2025 Changes to the Pony Club WA Tetrathlon Reference Document

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4	The State Championship Ride Phase will be a cross country course with obstacle specifications, speed and number of efforts conforming to the current Pony Club WA Eventing Rules specifications for each height. At 45cm there will be an alternative class with a show jumping ride phase. The show jumping course will be in an enclosed arena, will have a maximum of 14 jumping efforts and the speed will be 250m/min. A total of 60 seconds will be added to the time allowed to cater for the time required to negotiate the gate and slip rail (30 seconds each). The slip rail and gate are not included as jumping efforts.	The State Championship Ride Phase will be an arena based course and all obstacles shall have faultable rails (i.e. there will be no solid cross country obstacles). The length of the course shall not exceed 1850m and will have a maximum of 18 jumping efforts. The time allowed for the course will be calculated using 300m/min for 45cm to 70cm, 325m/min for 85cm and 350m/min for 95cm and 105cm, plus a total of 60 seconds will be added to cater for the time required to negotiate the gate and slip rail (30 seconds each). No course shall contain more than one double and one triple combination or two double combinations, if a triple is not included. The slip rail and gate are not included as jumping efforts. The maximum width of obstacles at their highest point is to be no wider than the maximum allowable height.
4	**Inclusion of Options** To support riders to complete the cross country courses, at any obstacle where there is a suitable lower option within view of the jump judge, riders are permitted to choose the 'Option' to jump one jump height lower than their course height (i.e. in an 80cm round they can chose to jump a 65cm Option) and will incur a 70 point penalty per Option selected. A rider can chose to select the Option without attempting the obstacle set for their height or having had one or two refusals at the obstacle for their height.	*This is a New Rule* This rule is in the Irish and UK Tetrathlon Rule Books and has been succesfully in operation for several years. EA is introducing a change to the EA Eventing rules in 2025 which will allow riders at the lower heights to miss a jump, incur a penalty and ride on around their course without elimination. This is a similar strategy to assist with making cross country rounds at the introductory levels safe, successful and a more positive training experience for the horse.
5	Competitors who are not Pony Club Australia members can register for mounted or unmounted day insurance.	Competitors only participating in unmounted phases may pay a day insurance fee.
5	For cross country or derby events with a maximum height of 95cm and where all fences have been approved by an Accredited Cross Country Course Designer in the previous 12 months, a Tetrathlon Technical Delegate, a Hickstead Inspector or an Eventing TD can be	For derby events with a maximum height of 95cm a Hickstead Inspector can be used. For courses including only show jump fences a Show Jump Judge and Course Builder can be used.

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6	Table of Officials required for Tetrathlon has been added.	Includes same information as text, added as table to improve clarity.
8	**EQUATHON RIDING PHASE** Show Jumping and Hickstead formats are the only formats permitted for the Riding Phase for Equathon classes including 6 and 7 year olds. Riders aged 6 and 7 must be in an enclosed arena in the sight of the Ride Phase Official at all times. Lead Line events – All lead line events are to be over cross rails with a maximum height of 30cm. The handler must be 16 years of age and older and hold current Pony Club Australia insurance.	These have not changed from the published Equathon rules document, they have just been incorporated into the Reference document.
8	Equathon run and swim distances and points have been included in the run and swim tables.	These have not changed from the published Equathon rules document, they have just been incorporated into the Reference document.
8/9	**TIMED SWIM FORMAT** A Timed Swim can be used an alternative to a Set Distance Swim. Competitors score 4 points for every metre swum within the 4 minutes allowed, or 7 points for every meter swum within the 2 minutes allowed. The distance swum is measured at the point reached by the swimmer's head when the 4 (or 2) minutes has elapsed. The starter will give two loud whistles when 3:30 (or 1:30) minutes have elapsed and use the starting hooter to signify the end of the 4 (or 2) minutes. One lane judge is allocated to each swimmer. The lane judge follows the progress of the swimmer on the side of the pool and records the point at which the final hooter sounds.	**TIMED SWIM FORMAT FOR CLUB EVENTS** Club events may use a Timed Swim as an alternative to a Set Distance Swim. Competitors score 4 points for every metre swum within the 4 minutes allowed. The distance swum is measured at the point reached by the swimmer's head when the 4 minutes has elapsed. The starter will give two loud whistles when three and half minutes have elapsed and use the starting hooter to signify the end of the 4 minutes. One lane judge is allocated to each swimmer. The lane judge follows the progress of the swimmer on the side of the pool and records the point at which the final hooter sounds.
9	A table of recommended times and points for a timed swim have been included to present the above information clearly.	The information for a 4 minute timed swim was included previously, the recommendations for a 2 minute swim for the 12 and under age group are new.