

PCANT TERRITORY TEAM SELECTION POLICY

PURPOSE

This policy documents and communicates the criteria applied by Pony Club Australia Northern Territory (PCANT) to select Club nominated riders for selection for Territory teams and exchanges.

PCANT aims to select the most competitive team while noting that the objectives of Pony Club Australia include providing opportunities for members. PCANT is a Territory organisation and teams should have a broad representation of Club members.

CLUB TEAMS AND INTERCLUB EXCHANGES

PCANT have Club teams participating in a range of events including:

PCANT Championships (Bi-annually) which include but is not limited to:

- Dressage
- Show Jumping
- Tetrathlon
- Formal Gymkhana
- Quiz
- Mounted Games

Interclub Exchanges can be hosted by:

- Alice Springs Horse and Pony Club
- Darwin Horse and Pony Club
- Katherine Horse and Pony Club
- Litchfield Horse and Pony Club
- Noonamah Horse and Pony Club

SELECTION PANEL

The Club will appoint an independent Selection Panel (minimum of 3 persons)

A panel of selectors will make the final Team selection which will be ratified by Club committee.

The Selection Panel will assess applicants for compliance with the general and specific selection criteria and decide (Selection Decision) which applicant(s) will be nominated for selection to a Club Team. The Selection Panel's assessment must include a review of all documents submitted by the applicant and may include an interview of the applicant.

A Selection Panel member must not participate in a Selection Decision in relation to an applicant:

- (a) who is related to the Selection Panel member by birth or by marriage; or
- (b) where to do so would give rise to a conflict of interest. A Selection Panel member must declare any such conflict of interest.

A Selection Decision is made by a simple majority of votes of eligible Selection Panel members, with one vote per eligible Selection Panel member. In the event that the Selection Panel is unable to achieve a simple majority, the application will be referred to the President or appointed delegate of the club who will make a casting vote on the application.

GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ALL CLUB TEAMS AND INTERCLUB EXCHANGES

While the selection of a competitive team is important, Pony Club Association of the Northern Territory (PCANT) aims to provide opportunities for all members of Pony Club.

Team members represent Pony Club Association of the Northern Territory (PCANT). While the specific selection criteria for each event are listed under the relevant event heading below, all applicants must:

Riders in the Territory championships:

- Rider must meet the set riding criteria in Reference to and accordance with the PCANT Territory/Interclub Schedule to compete at any Territory/interclub competition.
- To compete, the Club Chief Instructor must have signed the nomination form to indicate that the Riders ability is of sufficient standard to compete in this event.
- Rider must be a current financial member of PCANT.
- Rider's age – as of January 1st.
- Each club is entitled to enter a team in a competition.
- Individual clubs determine how their teams are selected.
- Riders may be of any Pony Club age (No certificate required).
- Teams must consist of five different riders, however if the club has more than one team, a rider can ride a different horse in each team.
- Each club is entitled to enter individual riders pending PCANT Championships or Interclub Schedule of event classes.
- Each team comprises five (5) combinations from one club. (the top four (4) individual scores of the 5 nominated team members determine the team placing.)
- Riders from interstate are not eligible to compete in PCANT Championships or Interclub events if they have not qualified for the event under the PCANT qualifying criteria. (or unless an interstate team/rider is invited to compete)

APPLICANT CRITERIA

- The horse and rider as a combination must be graded specifically for the discipline in which they are competing,
- Horse and Rider combinations must have completed two rallies within the preceding 12 months - at their club or previous club in the case of transfers or club where they are attending as an 'honorary' member because of school or work commitments.
- However, within the first six months of new club membership, only two mounted rallies by the combination are required. (Refer to PCANT HANDBOOK for definition of a new club member).

COMPETITION CRITERIA

Competition criteria are a guide to minimum performance required for consideration by selectors for inclusion on the club team.

The Competition:

Will be conducted under the current Pony Club Australia Rules.

Riders with Two Horses for Consideration:

- **A one horse one rider rule applies** at all Pony Club Competitions. Pool horses will not be available for the competition unless prior arrangements are negotiated with PCANT Board (eg Alice Springs riding pool/borrowed horse).
- A horse may only have one rider at any PCANT Territory Championship or Interclub events.
- Under exceptional circumstances may a horse be ridden by more than one rider at a PCANT competition or interclub activity, a written application to PCANT must be submitted prior to the competition. (Two riders sharing one horse may ride that horse in different events, e.g games Saturday am, dressage Saturday pm and jumping Sunday)

Composite Teams:

- Are only to be allowed when there are **NO** other nominated riders available within the same club competing at the same competition.
- If there are 2 or 3 riders from another club, wanting to compete as a team at the Territory competition, these riders **CAN** make up a Composite team prior to the closing of nominations, they can nominate as a part team requiring further riders to complete the team- the spare riders will be used from the nominated pool riders.
- Riders must ride in their own Club uniform.

Pony Club Rally Attendance (minimum):

- Horse and Rider combinations must have completed two rallies within the preceding 12 months - at their club or previous club in the case of transfers or club where they are attending as an 'honorary' member because of school or work commitments.
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Training Requirements:

- Attend all training sessions as negotiated between rider, coach and manager. If unable to attend rider must notify coach and/or manager with notice.

Cost:

Whilst Clubs help support fundraising and coaching costs this essentially a self-funded activity.

Fundraising both as a team and individually (if no team) can also occur.

Ultimately the team member is responsible for remaining costs incurred in relation to:

- accommodation and stabling (camping is usually available on site)
- travel costs of both horse and rider

(Please place on your club letterhead)

I HEREBY VERIFY THAT THE ABOVE RIDER IS A FINANCIAL MEMBER
OF THE PONY CLUB AND
HAS ATTENDED AT LEAST TWO PONY CLUB RALLIES IN THE PRECEDING 12
MONTHS.

SIGNED
CLUB SECRETARY

I HEREBY VERIFY THAT THE ABOVE RIDER IN MY OPINION IS OF A SUITABLE
STANDARD TO COMPETE IN THE ABOVE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SIGNED
CLUB SENIOR INSTRUCTOR