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JUMPING EQUITATION

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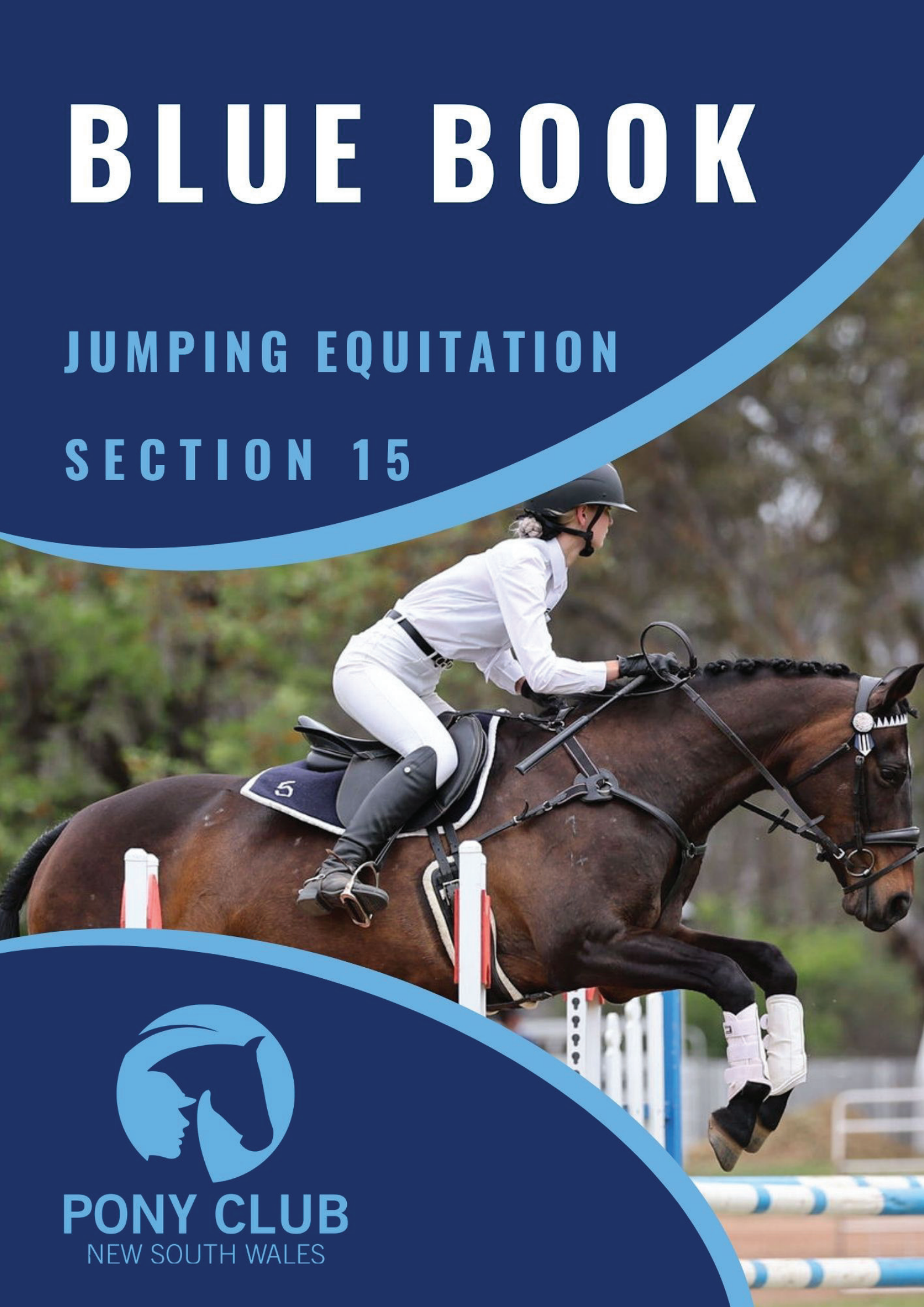

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RULES FOR JUMPING EQUITATION COMPETITIONS

OVERVIEW

Jumping Equitation is an equestrian discipline where judges evaluate the rider's position for balance, and effectiveness. The goal is to perform a flowing, technically correct round while maintaining rhythm, correct position, and seamless harmony with the horse. Most competitions also require riders to complete set tasks to help develop a thinking and versatile rider.

