



IMPORTANT: PCAWA EVENTING CHANGES & UPDATES FOR 2015

PCAWA Eventing experienced a turbulent year in 2014.

On the positive side this wonderfully exciting and challenging discipline continues to grow and flourish.

The 2014 State Eventing Championships was well supported and showcased the depth of talent in PCAWA Eventing.

We are looking forward to engaging some new Trainee Technical Delegates in 2015.

On the downside, the number of clubs holding events continues to increase, placing enormous strain on our dwindling supply of Stewards/Technical Delegates.

Lack of respect towards rules and PCAWA officials by many competitors and parents has placed unnecessary strain on Officials, Organisers and the PCAWA Eventing Committee.

In light of events occurring in 2014, the PCAWA Eventing Rules have been updated. Changes reflect a need for a level of competitor competency and also a need for implementing disciplinary procedures as undesirable behaviours from competitors or supporters will no longer be tolerated.

Please see below a summary of major rule changes to be implemented in 2015.

MINIMUM AGE OF RIDER

Riders must be 9 years of age as of 1 January to compete at any PCAWA one day event.

Please note: this does not include Tetrathlons, Hunter Trials, Hicksteads or training ODE's.

AGE OF HORSES/PONIES

All horses entered in PC45, PC65, PC80, PC95 & PC105 competitions must be four (4) years of age or more from the beginning of calendar year in which he is competing in.

PC 1* level Competitions: A horse may compete in Competitions of PC 1*level from the beginning of the calendar year in which he reaches the age of six.

NOTE: The onus is on the OWNER/RIDER to provide proof of Horses Age.

GEAR CHECKING

Riders who do not present for Gear Check will be eliminated at the discretion of the Technical Delegate.

OPEN PC45 CLASSES

In an effort to reduce event numbers and therefore making events more manageable for Event Stewards/Technical Delegates, Clubs wishing to hold Open PC 45 classes MUST apply in writing to

the Eventing Committee.

CONCUSSION

When a Rider has an accident that results in concussion, the Rider must be eliminated from the competition and is ineligible to take part in any other Competition at that event.

BODY PROTECTORS

As of Jan 1 2015 equestrian body protectors (ANY) will become compulsory at all grades for cross country phases in both Eventing and Tetrathlon.

Air Vests are permitted, must be worn over body protector, fitted and maintained as per manufacturer's recommendations.

YELLOW WARNING CARDS

Yellow Warning Card or Official Warning may be issued by the Technical Delegate, or a member of the Appeals Committee for the following offences of a less serious nature at PCAWA Official Events:

- Abuse of Horse
- Incorrect Behaviour
- Dangerous Riding

DRESSAGE MARKS

From 1 January 2015, half marks will be implemented as per Dressage Rules.

STEWARD/TECHNICAL DELEGATE

As of 1 January 2015, PCAWA Eventing Stewards will be referred to as PCAWA Technical Delegates.

STATE EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATIONS

Two (2) qualifying results are required. These are to be done at two separate events at different locations with one being outside their own club.

All qualifying results must have a dressage score of not more than 75 dressage penalties.

All qualifying results may not have more than 65 cross country penalties (including jumping and time).

All qualifying results may not have more than 16 jumping penalties (including jumping and time).

As of January the 1st 2016 the following rules will be implemented:

Compulsory upgrading qualifications

For a Horse and rider to start in PC1* they must have Three (3) qualifying results in official PCAWA PC105 or EvA105 classes/grades. (One of these results may not have more than 20 cross country jumping penalties; the other two must be clear of cross country faults.)

For a Horse and Rider to start in PC105 they must have Two (2) qualifying results in PC95 or EvA95. (One of these results may not have more than 20 cross country faults the other one must be clear of cross country faults.)

For a Horse and Rider to start in PC95 they must Two (2) qualifying results in PC80 or EvA80. (One of these results may not have more than 20 cross country faults the other one must be clear of cross country faults.)

Compulsory riding down

Any Horse/Rider combination that incurs two consecutive cross country eliminations or a total of three cross country eliminations within a twelve month period will be downgraded. The relevant reasons for elimination on cross country would be:

1. Three (3) Refusals PC1*
2. Four (4) Refusals PC105- PC95
3. Fall of Horse or Rider
4. Dangerous Riding

To be promoted back to the grade that caused the downgrading they must prove their ability with the same combination that was responsible for the original down grade.

The 2015 PCAWA Eventing Rules can be found at www.pcawa.com/eventing