

PONY CLUB
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ORIENTATION TO PONY CLUB

For parents coaches and potential coaches

Welcome



House Keeping and Rules



Presentation Outline

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ADMINISTRATION

Topic 2

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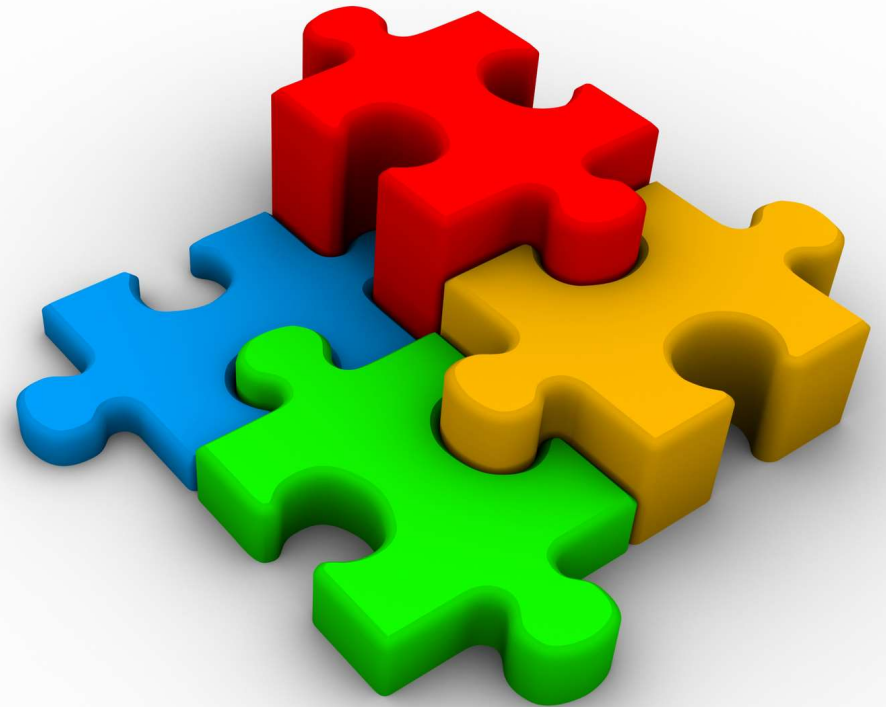
CERTIFICATES & COMPETITIONS

Topic 4

VOLUNTEER PATHWAYS

Topic 1: Administration

- Pony Club Movement
- Pony Club Structure
- Membership Categories
- Club Governance
- Risk Management
- Child Safeguarding



Vision, Mission and Shared Values

Vision: A life with horses starts here

Mission: To remain the largest equestrian organisation in Australia through education, opportunities, enjoyment and community



Shared Values:

