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General Rules and Information

Reference Documents

[Pony Club WA State Competition General Regulations](#)

[Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules](#)

[Pony Club WA Annex to the PCA National Gear Rules](#)

[Pony Club Australia Minimum Medical Standards Framework](#)

[Pony Club Australia Horse Welfare Policy](#)

[Pony Club WA Code of Conduct](#)

[Equestrian Australia National Dressage Rules](#)

For any rules not covered herein please refer to the current EA Dressage Rules.

Age of Rider

For Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships please refer to the specific class rulings for age groups. The age of the rider is taken as of the 1st of January.

Qualification Requirements

See classes for specific qualification requirements in addition to the Rally Qualification as stated in the [State Competition General Regulations](#). Definition of a [Working Rally](#).

Qualification tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA accredited Judges.

Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships. Qualification requirements:

- Championship individual / team class – rider/horse combination must have achieved two qualifying scores of 60% or above at their level
- Non-Championship class - rider/horse combination must have achieved one qualifying scores of 58% or above at their level

Horse and Rider Combinations

A Competitor may enter a maximum of two horses or ponies for the duration of the Championship. In the spirit of inclusivity, a rider may only hold one position in a team class (ie a Plunkett team cannot consist of one rider competing on two horses the intent is to encourage a team of 4 individual horse/rider combinations). In exceptional circumstances a club may apply for an exemption to the one horse/rider / team clause. An example of an exceptional circumstance maybe where there is no capacity to complete a team of 4 individual riders, and, there is no composite rider available.

A horse/pony may only be ridden by the nominated rider for the duration of the Championship weekend. Failure to comply will result in elimination.

There is a limit of **three (3) dressage** tests which may be performed by a horse/pony per day (including the Oakover Terena Musical Ride and Formation Ride competition).

Dressage Tests

The dressage tests for each competition are set annually by the Pony Club WA State Dressage Committee and are selected from the current Equestrian Australia Dressage Tests and the Pony Club WA Dressage Tests.

Riders may only ride across **two consecutive levels** as per standard Dressage rules. In the spirit of the sport if you have nominated on the Pony Club WA Leaderboard for a particular level, you must compete at that level at the State Dressage Championship. If there are extenuating circumstances, you may apply to the Dressage Committee to change levels.

All tests are aligned to the Pony Club WA Leaderboard age groups.
Tests unique to Pony Club WA can be found on the Pony Club WA website on the [Dressage](#) page.

Composite Teams

Composite teams are permitted as per the [State Competition General Regulations](#), and are allowed in the following classes: Zone Team Challenge, Plunkett and Zoe Harrison Trophies and M'Liss Henry Prix Caprilli Team Trophy. *Clubs may apply to the Organising Committee to form a Composite Nadine Merewether Team /PDD Elementary with strict criteria outlined in the Entry Pack.

Composite Teams will not be allowed in the following classes: Kanandah, Gingamurrah, Pas de Deux, Wanda Nelson, Stuart Harkness, Musical Ride or Formation Ride.

Outside Assistance

No coaching from the sidelines will be tolerated. Any breach of this will result in elimination. If a rider has an approved exemption card that has been presented to the State Dressage Committee prior to the Championship, the calling of the test may be allowed depending on the exemption. Non-Championship tests may be called.

Fall of Horse or Rider

Any fall of horse or rider during the test will result in elimination. A rider must be cleared by the medical team before being permitted to continue riding.

Dress and Saddlery

All dress and saddlery will be in accordance with the current [Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules](#) and the [Pony Club WA Appendix to support the Pony Club Australia National Gear Rules](#). Each rider must present to the gear checker prior to their test time.

Freestyles and Pas de Deux costumes are OPTIONAL, however the Oakover Terena Musical Ride MUST be ridden in costume. Riders who choose NOT to wear costume for the Freestyle or Pas de Deux will not be penalised in any way however, will not be eligible for the costume awards or prizes. Please consider the safety of horse and rider when considering costumes for these classes.

Entries

Entry Fees are set annually by the Pony Club WA State Dressage Committee.

Club President/Secretary and the Chief Club Coach must sign off on the Club Endorsement and Declaration Spreadsheet each club's entry for the State Championship.

