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2025

PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA
**NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**FORMAL GYMKHANA GUIDELINES
FOR 2025 RANVET PONY CLUB
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*Pony Club Uniform must be worn. The horse must be plaited and neatly presented
Gear rules as per PCA gear rules must be adhered to.*

RIDER CLASS

What the Judges Will Be Looking For

The Rider Class is judged on the rider, not the horse.

Judging will be looking for:

- **Position** – A correct, balanced seat at all paces, with quiet hands and an independent position.
- **Use of Aids** – The rider should apply clear, effective aids that are sympathetic to the horse.
- **Control and Confidence** – The rider should demonstrate calm, safe, and confident riding at all times.
- **Ringcraft and Accuracy** – Riders are expected to show awareness of the arena, ride accurate movements and transitions, and be considerate of others.

PONY CLUB MOUNT

What the Judges Will Be Looking For

The Pony Club Mount class assesses the suitability of a horse or pony as a safe, reliable mount for Pony Club activities.

Judges will be looking for:

- **Temperament and Manners** – The horse should be calm, obedient, and responsive, with good manners both in the ring and when standing.
- **Suitability to Rider** – The horse or pony should be well matched to its rider, giving confidence and demonstrating safety and reliability.
- **Pony Club Type** – A mount that could be enjoyed in a variety of Pony Club activities, showing versatility and a pleasant way of going.
- **Turnout** – Horses must be ridden in a **snaffle bit**.
- **Overall Impression** – A combination that demonstrates correct training, safe behaviour, and the qualities of a true Pony Club mount.

The focus is on a horse or pony that reflects the values of safety, suitability, and good horsemanship.

HACK CLASS

What the Judges Will Be Looking For

The Hack class is intended to display a well-educated, quality horse or pony that is pleasant and stylish to ride.

Judges will be looking for:

- **Type and Quality** – A horse or pony with conformation and overall quality, showing refinement and presence suitable for a hack.
- **Movement** – Free, straight, and balanced paces with rhythm and style. Giving the impression of ease and lightness.
- **Education and Manners** – The hack should be obedient, responsive, and show correct training, performing transitions smoothly and without resistance.
- **Suitability of Rider** – A combination that shows harmony, confidence, and the rider's ability to present the horse to its best advantage,
- **Overall Impression** – A stylish, mannerly, and well-schooled hack that demonstrates quality and elegance.

PLEASURE CLASS

What the Judges Will Be Looking For

The Pleasure Horse class is intended to showcase a horse or pony that is comfortable, responsive, and enjoyable to ride.

Judges will be looking for:

- **Comfort and Rideability** – The horse should give a smooth, pleasant ride with steady, rhythmical paces.
- **Manners and Temperament** – The horse should be obedient, relaxed, and willing, without resistance or evasion.
- **Responsiveness to Aids** – The horse should be attentive to the rider's aids while remaining calm and easy to control.
- **Way of Going** – Free-moving, straight, and balanced, showing rhythm without tension or over-collection. Generally ridden one handed.
- **Overall Impression** – A horse or pony that is enjoyable to ride, dependable, and a true pleasure to have.
- **Turnout** – Horses must be ridden in a **snaffle bit**.

HINTS & TIPS

These are just hints on showing and an explanation on the etiquette expected. They do not cover every eventuality. Showing is a subjective sport, which means there will be many differing opinions. Competitors in the ring and spectators watching a class may have different views, but at the end of the day the decision of the Judge is final.

While a class is in progress the Judge of that class is in control and workouts and the decisions made are solely at their discretion. You should not approach the Judge directly but if needs be you can ask the steward to do so for you.

Presentation

Horses are to be clean and well presented.

Horses are to be plaited.

Tail weights are NOT permitted.

In the Ring

The class usually enters the ring in a clockwise direction; however, this is at the discretion of the Judge or ring steward whose directions you must follow.

Once on the circle allow plenty of space between you and the horse in front.

The Judge may ask the class to trot and canter or change direction on the circle. Or they may simply line up the entire class.

The Line Up

The Judge will call all riders into a Line Up. Once in the Line Up the horse should remain halted, with the horse standing square, until instructed to do otherwise.

When you are called, you should walk forward and stand your horse up in front of the Judge and then follow their directions. Position yourself so you give the Judge a clear view of your horse at all times.

The Work Out

The workout is to be completed as per the judge's directions.

You may then be put back on a circle for a final walk around while the Judge makes the final decision or the Judge may call the place getters directly from the line up.

Presentation of Awards

When the places are being awarded you should stand the horse up, listen to any comments the Judge may have and thank them politely. When the ribbons have been presented congratulate your fellow place getters.

It is usual to leave the ring in the order of placing, with first place in the lead.