- Unity
- Innovation
- Leadership
- Responsibility
- Accessibility
- Integrity

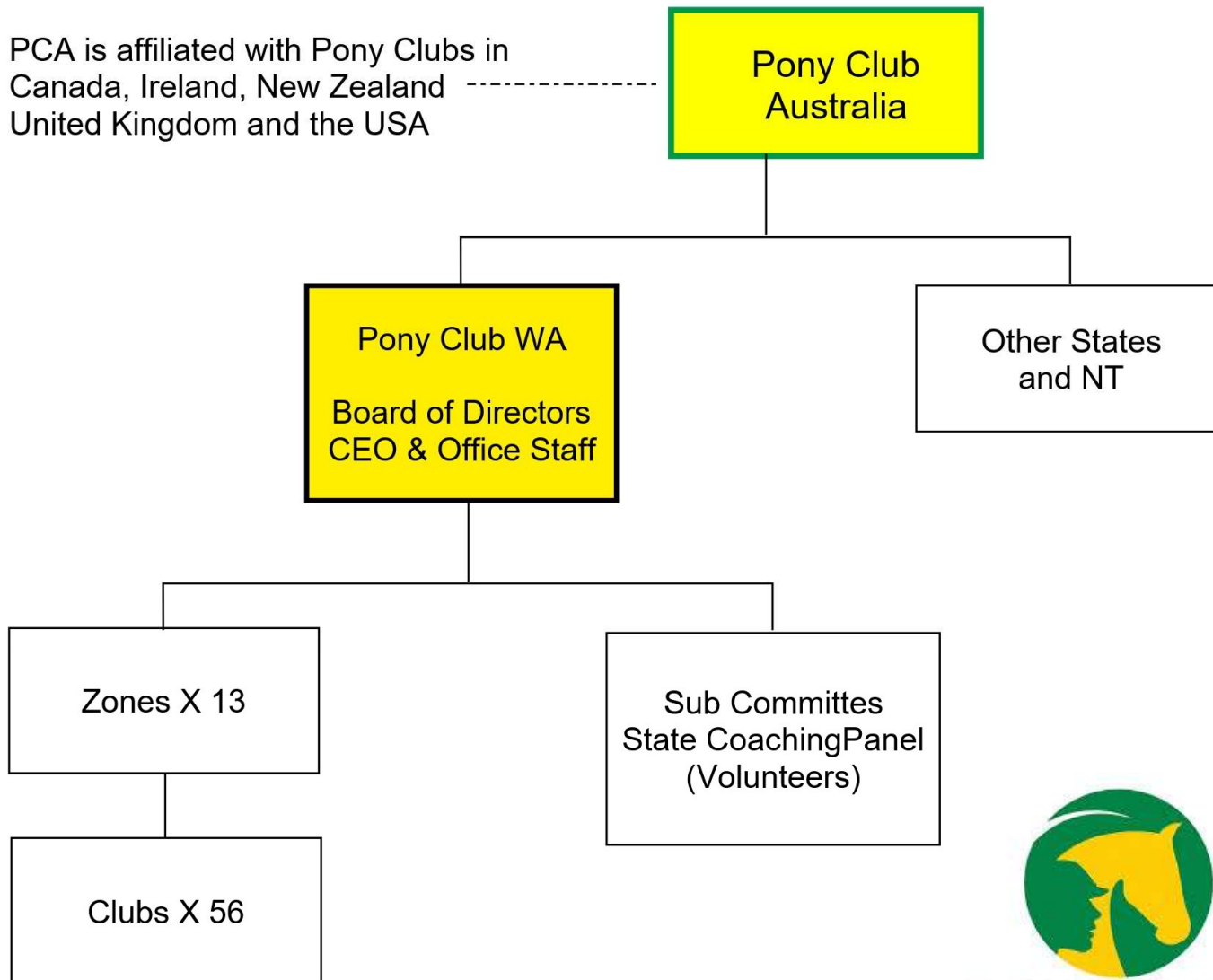
Objectives of Pony Club

- Safety of the rider
- Comfort of the horse
- Enjoyment of the rider and training of character
- Progress of the rider



Pony Club Structure

PCA is affiliated with Pony Clubs in
Canada, Ireland, New Zealand
United Kingdom and the USA



Club Governance

- Club Affiliation with Pony Club WA
- Club/Member Enrolment – MyPonyClub database
- Club Committee and Constitution
- Pony Club WA Handbook (4 sections)
- Codes of Conduct
- Several policies including: Disputes and Complaints, Member Protection and Social Media.

Membership Categories



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MOUNTED MEMBERSHIP

Ready2Ride Membership

Junior Membership

Senior Membership

Adult Membership

Top-Up Member

Open Rider Member

Come and Try Membership

UNMOUNTED MEMBERSHIP

Supporter Member

COACHING MEMBERSHIPS

Paid Coach

Unpaid Coach

OFFICIALS MEMBERSHIP

Officials

Child Safeguarding

- Child Safe Sport has:
 - Fact Sheets
 - Policy/guidelines
 - Reports
 - Resources
- Working With Children Checks:
Parents volunteering in activities where their child is involved/participating are exempt unless there is an overnight stay.