By entering the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships, you are consenting to having your photograph taken and to those photographs being published on the Pony Club WA website or in other promotional material Pony Club WA so chooses.

A commentary form is optional for all Freestyle and Pas de Deux classes. Forms may be accessed from the Pony Club WA website on the Dressage page. File format required for **ALL** music is **MP3**. Please follow the instructions in the Entry Pack on how to submit your music.

Tests from the previous year's State Dressage Championship may be used. Qualifying period is twelve (12) months prior to the close of entries. Riders who gained a qualifying score from last year's Championship do not need to submit their test as this can be verified from our results.

Please note that the Pony Club WA State Dressage Committee reserves the right to make any alterations as they see fit to either conditions of entry or classes on the day. The Organising Committee reserves the right to merge and/or split classes and change times when they see fit depending on the number of entries.

Bursary

In 2022 the Pony Club WA State Dressage Committee introduced a Bursary to assist in the development of Pony Club WA Dressage riders at all levels. The winning Club(s) will be awarded a voucher(s) to go towards an accredited Dressage Instructor to conduct a clinic for the development of all riders at the Club. If a Bursary is offered the details will be advertised in the Entry Pack for the Championships.

Helper Duties

Each horse and rider combination will be required to supply a helper to perform a helper duty of 2 -3 hours duration. Individual helper duties will be selected from an online list of duties. Details will be emailed to each entrant.

Each Club must nominate a Club Manager as a contact person who is responsible for their Club on the club declaration. It is the responsibility of all Club Managers to:

- Ensure helper duties are selected by all members of their team. The Club Manager must make sure each helper is both aware and capable of carrying out their selected duty.
- Ensure their team members fulfil their duties, as failure to do so will lead to Club elimination. In the event of a rider scratching/withdrawing the rider/club is still responsible for the allocated helper duty.

Volunteer helpers over the age of 18 that will be having contact with children in the line of their duty and to whom Parent Exemption does not apply **MUST** have a current Working with Children Check. These details must be completed on the Club Endorsement and Declaration Spreadsheet.

Presentations

A presentation schedule will be made available on the notice board at the event. It is at the discretion of the Organising Committee as to whether they will be mounted or unmounted. (Due to weather conditions etc.).

Timing of Tests

Times will be allocated for tests to be ridden. Whilst every attempt will be made to adhere to start times in the draw, it is the Club Manager/riders parent's responsibility to be aware via the marshal/gear checker if an arena is running ahead or behind schedule. Riders must ride to their time, refusal of this will result in elimination from the class.

If the arena is running ahead, competitors may be asked to ride no more than fifteen minutes ahead of their time. Riders may choose to ride to their allocated time.

Championship Points

Championship points will be awarded for the Plunkett and Harrison Trophy Class. Each arena will be scored from 35 points for 1st place, 34 points for 2nd place and so on.

Off the Track Award

The Off the Track Award will be calculated as per the information in the Entry Pack. Eligible tests include, Plunkett and Harrison Trophy Classes, Freestyle Classes, Zone Challenge, Prix Caprilli and Individual Tests.

Unmarked Movement

Please refer to the current EA National Dressage Rules. For tests to which this rule cannot be applied, if a mark has not been recorded and the judge cannot recall the movement then the following will apply:

Kanandah and Gingamurrah Trophies:

Workout Score Sheet: an average of the judge's marks given for movements 1 – 12 will be used
Turnout Score Sheet: an average of the judge's marks given for the section the mark is missing from – Horse/Gear/Rider.

Freestyle/Pas de Deux

Missing mark in the Compulsory Section: average of the judge's marks given for Technical Execution movements. Missing Mark for Artistic Presentation: an average of the judge's marks given for artistic presentation movements.

Oakover Terena Musical Ride

Pantomime: average of the judge's marks given.

Costume Score Sheet:

- 1 missing mark – multiply the given mark by 2
- 2 missing marks – take the costume mark from the test score sheet and multiply by 2.

