



Information for Quiz members for Pony Club Australia Nationals 2025

The Pony Club Australia (PCA) Nationals Quiz competition will be run over 3 days at the National Equestrian Centre, Werribee Park, K Road, Werribee, Victoria during 1st – 5th October 2025. The timetable is currently being worked on and we hope to have a definite timetable to you over the coming weeks.

Members of the quiz teams will be required to wear their state uniform when competing in their events so no helmet is required. (Note – the competitors state uniform will be the one they will wear to the official dinner)

Hair to be neat and tidy, no exposed jewellery other than small stud earrings (as per the PCA 2025 National Gear Check Rules).

Watches are permitted but no smart watches or mobile phones are allowed in the competition area.

Please ensure you are on time for each phase. We ask that all Team Managers and / or Coaches arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time of each phase. There will be a marshall to assist you, as not Quiz competitors will be able to enter the competition area.

We suggest that all Quiz Competitors have something to eat before each phase, and bring water with you to remain hydrated. Drink Bottles of water will be the only thing competitors are allowed to bring in the competition ring.

All 3 phase will have the required equipment available, including official answer sheets competitors can write their answers on, as well as pens / paper / timing devices etc.

All competitors will be briefed by the Quiz Officials prior to each phase starting.

As previously advised, there will be 3 phases over the 3 days. An official map detailing the location of each event will be available on Tuesday 30th September 2025.

The PCA National Quiz events are as follows:

Written phase will be on Wednesday 1st October. Time will be advised by Friday 26th September.

The written test will have 25 questions.

Questions 21-25 will be Bonus Questions and set at one level above Questions 1-20.

Written Tests are proficiency certificate specific and can test up to one level above the competitor's certified level. The Written Test is designed to give individuals more time to

work through their answers. This is the Phase which decides the individual placings when running the National competition if placings are required.

Competitors will be split up into groups of one competitor from each state at tables and you will have 30 minutes to complete the written paper, a extra 15 minutes can be added if needed, you will get a 15-, 10- & 5-minute warning.

Classroom phase will be held on Thursday 2nd October.

Classroom Phase tests a team's group knowledge and ability to work together.

Questions asked will be a combination of True/False, Multiple Choice and Straight Answers.

Teams will be seated together at tables and need to nominate one team member to be the scribe (write the answers on the answer sheet) for questions 21-25 the team will have one member answer the questions orally after they have buzzed in first. Once the buzzer has gone there will be no team discussion.

Mega room phase will be held on Saturday 4th October in the morning. Exact time to be advised.

The Mega-Room Phase is a room of tables (or 'stations') displaying horse-related items or photos/pictures. Each station will have a common theme, eg grooming, common ailments, bits. Competitors compete individually in this phase and rotate through the stations at a signal. The top three scores will be totalled for a team score.

Topics covered will include:

- Bits
- Farrier Tool
- Feeds
- First Aid
- Grooming Tools
- Parts of the Horse
- Tack
- Worms and Parasite

Team members will be separated and allocated a group. Groups will rotate around the tables, having 3 minutes at each table.

There will be a table monitor at each table to explain what to do.

Scores will be published after each phase. Competitors papers will be available for team managers to check and if they believe there is an error protest within the time allocated for protests.

Pony Club Australia Nationals Quiz will follow the official PCA handbook and PCA Quiz Rulebook. It is highly recommended that team managers/coaches read the rules and ensure all members understand them. Any form of cheating may result into whole team been eliminated from the competition.

Quiz handbook can be found here: <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/pca-quiz-handbook-2020/>

Quiz rule book can be found here: <https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/pca-quiz-rulebook-2023/>

Recommended Reading (questions will come from the following resources.)

(where available)

Current PCA Syllabus & Proficiency Manuals (2019 / 2020 versions)

The Australian Pony Club Council Manual of Instruction (Up to C Standard) – Miss Kay Irving MBE

Horsemastership for the Australian Rider (D to A Certificates) – Miss Kay Irving M.B.E.

PCA Pony Club Manual 1 - Revised & Updated by Kevin Lawrence, BHSl

PCA Pony Club Manual 2 - Revised & Updated by Kevin Lawrence, BHSl

The Pony Club Quiz Book 1 – Edited and Updated by Carolyn Henderson

The Pony Club Quiz Book 2 – Compiled by Judith Draper

The Pony Club Quiz Book 3 – Produced for The Pony Club by Barbara Cooper

Please be reminded that the competitors quiz levels will be as follows:

- Sub Juniors will have questions/topics at D* and one level above.
- Juniors will have questions/topics at C and one level above.
- Seniors will have questions/topics at C*/K and one level above.
- Masters will have questions/topics at C*/K and one level above

Please ensure you keep up to date with the latest news on our official PCA Nationals website - [Ranvet 2025 Pony Club Australia National Championships | Oct 1-5](#)

If you have any questions regarding the quiz, please contact the Pony Club Australia Nationals Event Organiser, Michelle Newham - members@ponyclubaustralia.com.au

Pony Club Australia warmly welcome you to the PCA Nationals, and look forward to a successful and fun week of events and festivities throughout the event.