Morning Tea



**THERE'S ALWAYS
TIME FOR TEA
AND THERE'S ALWAYS
ROOM FOR
CAKE**



TOPIC 2: Rallies

- The backbone of Pony Club
- Usually held once a month throughout the year
- Coaching is centred around the PCA Syllabus of Instruction



Rallies

There are 4 main components to a rally:

- Flatwork
- Jumping
- Active Riding
- Horse Care/Theory



- Riders under 18 years of age must have an adult present for all of the rally.

Uniforms

- Most Clubs have a rally uniform (long sleeved polo type shirt).

Also used on X-Country.

- Formal uniform:
 - Club jumper
 - Shirt and Tie

Normally worn for competitions and Certificate testing



TOPIC 3: Certificates & Competitions

- Riders are coached and examined under the PCA Syllabus of Instruction revised Dec 2020
- You can download a copy from the PCA website
- In addition riders (& parents) can enrol on the PCA Academy. This is a FREE on-line interactive learning program.



Syllabus of Instruction
Proficiency Standards

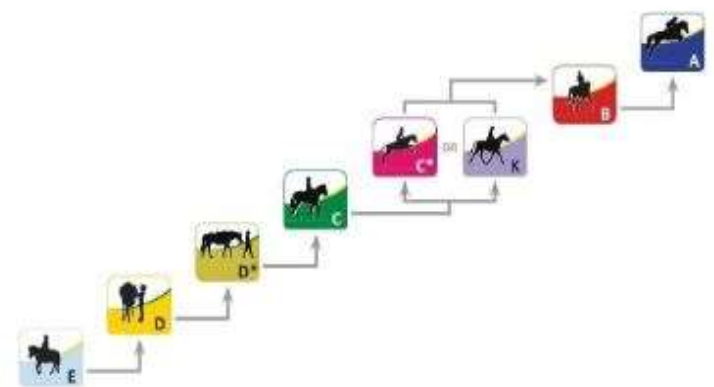
More on Certificates

- Club coaches can examine E to D* candidates
- Examiners at C and above are appointed by SCP
- Rider Manuals from E to B can be purchased from PCA



Certificates

The Pony Club Australia Syllabus of Instruction is built on certificate levels that enable the rider to continuously develop their skills in riding, horse care and citizenship. Members are encouraged to move through the certificates at their own pace, but in the following order



- The E Certificate is optional, but recommended.
- The D, D*, C and B Certificates are pre-requisites for the following certificates.
- The C Certificate is recommended as the baseline for all members and will ensure that the rider has a good foundation of skill, safety and horsemanship.
- Candidates can progress from C to B via either the C* or the K Certificate.

Horse Welfare

- This was always a Pony Club goal
- With the 2020 Syllabus it has been given extra impetus
- We love our horses and now have a better understanding of what they love/value.



State Competitions

These include:

- Active Riding (games)
- Dressage
- Show Jumping
- Eventing
- Tetrathlon

Riders need 3 rallies to qualify for State Competitions



Other Pony Club Activities

- Camps
- Clinics
- Training Days
- Competitions
- Quizzes
- Workshops
- Ag Shows



Topic 4: Volunteer Pathways

Pony Club can be the start of a new volunteer career pathway.

Options include:

- Committee roles
- Coaching
- Gear Checking
- Officiating.

There is support available to help you gain the skills and knowledge for these roles.



Coaching

- Coaches are encouraged to formalise their skills and experience by gaining an NCAS qualification
- However not everyone has the time to do this.
- Recommended reference materials include:
 - Syllabus of Instruction
 - Coaching Update Manuals
(free)
 - Teaching Lead Line
& First Ridden Riders
by Jan Lawrie \$10.



In Summary

- We are in the information age of where to go for the info as opposed to “knowing it”
- Websites like Pony Club WA and PCA have a wealth of info but sometimes social media can be a minefield
- Don't be afraid to ask questions in person

www.ponyclubwa.asn.au

Thank you!