Team Championship Classes

Zone Teams Challenge

This competition is for Zone Teams of four riders, as follows:

2 Riders 16 years and under and 2 Riders 17 years and over **or**

3 Riders 16 years and under and 1 Rider 17 years and over **or**

4 Riders 16 years and under

- No team may consist of more than two Associate riders (17 years and over).
- In the event of withdrawal of team members from the first Zone Team Challenge, members from the second team cannot be used to replace them. In such instances, the reserve riders are to be used to fill the positions. If no reserve riders are available a qualified and eligible rider may be substituted. Zone uniform must be worn in Zone Events.
- Zones may enter a maximum of two teams per class, although the final number of entries will be at the discretion of the Dressage Committee. Please indicate your Team 1 and Team 2 on the entry form.
- Zones may enter individuals who will be placed into composite teams where possible at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

Rugs will be presented to the riders in the winning teams and a Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning Zone Team. Team placings will be awarded to sixth place. Individual placings will be awarded per arena.

The tests to be ridden for the Zone Teams Challenge Dressage Championship will be:

Class 1A – Zone Teams Challenge - Elementary/Novice

2 riders to ride 2023 EA Elementary 3.3 and 2 riders to ride the 2023 EA Novice 2.3

Class 1B – Zone Teams Challenge – Preliminary/Novice

2 riders to ride the 2023 EA Novice 2.3 and 2 riders to ride the 2023 EA Preliminary 1.3

Qualification:

- It is at the discretion of the Zone as to how they select their team members and if they choose to hold a Run-off. Selected team members must have achieved two qualifying scores of 60% or above at their level.

Scoring:

- Individual placings will be awarded per arena up to 6th place on individual scores.
- The Zone Team Challenge overall placings is determined by the mean percentage of all 4 riders in the team.

Plunkett Trophies

Class 2 – Plunkett Trophy

Please note: Clubs may nominate a maximum of TWO teams.

- For organisational purposes we reserve the right to separate the Draw time of team members. Riders will present separately for gear check.
- Club teams to consist of three or four riders.
- Clubs may enter two teams. Depending on entries received the second team may be balloted out. When you nominate you must clearly state which is Team 1 and which is Team 2.
- Clubs may enter individuals who will be placed into composite teams where possible at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- Riders will be permitted to ride above their age group but not below.
- Riders/Horse will be permitted to ride in the Plunkett Trophy and the Zoe Harrison Trophy in accordance with the two consecutive dressage level ruling.

Rider 1: 17 – 24 years 2023 EA Novice 2.3

Rider 2: 14 – 16 years 2023 EA Novice 2.2

Rider 3: 12 – 13 years 2023 EA Preliminary 1.3

Rider 4: 11 years and under 2023 EA Preliminary 1.2

Qualification:

- **Preliminary:** Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Preliminary tests. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.
- **Novice:** Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Novice tests. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Scoring:

- Individual placings will be awarded per arena up to 6th place on individual scores.
- The overall Plunkett Team placings will be awarded on Championship Points.
- The total of the best three riders Championship points per team will determine the final team placing. In the event of a tie for the team placing it will be resolved by the placing of the fourth rider. If there is no fourth rider in any tied team the aggregate of the collectives will determine the result.

Zoe Harrison Trophy

Class 3 – Zoe Harrison Trophy

Please note: Clubs may nominate a maximum of TWO teams.

- For organisational purposes we reserve the right to separate the Draw time of team members. Riders will present separately for gear check.
- Club teams to consist of three or four members, with only one rider allowed from each level, the levels do not need to be consecutive (ie team may consist of Novice, Elementary, Advance Inter 1).
- Clubs may enter a maximum of 2 Teams ONLY. If there are too many entries a ballot may be required. When you nominate you must clearly state which is Team 1 and which is Team 2.
- Clubs may enter individuals who will be placed into composite teams where possible at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- Riders/Horse will be permitted to ride in the Plunkett Trophy and the Zoe Harrison Trophy in accordance with the two consecutive dressage level ruling
- There are no age groups for this class, based on level of competition including:
 - Option 1: Riders will ride the 2023 FEI Intermediate 1
 - Option 2: Riders will ride the 2023 FEI PSG
 - Option 3: Riders will ride the 2023 EA Advanced 5.2
 - Option 4: Riders will ride the 2023 EA Medium 4.2
 - Option 5: Riders will ride the 2023 EA Elementary 3.3
 - Option 6: Riders will ride the 2023 EA Novice 2.3

