



NORTHERN METROPOLITAN ZONE

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT FOR ZONE MEETING - Wed 9th February 2011

ZONE EXAMINING / CERTIFICATE REPORT -

See separate report tabled by Diane Baxter - NMZ ZES

A Pre Examination day for our 2 St Andrews B Certificate Riders was held on Wed 5th Jan at St Andrews PC. Thanks to Kammy for valuable B sheets and Ruth for her support and input. Faye Bates examiner of the the day.

Both girls have the potential to carry on with their B and we are hoping that they can join in with Central Zone for the exams as they have 2 candidates almost ready.

CLINIC / TRAINING DAYS REPORT:

Once again, Some dates so far for the 2011 calendar are :

April 13/14 at Mooroolbark - Pre 5/Inexperienced Grade 5

May 28/29 at Lilydale - Grade4/5

July 6/7 at Eltham - Pre 5/Inexperienced 5

Oct 5/6 at Yarra Glen - Grade 4/5

2011 State Clinic - date set Saturday 5th November Wandin Park

GAMES CLINIC - There is a games clinic workshop planned for Friday 18th Feb at Parkview. Details are on our website. If you haven't booked, please do so now! Thank you to Gill Gasgoine, Brenda Mitton and the riders for making the workshop possible.

A senior rider Cross Country Clinic was held at Wandin Park on Wednesday 19th January 2011 with Adam Benson 4* event rider . We had 1 rider cancel her entry (with certificate) due to an injury, and 3 extra riders book in after close of entries. All up there were 19 riders, and after payment to Wandin Park and Adam Benson , plus the refund of money - the clinic broke even. We had vey positive feedback about the clinic and it is hoped to run another at a different venue.

Dressage Clinic - held Monday 24th January at Macclesfield. 9 riders participated, although it was a mad rush trying to fill a few spots just a few days prior to the clinic as originally it was a clinic designed to those who qualified at zone dressage. Anne gave valuable lessons as well as a theory session for the riders on the German Training Scale. Feedback from both Anne and participants was extremely positive. On a sad note, Annes place was broken in that night with a video camera and DVD's stolen. Police have been notified but Anne said she wont press charges if the goods are returned safely - so please keep your ears out for any talk of stolen goods.

CLUB VISITS REPORT

time from any of the Exec, and DCI ZA panel members! If a club or instructor is found not to have WWC details for them on the day - they will be forced not to teach at the club on the spot. Please be aware that you have been warned!

NCAS ROLLOUT: (by Kate Wilson)

The NCAS Preliminary Coaching Practical Assessment days are going to be Zone based Assessments this year. As such I was hoping you could all mention this at your Zone Meetings to ensure your clubs are aware of the changes. It would also be helpful if the Zone's could participate in the organization of these days to some degree, as we imagine that this will be the way that NCAS Coach assessments for Preliminary and Level 1 will be conducted in the future.

It would also be of benefit for the Zones to assist in some training prior to these days. Most coaches appreciate assistance with the workbooks, in particular the lesson plans as they find them a little overwhelming. Some may also like assistance with the practical coaching prior to assessment.

Possibly your DCI/ZA Personnel could assist with this? State Assessors connected to your Zone may also be able to help you with this.

All clubs who had registered their coaches were contacted before Christmas and I asked for volunteer clubs to host these days.

To date the following clubs have volunteered.

BZ Ballan - 3/4/2011
EGZ Nowa Nowa - 20/3/2011
MZ Charlton - 4/9/2011
NZ Cobram - 6/3/2011
NZ Swan Hill - 7/8/2011
NEZ Seymour - 3/4/2011
NMZ Yarra Glen - 9/4/2011
WZ Warrnambool - 6/3/2011

We are in the process of contacting the registered coaches and asking them to apply for their respective day so we know how many Assessments are needing to be done. I'd appreciate your help in relaying this information as I'm keen to ensure people are aware of the changes in this program.

Many thanks

Kate Wilson

You could also let them know that I will run a couple of evenings prior to the 9th April for the coaches.

I had initial discussions with Kerry Hill about doing so at Ringwood so will get hold of her and try to pin down some dates for you. These nights will be for new Prelim coaches, Level 1's may also like to attend but also an opportunity for those who still need to complete their books to do that with assistance and hand them in for completion and sign off!

COPIES OF DRESSAGE TESTS:

A reminder once again that if you are holding a dressage phase in a competition your club is running, please post copies of dressage tests after you have held your event (a few from each level / judge) to myself. Rachael Edwards PO Box 111 Seville 3139. Thank you to those clubs who have sent them to me promptly. I need 6 from each grade please.

EXEMPTIONS -

Please be reminded that some riders in PCAV have exemptions.

NEW RULES / PCAV WEB SITE

Please ensure you check the web PCAV site regularly (especially if you are unable to make a zone meeting - or your club rep is unable to attend). Please ensure you check the "latest news" section for current information

DRESSAGE JUDGES ABBREVIATION LIST:

A revamped Dressage Judges Abbreviation list is available from our web site. It is recommended that this sheet be given to your pencilers when assisting with dressage test writing. Thanks to Peter and Jennifer Smith for updating the sheet.

INSTRUCTOR DATA BASE

Dont forget that we are in the process of collating an instructor list and ask clubs to remind instructors to send us their details so we can complete the list ASAP without leaving off names. At our last panel meeting it was very disappointing to hear we had so few replies. We are still waiting for replies from Seville (although their list is underway), North Eastern, Lilydale, Lower Plenty and Kinglake. Please chase up this info from your instructors and get them to send it to myself or Sue Winter. THIS IS NOW URGENT A first copy of the instructors list is available - please email me for a copy. Thanks to Sue Winter for her efforts

DRESSAGE JUDGES LIST -

A reminder that if you wish to have a copy, please email me so I can forward our current list on to you.