COMPETITION RULES

In the event of conflict between association rules and the rules of other equestrian bodies hereafter referred to, precedence will be in the order set out:

a) Pony Club N.S.W.

b) relevant competitions schedule rules

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. STANDARD OF ENTRY

At all state championships the standard of competition will be high. It is the responsibility of the competitors to ensure that mounts are fit and meet the required standard and that riders are capable of state championship competition. The zone chief instructor will verify the rider's grading corresponds with the classes entered for zone representation at state championships.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Rider: Membership qualifications and rally attendance refer section 4.

Horse: Ownership qualifications refer section 4.

3. AGE GROUPS

For most current and further updates, please refer to the event schedule

The Association Championships are conducted in Age groups within grades.

Ages may be Under 13 years, 13 and under 15 years, 15 and under 17 Years, 17 and under 25 years.

Age groups may be split or combined dependent on entries received.

4. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to attend the State Championships riders must be approved by their Zone Chief Instructor as being of an appropriate standard.

5. PROGRAM AND STARTING HEIGHTS

Classes will be held starting with a simple jumping round and increasing in difficulty (but not height) with each subsequent class.

Course designer are to be advised of this requirement.

6. AGE OF HORSES

For competition in jumping equitation State Championships, horses must be at least FIVE years old to be eligible to compete. Age will be ascertained by brand, microchip or teeth.

7. SCORING

A point scoring system is used based on ten points for first place down to one point for tenth place for each event in each age group. In the event of equality for individual classes a count back is made starting from the top of the score sheet and continuing downwards until a division is reached. If after a count back there are still equal places, the points will be awarded in a similar way to the division of money under normal competition conditions.

a) **EQUALITY OF SCORES INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** — In the event of a tie in points for individual champion a count back of major awards will be effected, i.e. 1 first placing coupled with 1 second place (19 points) will take precedence over 1 second coupled with 2 sixth placing's (19 points). If a result cannot be achieved the rider who places highest in the major class (usually the last class) will be declared the champion.

b) **ZONE AND INTERSTATE TEAMS — COMPETITOR PLACES** — In the event of a tie in points for competitor places in a team, a count back will be effected on the number of major placing's awarded to the competitor i.e. 2 first placing's coupled with 2 third placing's (36 points) awarded to a competitor will take precedence over for example 4 second placing's (36 points) gained by a second competitor. If a tie still exists a count back of major placing's in the last point scoring event will operate. If a result is still not forthcoming the count back of major placing's will continue to the second last scoring event and if no result to the third last point scoring event and so on using the same formula.

c) **ZONE AND INTERSTATE TEAM PLACINGS** — If equality in points scored exists this will be subject to the same count back on major placing's for each team i.e. 2 first placing's coupled with 2 third placing's takes precedence over 4 second placing's. If a tie still exists a count back of major placing's from the last point scoring event will operate. If there is still no result the count back will go to the second last point scoring event and so on using the same formula.

8. INTER-ZONE COMPETITION

This competition is for N.S.W. competitors only: ZONE TEAMS will be selected on performances at the Championship. Teams are to comprise of a maximum of 4 riders and a minimum of 3 riders. All scores to count.

All zone riders are eligible to be considered as members of a team for their zone.

9. INTERSTATE COMPETITION

Teams are to comprise a maximum of 4 riders and a minimum of 3. All scores to count.

10. COURSE DESIGNER AND BUILDERS

One or more course designers will be commissioned to design the courses. The required number of course builders will be appointed.

11. GEAR AND UNIFORM CHECK

To be carried out prior to each event. All saddlery, gear and uniform are to conform to the Associations regulations. All competitors must wear full pony club uniform, i.e. long sleeved shirt (worn with sleeves down and buttoned up), tie, white, fawn, beige or oatmeal jodhpurs (the wearing of a coat is NOT permitted). The use of approved Body Protectors for all disciplines is permitted. They may be worn over or under Pony Club uniform. Back numbers must be worn on the outside. If a jumper is worn at State Championships it must be of knitted wool or wool blend, it shall have long sleeves or be a sleeveless pullover, with a V-neck and be of one plain colour.

Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules apply.

Whips are to be carried in the hand ONLY. Dummy spurs may be worn.

Team managers to be in attendance with team members at the gear check.