Qualification:

- **Intermediate 1:** Horse and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two Intermediate 1 tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge.
- **PSG:** Horse and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two PSG tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge.
- **Advanced:** Horse and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two Advanced tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge.
- **Medium:** Horse and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two Medium tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.
- **Elementary:** Horse and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two Elementary tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.
- **Novice:** Horse and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two Novice tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Scoring:

- Individual placings will be awarded per arena up to 6th place on individual scores.
- The overall Harrison Team placings will be awarded on Championship Points.
- The total of the **best three riders** Championship Points per team will determine the final team placing. In the event of a tie for the team placing it will be resolved by the placing of the fourth rider.

Kanandah and Gingamurrah Trophies

Class 4A – Kanandah Trophy

Please note: Clubs may nominate a maximum of TWO teams.

- Club teams to consist of four riders 14 – 24 years of age as of 1 January of the current year.
- At the State Dressage Championship **Rider 1 and 3** must wear a ribbon on their arm for identification for the judges. This will be provided by the Marshall on the day of the class.
- Riders **MUST** present as a team with their Club Manager to be gear checked.
- Riders will be permitted to ride above their age group but not below.
- Any level horse/rider combination is permitted to compete in the Kanandah or the Gingamurrah with a qualifying test of Preliminary or above.

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two Preliminary tests or above to qualify. The Test is to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EVA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Class 4B – Gingamurrah Trophy

Please note: Clubs may nominate a maximum of TWO teams.

- Club team to consist of four riders 13 years and under as of 1 January of the current year.
- At the State Dressage Championship **Rider 1 and 3** must wear a ribbon on their arm for identification for the judges. This will be provided by the Marshall on the day of the class.
- Riders **MUST** present as a team with their Club Manager to be gear checked.
- Any level horse/rider combination is permitted to compete in the Kanandah or the Gingamurrah with a qualifying test of Preliminary or above.

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two Preliminary tests or above to qualify. The Test is to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EVA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Judging:

The Kanandah and Gingamurrah Trophies will be judged as follows:

- Workout, with a separate Turnout component. The Turnout will be judged as a team and as a separate part of the overall test. All riders will still be gear checked.
- The Workout is to be memorised.
- No talking during the test. Please refer to the website for test sheets.
- Spurs as per [Pony Club WA Annex to the PCA National Gear Rules](#)
- No whips permitted.
- A rider can ride up an age level at the Championship, but they cannot also ride in both the Kanandah and the Gingamurrah.
- Please note two times are given in the draw, the earlier time is the turnout judging time.

Scoring:

- As per the Kanandah and Gingamurrah Score Sheets: [Kanandah & Gingamurrah test](#)
- An award will be given to the highest scoring Turnout Team and the highest scoring Workout Team. The Overall Top Team with combined scores from the Turnout and the Workout will receive rugs for both the Kanandah and the Gingamurrah teams.

Stuart Harkness, Wanda Nelson and Nadine Merewether Trophies

Class 5A – Stuart Harkness Trophy

- Clubs may enter only 2 pairs.
- For club pairs of horses over 14.2 hands. (Height certificates may be required)
- At the State Dressage Championship **Rider 1** must wear a ribbon on their arm for identification for the judges. This will be provided by the Marshall on the day of the class.
- Horses and riders competing in this class may NOT compete in the Wanda Nelson Pairs Dressage Trophy.
- Spurs and whips are allowed as per [Pony Club WA Annex to the PCA National Gear Rules](#)

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two Preliminary or Novice tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EVA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Scoring: The average of both riders' tests will be used to collate the final score: [Stuart Harkness & Wanda Nelson test](#)

