WHIPS — Combined Training Dressage 80cm and below (E, D, C Grade): A whip (max 120cm including lash) or crop (max 75cm, not weighted at end) MAY be carried when entering the arena space and during the test.
- WHIPS — Combined Training Dressage 95cm and above (B, A, Championship): Whips are NOT permitted.
- WHIPS — Cross Country & Show Jumping (ALL grades): A whip not longer than 75cm and not weighted at the end is permitted.
- CALLERS — ODE and Combined Training (ALL levels): Pony Club NSW will allow callers in Eventing and Combined Training Dressage at ALL levels. Caller reads each movement once or twice only. Riders must not speak to their caller.
- CALLER PROTOCOL: Callers should stand with their back to the wind (at E or B). Calling with too loud a voice should be avoided. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure only the printed test text is read aloud.
- HALF MARKS: Half marks are now used in all Eventing Dressage scoring.
- DANGEROUS RIDING: Jumping a fence more than 30cm in height from a standstill is now classified as dangerous riding.
- DRESSAGE DRESS: Wearing a jumper is optional if the rider feels overheated. If no jumper is worn the shirt MUST have sleeves.
- EAR HOODS: Permitted for all events. Must not cover the horse's eyes. Ear plugs are NOT permitted.

## **9. 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. Zone colours/polo shirt may be worn on cross country phase. Approved back protectors are compulsory for cross country.

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.

Note: Jackets/coats are optional if the rider feels overheated. If no jacket is worn the shirt MUST have sleeves. Timepieces are permitted in all grades.

## **10. PARTICIPATING ZONE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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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 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.

#### **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. AWARDS**

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

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

Points System — Ten points will be awarded for 1st place down to 1 point for 10th place.

#### **17. SCORING – ODE and Combined Training**

Individual Championship - In the event of a tied score, the following will apply:

1. Highest Rider Harmony Score in Dressage is Ranked
2. Best XC Score – ie clear and on time – if still tied then
3. Closest to optimum time.

If no result is determined, a count back is affected from the last collective dressage mark on the paper, upwards through the test.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS as per the scoring system below in the following categories. Maximum of four riders and a minimum of three riders. All grades count.

INTER-ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP ODE – riders from the same Zone

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INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIP ODE – riders forming a State team if entries permit  
 INTER-ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP COMBINED TRAINING – riders from the same Zone  
 INTERSTATE CHAMPIONSHIP COMBINED TRAINING – riders forming a State team if entries permit

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Championship Grade	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
A Grade	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
B Grade	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
C Grade	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
D Grade	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
E Grade	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Team Championship - If two Zones have equal aggregate scores, a count back is employed on major placings at higher levels. In the event of a tie still existing, preference is given to the competitors in the more senior age groups.

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.

## **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 thirty 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**

Albury Wodonga Equestrian Centre (AWEC) offers a large number of stables and yards at the venue. BYO yards are also permitted. Horses must be kept on the grounds for the duration of the event so a stable, permanent yard or BYO yard must be booked/selected with entries.

Limited powered camping is available. There is ample unpowered camping.

## 21. ENTRY FEES

Grade	ODE Entry Fee	CT Entry Fee
ODE	\$135	\$0

Additional Levy / Item	Cost
Covered Yards (per day per yard)	\$30.00
Uncovered Yards (per day per yard)	\$16.00
New Stables (per day per yard)	\$35.00
Old Stables (per day per yard)	\$28.00
Camping – Powered (per day)	\$30.00
Camping – Unpowered (per day)	\$15.00
First Aid Levy (per rider / per day)	\$25.00
Facility Fee (per horse)	\$16.50

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## **22. 2026 PONY CLUB NSW ONE DAY EVENT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Entry fees \$135.00**

Placings dependent on entries, guaranteed ribbons and prizes to 5th in all classes. Classes may be split or combined as entries require. Watches may be worn in all grades.

<b>Classes – One Day Event</b>	<b>Dressage</b>	<b>Jump Height Max</b>
E Grade – 8 Years and Under 13 Years	Ev Test A 45 & 60 2020	XC/SJ 50 cm
E Grade – 13 and under 17 years	Ev Test A 45 & 60 2020	XC/SJ 50 cm
E Grade – Associates	Ev Test A 45 & 60 2020	XC/SJ 50 cm
D Grade – 8 Years and Under 13 Years	Ev Test B 45 & 60 2020	XC/SJ 65 cm
D Grade – 13 years and under 17 years	Ev Test B 45 & 60 2020	XC/SJ 65 cm
D Grade – Associates	Ev Test B 45 & 60 2020	XC/SJ 65 cm
C Grade – 8 Years and Under 13 Years	Ev Test A 80 2020	XC/SJ 80 cm
C Grade – 13 years and under 17 years	Ev Test A 80 2020	XC/SJ 80 cm
C Grade – Associate	Ev Test A 80 2020	XC/SJ 80 cm
B Grade – 13 years and under 17 years	Ev Test A 95 2020	XC/SJ 95 cm
B Grade – Associate	Ev Test A 95 2020	XC/SJ 95 cm
A Grade – 13 years and under 17 years	EvA CCN 1 Star A 2020	XC/SJ 1.05 m
A Grade – Associate	EvA CCN 1 Star A 2020	XC/SJ 1.05 m
Championship Grade – U17	EvA CCN 2 Star 2020	XC 1.10 m / SJ 1.15 m
Championship Grade – Associate	EvA CCN 2 Star 2020	XC 1.10 m / SJ 1.15 m

## **23. 2026 PONY CLUB NSW COMBINED TRAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Entry fee \$80**

Placings dependent on entries, guaranteed ribbons and prizes to 5th in all classes. Classes may be split or combined as entries require.

