

**THE PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF  
ZONE 16 INC.**

**Polocrosse  
Championships  
(A State trial event)**

TO BE HELD AT

BUNGENDORE SHOWGROUND, BUNGENDORE

ON

SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 AND SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

HOST ZONE 16

Fitness Check for all horses commencing at 3.00pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
Competition to commence at 8.30am on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MADE BY MAIL THROUGH ZONES TO:

Zone 16 Event Secretary  
PO Box 940  
Civic Square ACT 2608

ENTRIES CLOSE 5PM Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2009  
NO TELEPHONE OR LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

ENTRY FEE: \$60 PER TEAM  
GROUND FEE: \$30 PER RIDER

### NATURE OF CHAMPIONSHIP

This championship is being run by Zone 16 Pony Club Association of NSW Incorporated ("Zone 16") on behalf of The Pony Club Association of New South Wales Incorporated ("PCANSW"). This championship is being run for the purpose of determining what interest there is in the discipline of polocrosse and whether PCANSW should run such a championship annually.

### ENQUIRIES

Enquiries concerning this championship to be directed to Zone 16 Event Secretary at [zone16@bigpond.com](mailto:zone16@bigpond.com).

### ENTRIES

All entries (Nomination Form, Horse Identification Form and Team Nomination Form) must come through Zone 16 with one cheque per team for the amount of \$240 made payable to Zone 16 Pony Club (\$60 team entry fee and \$30 per rider ground fee). Do not send individual cheques for each individual competitor.

ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY FROM CURRENT FINANCIAL AND INSURED MEMBERS OF PCANSW. IN THE CASE OF NSW MEMBERS, NAMES MUST APPEAR ON THE REGISTER AT THE PCANSW OFFICE.

### SCRATCHINGS

Scratchings to be notified to the Zone 16 Event Secretary as early as possible at [zone16@bigpond.com](mailto:zone16@bigpond.com). Refunds will only be granted if a Doctors Certificate or a Veterinary Certificate can be produced and Zone 16 has been notified immediately of the scratching by email.

### GENERAL RULES FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The championship will be conducted under the rules of the PCANSW as set down in the current PCA Handbook and as advised in Council minutes to date. Team Managers are to have a copy available for reference by their team members. Zone 16 reserves the right to alter, amend or delete any part of this program if required.

### ELIGIBILITY OF COMPETITOR (NSW)

Nominees are required to have recorded attendance of a minimum of three pony club instructional days in the preceding 12 months, on State Membership cards. Verification of this is required by Club Secretaries prior to initialing appropriate column on the entry form.

### INTER-STATE COMPETITORS

Inter-state competitors are the responsibility of their own State organisation. Inter-state competitors ride under the rules of PCANSW. It is the responsibility of Team Managers to ensure that they are familiar with these rules.

### STANDARD OF COMPETITORS

This is a State Championship and the standard will be high. It is the responsibility of Zone Chief Instructors to ensure that mounts and riders meet the required standard.

### AGE GROUPS AND EVENTS

Teams:

1. Are to comprise six riders.
2. Can be entered by a club, a zone or an area.
3. Are to comprise riders who are all:
  - (a) At least 10 years of age and under 13; or
  - (b) At least 13 years of age and under 17; or
  - (c) Associates.
4. If an Associate team, must comprise either 3 male and 3 female riders; or 6 female riders.
5. Are to nominate for either the advanced or novice competition; or in the case of an all female associate team, for the female associate competition.

Saturday will comprise round robin games and Sunday will comprise finals.

By Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009 the Zone 16 website ([www.zone16.pcansw.org.au](http://www.zone16.pcansw.org.au)) will show the teams entered and the places to which championship sashes will be awarded. A determination of the places to which championship sashes will be awarded cannot be made until the number of entries in each category is known.

### FITNESS CHECK TROPHY

A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the smartest team (riders and Team Managers) at the Fitness Check.

### FITNESS CHECK

Horses will be checked for soundness during the afternoon on the day prior to the first event (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009) at 3:00pm. Riders must present horses ridden. Riders must wear the uniform that their team will be competing in (with the exception of polocrosse back numbers) together with regulation ASNZS approved riding helmets and boots.

**NO HORSE MAY LEAVE THE GROUND AFTER THE FITNESS CHECK UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE FINAL PARADE WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF ZONE 16.**

Horses arriving during the night ONLY will be checked at 7.30 am on the first day of competition. Application for this check to be made to the Zone 16 Event Secretary by Team Manager on the day prior to the first day of competition. Suspect or doubtful horses may be asked to present for a further inspection by a veterinarian to make the final decision as to participation.

Destruction of severely injured horses: If a horse is so severely injured that on humanitarian grounds it has to be destroyed, the following procedure will apply. If the owner or his/her authorised representative is present, his/her agreement will first be obtained by the official Veterinary Surgeon. If the owner or his/her representative is not available, the Technical Delegate acting on the advice of the Official Veterinary Surgeon, may order the destruction of a horse.

### GEAR CHECKS

Will take place prior to each game. Team Manager must be present. Competitors are not at liberty to leave the gear check area after inspection and prior to game.

### BACK NUMBERS

It is the responsibility of each team to have their own polocrosse back numbers for their players.

### EXERCISE OF HORSE

Horses may only be exercised (this includes lunging) by their nominated riders, except in the case of riders under 13 years, where an adult member may lunge the horse with the permission of the Team Manager. Horses exercised by other than their riders (excluding riders under 13 years) may be disqualified from the championship as a whole. Failure to observe this rule or the use of unacceptable gear may incur disqualification from the competition as a whole.

### GENERAL RULES

1. Each team must appoint one Team Manager and one Team Helper (they cannot be the same person) who must be nominated (with address, telephone number and email address) on the entry form.
2. All Team Managers and Team Helpers are required to be current financial and insured members of PCANSW and dress appropriately at all times. It is stressed that Team Managers are in charge of their team whilst ever they are on the ground and that any alcohol consumption should be strictly controlled. Team Manager badges to be worn at all times (available from PCA office).
3. Team Managers must be suitably attired and wear identifying badges at all times.
4. Team Helpers be available from 3pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009 to assist with line markings, ground set up, ground take down and umpiring.
5. Zone 16 has the right to disqualify any competitors for any breach of rule or unacceptable behaviour.
6. Teams must be punctual and will be disqualified if not ready when called.
7. ELIGIBILITY AND OWNERSHIP OF MOUNTS FOR COMPETITIONS - see relevant section of current Handbook.
8. PROTESTS - a lodgement fee of \$20.00 (see also relevant section of Handbook).

### PROFESSIONAL COACHING

Competitors may not be coached by professional coaches while at the venue, at the risk of disqualification from the Championship.

### RESPONSIBILITY

Neither the Organising Committee, Zone 16 nor PCANSW accept any responsibility for accident or injury to livestock, competitor, groom, spectator or motor vehicle. Riders ride at their own risk. Zone 16 are final arbiters in making decisions on protests or policy and reserve the right to make any amendments, alterations or deletions to the program, as required.

### VENUE

Yards will be allocated in blocks to each team and are to be supervised by Team Managers. All yards are to be fully cleaned by teams. There is some power at the venue for camping. Toilets and showers are available. No vehicle is to park in an area allocated for horses. Vehicles park at their own risk.