Class 5B – Wanda Nelson Trophy

- Clubs may enter only 2 pairs.
- For club pairs of ponies 14.2 hands and under. (Height certificates may be required)
- At the State Dressage Championship **Rider 1** must wear a ribbon on their arm for identification for the judges. This will be provided by the Marshall on the day of the class.
- Ponies and riders competing in this class may NOT compete in the Stuart Harkness Memorial Trophy.
- Spurs and whips are allowed as per [Pony Club WA Annex to the PCA National Gear Rules](#)

Qualification:

- Pony and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two Preliminary or Novice tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EVA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Scoring: The average of both riders' tests will be used to collate the final score: [Stuart Harkness & Wanda Nelson test](#)

Class 5C – Nadine Merewether Trophy

- Clubs may enter more than 2 pairs.
- The test will be for club pairs of riders any age, horse/ponies any height.
- At the State Dressage Championship **Rider 1** must wear a ribbon on their arm for identification for the judges. This will be provided by the Marshall on the day of the class.
- Horse and rider combinations competing in this class may NOT compete in the Stuart Harkness Memorial Trophy or the Wanda Nelson Trophy.
- Clubs may apply to the Organising Committee to form a Composite Nadine Merewether Pair with strict criteria outlined in the Entry Pack
- Spurs and whips are allowed as per [Pony Club WA Annex to the PCA National Gear Rules](#)

Qualification:

- Pony and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two Elementary or Medium tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Scoring: The average of both riders' tests will be used to collate the final score: [Nadine Merewether test](#)

M'Liss Henry Prix Caprilli Team Trophy

Class 6 – M'Liss Henry Prix Caprilli Team Trophy

- Clubs may enter a maximum of 2 Teams ONLY. If there are too many entries a ballot may be required. When you nominate you must clearly state which is Team 1 and which is Team 2.
- The test will be for club pairs of riders any age, horse/ponies any height.
- Each rider will complete the same test individually.
- Clubs may enter individuals who will be placed into composite teams where possible at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- Jumping boots may be worn.
- Whips – If carried, must have a flexible flap or tassel, must not be weighted at the end, maximum length 75cm including flap. Loop handles must be removed. Dressage whips – NOT permitted.
- Placings will be presented to pairs of riders to sixth place.

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combinations must have achieved 60% or better in any two Preliminary or Novice tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition where an EA Dressage test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Scoring:

- Individual placings will be awarded per arena up to 6th place on individual scores.
- Scoring is per the Prix Caprilli Test: [Prix Caprilli Championship test](#). The scores of the 2 riders will be added together and placings calculated on the total.
- Refusal will be penalised as an error of course, with the appropriate deduction of points.
- Knock downs (dropping a rail) will incur a one-point deduction for that movement. In the case of a rail in the path, the judge will ring the bell for the rider to stop and once the rail has been replaced the judge will ring the bell for the rider to continue from where they stopped.

Pas de Deux: Ponies, Horses and Elementary

Class 7A: Pas de Deux – Ponies (14.2 hands and under)

Class 7B: Pas de Deux – Horses (over 14.2 hands)

- Clubs may enter 2 pairs in each height group.
- Height certificates may be required.
- Refer to the website for the compulsory movements and music criteria.
- Costumes are OPTIONAL, riders who choose NOT to wear costume will not be penalised in anyway but will not be eligible for the costume awards or prizes. Riders choosing to not wear a costume must wear their formal Pony Club uniform.
- A club may apply for an exemption to the height rule where they only have one on a pony and one rider on a horse qualified. If exemption approved, the combination will be allocated to class 7B.

Compulsory Movements: [Pas de Deux Ponies & Horses](#)

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in any two Preliminary or Novice tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition where an EA Dressage test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Scoring:

- These classes are scored as per the test sheet.
- The costume component of this class is a separate score, and placings will be awarded accordingly.

Class 7C: Pas de Deux Elementary

- No height restrictions on the pair.
- This test must not include movements from a level higher than Elementary. If higher level movements are included elimination will occur.
- Costumes are OPTIONAL, riders who choose NOT to wear costume will not be penalised in anyway but will not be eligible for the costume awards or prizes. Riders choosing to not wear a costume must wear their formal Pony Club uniform.
- Clubs may apply to the Organising Committee to form a Composite Pas de Deux pair with strict criteria outlined in the Entry Pack

Compulsory Movements: [Pas de Deux Elementary](#)

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in any two Elementary or Medium tests to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition where an EA Dressage test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Scoring:

- These classes are scored as per the test sheet.
- The costume component of this class is a separate score, and placings will be awarded accordingly.