<b>Classes – Combined Training</b>	<b>Dressage</b>	<b>SJ Height Max</b>
E Grade – 8 Years and Under 13 Years	Ev Test A 45 & 60 2020	50 cm
E Grade – 13 and under 17 years	Ev Test A 45 & 60 2020	50 cm
E Grade – Associates	Ev Test A 45 & 60 2020	50 cm
D Grade – 8 Years and Under 13 Years	Ev Test B 45 & 60 2020	65 cm
D Grade – 13 years and under 17 years	Ev Test B 45 & 60 2020	65 cm
D Grade – Associates	Ev Test B 45 & 60 2020	65 cm
C Grade – 8 Years and Under 13 Years	Ev Test A 80 2020	80 cm
C Grade – 13 years and under 17 years	Ev Test A 80 2020	80 cm
C Grade – Associate	Ev Test A 80 2020	80 cm
B Grade – 13 years and under 17 years	Ev Test A 95 2020	95 cm
B Grade – Associate	Ev Test A 95 2020	95 cm
A Grade – 13 years and under 17 years	EvA CCN 1 Star A 2020	1.05 cm
A Grade – Associate	EvA CCN 1 Star A 2020	1.05 cm
Championship Grade – U17	EvA CCN 2 Star 2020	1.15 cm
Championship Grade – Associate	EvA CCN 2 Star 2020	1.15 cm

## **24. KEY RULES REFERENCE & CROSS COUNTRY DIMENSIONS**

### **Dressage Phase**

- Dressage test is always held first.
- ODE Dressage — 80cm and below: Whip (max 120cm/crop 75cm) permitted.
- ODE Dressage 95cm and above: No whips.
- CT Dressage 80cm and below: Whip (max 120cm/crop 75cm) permitted.
- CT Dressage 95cm and above: No whips.
- **CALLERS — Pony Club NSW permits callers in Eventing and Combined Training Dressage at ALL levels. Caller reads each movement once or twice only. Riders must not speak to their caller.**
- Saddlery: Ordinary snaffle bit only. No martingales, gadgets, boots, bandages, blinkers (elimination).
- Half marks used in all Eventing Dressage (2026 update).
- Penalties: 1st error of course = 2; 2nd = 4; 3rd = Elimination. Loss of helmet = Elimination.

### **Cross Country Phase**

- Body protectors mandatory at all levels.
- Bitless bridles NOT permitted in NSW cross country.
- Whips: max 75cm, not weighted at end.
- All riders must supply a volunteer.
- Dangerous riding (2026): jumping a fence over 30cm from a standstill is now dangerous riding.

### **Cross Country Penalties:**

<b>Fault</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
First refusal, run-out or circle	20 penalties
Second refusal, run-out or circle at same obstacle	40 penalties
Third refusal, run-out or circle on XC course	Elimination
Fourth refusal – A Grade (CCN1*) and below only	Elimination
C Grade and below – first missed obstacle	100 penalties
C Grade and below – second missed obstacle	100 penalties
C Grade and below – third missed obstacle	Elimination
Fall of athlete or horse	Elimination
Activating a frangible device	11 penalties
Dangerous riding	25 penalties
Missing a flag (art. 549.2)	15 penalties
Every second in excess of optimum time	0.4 penalty per second
Exceeding time limit (twice optimum time)	Elimination

**Cross Country Dimensions — Table A (All measurements are maximum)**

<b>Obstacle</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Champ</b>
Max height solid obstacle	0.50m	0.65m	0.80m	0.95m	1.05m	1.10m
Brush fence max	0.60m	0.75m	0.90m	1.05m	1.20m	1.30m
Spread without height max	1.00m	1.20m	1.40m	2.00m	2.40m	2.80m
Drop max	0.60m	0.80m	1.00m	1.20m	1.40m	1.60m
Water depth max	0.20m	0.30m	0.30m	0.50m	0.50m	0.50m
XC Speed (mpm)	325	350	400	450	475	500
Distance	500– 2000m	1000– 2000m	1500– 2500m	2000– 3000m	2000– 3000m	2500– 3500m
Number of efforts	10–25	15–25	15–25	15–25	20–25	25–30

**Show Jumping — Table B (All measurements are maximum)**

<b>Obstacle</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Champ</b>
Height max	0.50m	0.65m	0.80m	0.95m	1.05m	1.15m
Width max	0.50m	0.70m	0.80m	1.00m	1.20m	1.40m
SJ Speed (mpm)	300	300	325	325	325	325

## 25. EVENT ENTRY CHECKLIST

### Event Entry Checklist

Please ensure you have the following info ready before starting your entry.

- ✓ **Current Membership**
- ✓ **Microchip Number**

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- ✓ **PIC Number**
- ✓ **ZCI Approval Code**

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- ✓ After submitting – Check your class entry is correct!
- ✓ Check you have booked your camping and the correct yard booking for your horse

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- ✓ Sign up to the Stacks Team App page for all the up to date info about the championships
- ✓ Keep an eye out for email or Team App info regarding the event

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