12. SALUTE

The rider must acknowledge the judge by Saluting after they have been given the bell. This shows respect to the officials as well as letting the judge know they have heard the bell. Competitors are not permitted to remove their helmet in salute or for award giving. Retention harness must be firmly in place whenever the rider is mounted.

13. DISQUALIFICATION

a) Loss of helmet incurs disqualification.

b) A competitor who refuses to obey the direction of any officiating steward or official is to be reported to the senior authority on the day and after consideration by the disputes committee, may be disqualified from all or some of the events.

c) The advisory committee reserves the right to disqualify a competitor for any breach of rule, or if the horse appears lame, exhausted, or unfit for competition or for unacceptable behaviour by the rider. Also see section 4.

d) A competition commences when the rider enters the arena and that any fall of the horse or rider from the time the rider enters the arena until they pass through the finish will incur elimination from that class.

14. TEAM MANAGERS' DUTIES

Team Managers are responsible for any communication between event office and competitors. They should attend Team Managers Meetings and walk the course with competitors. They must attend Gear Check with competitor and ensure that a representative is present to assist in warmup. Team Managers are not permitted entry during the competition arena.

15. ACCESS TO COURSE AND PRACTICE AREA

Competitors and team managers only may walk the course, prior to the starting of an event. Team managers must be suitably attired, preferably in zone uniform. Competitors must walk the course in competition attire, including full Zone uniform and helmet

Team managers are permitted access to the practice area with their team members. Practice fences will be marked by the steward/course designer indicating maximum height and spread for the current event.

A steward must be in attendance at all times to control the area.

At all Jumping Equitation competitions (Zone and State) all jump wings in the practice arena, must be marked with visible tape at the maximum height for that class/grade/age group and the jump rail(s) must not be raised above this height.

16. PRESENTATION

For details of requirements for presentation of awards, refer event schedule or the decision of the OC at the event.

All competitors must attend presentation unless special dispensation is granted by the Advisory Committee — refer section 4 for details.

17. PROTESTS

Refer to section 4

These rules are established so that competitors and teams of competitors may compete against each other under fair and equal conditions.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these rules. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances it is the duty of the technical delegate, executive and advisory committee to make a decision in a sporting spirit approaching as nearly as possible the intention of these rules and the general regulations of the Association.

The association advisory committee, together with the executive, technical delegate and the organising committee, reserve the right to alter or delete any part of any programme or make any alterations or changes required, if circumstances present. (Also refer General Championship Regulations section 4.)

RULES FOR JUMPING EQUITATION COMPETITIONS

1. PENALTIES

The following penalties apply and are deducted from the score:

1st disobedience	4 penalties
2nd disobedience	8 penalties
3rd disobedience	Elimination
Knock down of rail	4 penalties
Fall of horse/rider	elimination

2. PRACTICE ARENA

The organisers must provide at least one vertical and one oxer in the exercise area. The obstacles must be flagged and only jumped in one way. The Steward must be observant of the exercise area.

3. DRESS AND PRESENTATION

Approved equestrian helmet under Pony Club rules must be worn (see Section 7). The presentation mark for riders will be judged on the general appearance as they enter the ring and await the bell. Neatness is the first requisite. The mark is for the overall impression of a well groomed rider on a well groomed horse with correctly fitted and clean gear.

Whips and spurs are optional. No whip may exceed 75 cm.

4. THE ARENA AND COURSE

The course plan and/or the tasks required will be displayed before each class.

The Arena must be a minimum of 40 m x 70 m with the ideal size being 50 m x 80 m and the course must be marked by start and finish flags. The obstacles must be numbered. The course may be walked by competitors. All competitors must salute the judge.

5. FALLS

In the event of a fall a rider must present to the event medical service for clearance prior to remounting. Failure to do this will result in elimination from all classes.

6. CONTROL OF HORSE

At the discretion of the judge, any rider not having their mount under control shall be dismissed from the arena and be eliminated from the class.

7. ATTENDANTS

No attendant shall be allowed in the competition arena, except at the request of the judges.

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

1. COURSE WALK - to be done in uniform.
2. GEAR & DRESS – clean, neat, appropriate tack, plaiting optional.
3. ENTER in walk or trot.
4. PROCEED to judge – halt and wait to be marked on presentation. Await the bell. Salute.
5. PREPARE – Complete a canter circle in 2 point or 3 point light seat (Forward seat) before going through the start.
6. FINISH – with a circle after going through the finish in smooth downward transition to walk, leave the arena.

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