Oakover Terena Musical Ride and the Formation Ride

Horse and Rider combinations of ALL levels may participate in this class. Clubs may enter both the Musical Ride and Formation Ride however the **horse and rider combinations can only enter one section**. i.e. Harry Potter riding Dobby can enter the Musical Ride but cannot enter the Formation Ride on Dobby, but Harry Potter can ride Fluffy in the Formation Ride.

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 57% or better in a Preparatory test (or higher level) to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition where an EA Dressage test is used and must be judged by either an EA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Class 8A: Oakover Terena Musical Ride

- Teams must consist of riders from one club, with a limit of **one entry** per Club.
- The team must consist of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 16 riders.
- The test is to be a minimum of 6 minutes and a maximum of 8 minutes duration. All props to be used must go through the Gear Checker and must remain with the rider for the duration of the test. No props are to be removed or given to riders during the test.
- Unmounted or led participants are **not permitted**.
- If a rider falls during the routine the music will pause and the horse and rider must exit the arena before the music is restarted. The option to continue is at the discretion of the Team Manager and the judge. In the interest of safety, if a rider encounters a problem, they may be removed from the arena without interrupting the ride. A penalty may be applied & is at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- Cantering is optional.
- Riders **MUST** present as a team with their Team Manager to be gear checked.

This competition is to be held in the indoor arena at the State Equestrian Centre, and the size of the arena will be 70 metres x 30 metres.

This competition will be judged on the overall effect and theme of the ride, with consideration being given to the work as a Team, the Music, the Choreography, the telling of the Story and Costuming.

Fancy Dress must be worn; however, all participants must wear an approved safety helmet and long or short riding boots. Saddlery for this competition is under general Pony Club saddlery rules, not dressage rules.

Horse/Rider combinations of ANY level may compete in the Formation Ride

Oakover Terena Musical Ride Score Sheet: [Oakover Terena Musical Ride](#)

Oakover Terena Musical Ride Costume Score Sheet: [Oakover Terena Musical Ride Costume Score Sheet](#)

Scoring:

- This class is scored as per the test sheet.
- Places will be presented to 6th place for Pantomime Ride.
- Places will be presented to 6th place for Costume.
- All riders in the competition who did not receive a placing will receive a participation ribbon.

Class 8B: Formation Ride

- Teams must consist of riders from one club, with a limit of **one entry** per Club.
- The team must consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 riders.
- The test is to be a minimum of 6 minutes and a maximum of 8 minutes duration, including set up time.
- Unmounted or led participants are not permitted.
- If a rider falls during the routine the music will pause and the horse and rider must exit the arena before the music is restarted. The option to continue is at the discretion of the Team Manager and the judge.
- Cantering is optional.
- Riders **MUST** present as a team with their Team Manager to be gear checked.

This competition is to be held in the indoor arena at the State Equestrian Centre, and the size of the arena will be 70 metres x 30 metres.

This competition will be judged on the overall formation effect of the ride as a whole, with consideration being given to the Work as a Team, the Music and the Choreography. Judges will be looking for teams that can maintain a good formation, distances in turns and transitions and precision throughout the ride.

Formal Pony Club uniform must be worn, saddlery for this competition is as per the [Pony Club WA Annex to the PCA National Gear Rules](#)

Horse/Rider combinations of ANY level may compete in the Formation Ride

Scoring:

- This class is scored as per the test sheet: [Formation Ride](#)
- Places will be presented to Clubs to 6th place.
- All riders in the competition who did not receive a placing will receive a participation ribbon.

Individual Freestyle Championship Classes

- Riders must be entered in their age group only.
- Horse/Rider combinations may compete in one freestyle level.
- Costumes are OPTIONAL, riders who choose NOT to wear costume will not be penalised in any way but will not be eligible for the costume awards or prizes. Riders choosing to not wear a costume must wear their formal Pony Club uniform.
- **ALL** music must be submitted as an **MP3** by the designated date in the Entry Pack.

Freestyle Costume Score Sheet for ALL Freestyle Classes: [Freestyle Score Sheet](#)

Scoring for ALL Freestyle Classes:

- Freestyles are scored as per the test sheet.
- Places will be presented to 6th place.
- The costume component of this class is a separate score and placings will be awarded accordingly.

Preliminary Freestyle (Championship)

- Clubs may enter only 2 riders per age group.

Age Groups:

Class 9A: Riders 11 years and under

Class 9B: Riders 12 – 13 years

Class 9C: Riders 14 – 16 years

Class 9D: Riders 17 – 24 years

Compulsory Preliminary Movements: [Preliminary Freestyle](#)

Maximum time allowed is between 4 - 4 ½ minutes. Test time starts after the first halt and stops at the final salute. Entry music is a maximum of 30 seconds. Music must cease at the final salute. Compulsory movements not executed will score a zero.

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Preliminary tests. Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Novice Freestyle (Championship)

- Clubs may enter only 2 riders per age group.

Age Groups:

Class 9E: 8 – 13 years

Class 9F: 14 – 16 years

Class 9G: 17 – 24 years

Compulsory Novice Movements: [Novice Freestyle](#)

Maximum time allowed is between 4 - 4 ½ minutes. Test time starts after the first halt and stops at the final salute. Entry music is a maximum of 30 seconds. Music must cease at the final salute. Compulsory movements not executed will score a zero.

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Novice tests. Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Elementary Freestyle (Championship)

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.

Age Groups:

Class 9H: 8 – 16 years

Class 9I: 17 – 24 years

Compulsory Elementary Movements: [Elementary Freestyle](#)

Maximum time allowed is between 4 ½ - 5 minutes. Test time starts after the first halt and stops at the final salute. Entry music is a maximum of 30 seconds. Music must cease at the final salute. Compulsory movements not executed will score a zero.

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Elementary Tests. Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Medium Freestyle (Championship)

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.

Age Group Medium:

Class 9J: 8 – 24 years

Compulsory Medium Movements: [Medium Freestyle](#)

Maximum time allowed is between 4 ½ - 5 minutes. Test time starts after the first halt and stops at the final salute. Entry music is a maximum of 30 seconds. Music must cease at the final salute. Compulsory movements not executed will score a zero.

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Medium tests. Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Advanced Freestyle (Championship)

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.

Age Group Advanced:

Class 9K: 8 – 24 years

Compulsory Advanced Movements: [Advanced Freestyle](#)

Maximum time allowed is between 4 ½ - 5 minutes. Test time starts after the first halt and stops at the final salute. Entry music is a maximum of 30 seconds. Music must cease at the final salute. Compulsory movements not executed will score a zero.

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Advanced tests. Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Intermediate 1 Freestyle (Championship)

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.

Age Group Advanced:

Class 9L: 8 – 24 years

Compulsory Advanced Movements: [Intermediate 1 Freestyle](#)

Maximum time allowed is between 4 ½ - 5 minutes. Test time starts after the first halt and stops at the final salute. Entry music is a maximum of 30 seconds. Music must cease at the final salute. Compulsory movements not executed will score a zero.

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two PSG tests. Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Individual Championship Classes

- Riders must be entered in their age group only.
- Horse/Rider combinations may compete in two consecutive levels.

Scoring for ALL Individual Championship Classes:

- Tests are scored as per the test sheet.
- Places will be presented to 6th place.

Preliminary Dressage Test (Championship)

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.

The Preliminary competition will comprise classes as follows:

Class 10A: 11 years and under (2023 EA Preliminary 1.2)

Class 10B: 12 – 13 years (2023 EA Preliminary 1.3)

Class 10C: 14 – 16 years (2023 EA Preliminary 1.3)

Class 10D: 17 - 24 years (2023 EA Preliminary 1.3)

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Preliminary tests. Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Novice Dressage Test (Championship)

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.

The Novice competition will comprise classes as follows:

Class 11A: 8 – 13 years (2023 EA Novice 2.2)

Class 11B: 14 – 16 years (2023 EA Novice 2.2)

Class 11C: 17 – 24 years (2023 EA Novice 2.3)

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Novice tests. Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Elementary Dressage Tests (Championship)

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.

The Elementary competition will comprise classes as follows:

Class 12A: 8 – 16 years (2023 EA Elementary 3.2)

Class 12B: 17 – 24 years (2023 EA Elementary 3.3)

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Elementary tests.
- Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Medium Dressage Test (Championship)

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.

The Medium competition will comprise classes as follows:

Class 13: 8 – 24 years (2023 EA Medium 4.2)

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Medium tests.
- Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Advanced Dressage Test (Championship)

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.

The Advanced competition will comprise classes as follows:

Class 14: 8 – 24 years (2023 EA Advanced 5.2)

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Advanced tests.
- Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Prix St Georges Dressage Test (Championship)

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.
- Riders riding in this class can only ride one other test on the same day as per FEI Rules.

The Prix St Georges competition will comprise classes as follows:

Class 15: 8 – 24 years (Prix St Georges)

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two Advanced tests. Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Intermediate 1 Dressage Test (Championship)

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.
- Riders riding in this class can only ride one other test on the same day as per FEI Rules.

The Intermediate 1 competition will comprise classes as follows:

Class 16: 8 – 24 years (Intermediate 1)

Qualification:

- Horse and rider combination must have achieved 60% or better in two PSG tests. Tests are to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or Pony Club WA approved Judge. Eventing (EvA) and Freestyle dressage tests are not permitted as qualifying tests for the Pony Club WA State Dressage Championships.

Individual Non-Championship Classes

- There is no limit of entries per club for this class. However, the class limit is 35 riders.
- A qualification test of 58% or more is required for these classes and horse and rider combinations must meet the Working Rally and competency requirements.
- Non-Championship tests may be called.
- Horse/Rider combinations may compete in two consecutive levels.

Scoring:

- Individual placings will be awarded per arena up to 6th place on individual scores.
- Dressage tests are scored as per the test sheet.

Class 17. Preparatory Test (Non-Championship)

- The test will be for individual riders 11 years and under ONLY, horse/ponies any height.

Test to be ridden: 2023 EA Preparatory 2

Class 18. Prix Caprilli Preparatory Test (Non-Championship)

- The test will be for individual riders 11 years and under ONLY, horse/ponies any height.
- Jumping boots may be worn.
- Riders who are entered in the Prix Caprilli Championship or the Prix Caprilli Individual Non-Championship classes are not eligible to enter this class. This is a Walk and Trot test.
- Whips – If carried, must have a flexible flap or tassel, must not be weighted at the end, maximum length 75cm including flap. Loop handles must be removed. Dressage whips – NOT permitted.

Test to be ridden: [Prix Caprilli Preparatory test](#)

Qualification:

- No qualifying test is required for this Class however horse and rider combinations must meet the Working Rally and competency requirements.

Scoring: Scoring is per the Prix Caprilli Introductory Test.

- Individual placings will be awarded per arena up to 6th place on individual scores.
- Refusal will be penalised as an error of course, with the appropriate deduction of points.
- Knock downs (dropping a rail) will incur a one-point deduction for that movement. In the case of a rail in the path, the judge will ring the bell for the rider to stop and once the rail has been replaced the judge will ring the bell for the rider to continue from where they stopped.

Class 19. Prix Caprilli Individual Test (Non-Championship)

- The test will be for riders of all ages, horse/ponies any height.
- Jumping boots may be worn.
- Riders who are entered in the Prix Caprilli Championship or the Prix Caprilli Preparatory Non-Championship classes are not eligible to enter this class.
- Whips – If carried, must have a flexible flap or tassel, must not be weighted at the end, maximum length 75cm including flap. Loop handles must be removed. Dressage whips – NOT permitted.

Test to be ridden: [Prix Caprilli test](#)

- Refusal will be penalised as an error of course, with the appropriate deduction of points.
- Knock downs (dropping a rail) will incur a one-point deduction for that movement. In the case of a rail in the path, the judge will ring the bell for the rider to stop and once the rail has been replaced the judge will ring the bell for the rider to continue from where they stopped.