RALLY PLANS:

Reminder to clubs to be pro active in program planning at rallies and ensure they incorporate "certificate" learning lessons. Please also incorporate "what to do on a competition day" (ie presenting to dressage judge, sj judge, when to start etc) for those riders that may have never competed or have minimal experience.

PCAV RESOURCES:

A reminder that postage and cost of stock has gone up in the PCAV shop. Jan Dear our Treasurer is happy to collect things from PCAV on behalf of clubs prior to zone meetings. Please let Jan know if you would like to take advantage of saving a few dollars for your club! PCAV now have EFTPOS and Credit Card facilities available.

2010 / 2011 Vic Health Active Clubs grants - Through this year's scheme VicHealth will provide grants of up to \$2,500 to clubs/ organisations . see PCAV web for more details

PCAV MAGAZINE -Making a Difference has had a complete Makeover and is now a colour magazine. In 2011 we plan to have 4 editions per year full of photos, reports, articles and competitions. The magazine will go direct to all member families.

SPORTING CHAMPIONS GRANT - Are you, or do you know, a dedicated young athlete, coach or official participating in a state or national sporting championships? Are you aged 12-18 years old travelling further than 250km return for a state or national championships? See PCAV web for more details

2011 rule books -The Bylaws, Horse Trails and Gear Rules Effective February 1st 2011 are now available to download or purchase . Following a major update with substantial rules changes in 2010 a minor overhaul and amendments have been undertaken for 2011.The Colour cover will not be changed so it is important that the correct edition of the book is being used. The following Rule books have been updated and ammended. All changes are marked with a verical line in the right hand margin, and become effective from FEBRUARY 1st 2011 See PCAV website for more info under latest news! (summary attached at end of this report)

PRINCE PHILLIP MOUNTED GAMES -This year PCAV National Mounted Games committee will be organising a series of three games competitions in the lead up to the Annual Prince Phillip Mounted Games Challenge on 21 August 2011.Entry form and further details on PCAV web site.

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2 April -	Pakenham (West Gippsland Zone)
7 May -	KG or Yarrambat (Nth Metro Zone)
2 July -	Bacchus Marsh (Barwon Zone)

INSTRUCTORS and RIDERS:

Please remind riders (particularly senior riders with young instructors) that respect must be given during lesson times at rallies to Instructors. It is important that if there are any matters that need addressing (either from a rider's or instructor's point of view) that these matters are dealt with appropriately and to the correct personnel within the club. If clubs need assistance with matters at rallies, please contact myself, members of the DCI ZA panel or a member of NMZ exec.

NEWS FROM CIP MEETING -(No meeting held as yet for 2011)-

NEWS FROM OTHER ZONES:

Please continue to check NMZ, PCAV and other zones website for more up to date information.

Rachael Edwards
NMZ Chief Instructor.
February 2011

Summary of Handbook of Bylaws Rule Changes – February 2011

5.13 Deputy Chief Instructor Appointment

5.13.d To be eligible for re appointment a DCI must attend at least the following two update activities in every three year period of appointment.

i The annual State DCI/ZA workshop

5.14 Zone Assistant Appointment

5.14.d To be eligible for re appointment a ZA must attend at least the following two update activities in every three year period of appointment.

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9.4 Due Dates for PCAV Fees

9.4.a All fees must be received at the PCAV state office on or before 15th May or any alternate date as decided from time to time by State Council:

- PCAV club fee: 15th May
- PCAV zone fee: 15th May
- PCAV Club member fee: as per the schedule in rule 10.5.

10.5 Due Date of Registration and Payment

10.5.a The state office must receive a PCAV club member fee for each junior and associate club members as follows:

Period Applicable to Due Date at State Office

Strength

Return

Period

1 May to

15 May

Those wishing to join or renew club membership for the following PCAV year (starting 1 July)

Registration:

online or by mail on or before 15th May or any alternate date as decided from time to time by State Council

Payment:

by mail arriving by 15th May or any alternate date as determined from time to time by State Council.

Late Lodgement:

if fees are received after 15 June, the club member is treated under the current year period.

Current

Year

Period

1 July to the

last day of

February

Those wishing to join or renew club membership for the current PCAV year during this period

Registration (refer to rule 11):

within seven days of club approval.

Payment:

within 30 days.

13.9 Service Provider

13.9.a A service provider is an instructor/coach who is not a parent or adult supporter in the club in which they are coaching.

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13.9.b A service provider has no voting rights in a club.

14 Discipline for Misconduct

14.1.c Incidents of misconduct, infringement and/or non-compliance with PCAV and zone rules and directives by:

24 Fall of Rider and further participation in competition/activity

Fall of rider

For all competitions except Games Teams Flat Teams and Musical Ride Teams, and activities,

including the practice and warm up areas, the first fall of rider is to be categorized and

actions applied as indicated using the following scale of severity.
For Games Teams, Flat Teams and Musical Ride Teams competitions, should a rider fall, remount and complete the game or continue in the ride they must be checked by the medical personnel responsible for the event and have a fall release form signed before taking further part in the competition.
NB: these rules do not apply to activities such as rallies and clinics that take place under instruction and supervision. In these cases the final decision and ultimate responsibility lies with the rider if 18 or over and the parent or guardian if the rider is under 18. However, it is advisable that if a fall results in unconsciousness or concussion that the rider takes no further part in the activity on that day

37 Separating Equality of Scores

37.1 Purpose

37.1.a These rules apply to separating equal scores for winners and placegetters at the:
i PCAV State Championships for Dressage and Showjumping, Horse Trials, and Games, Flat and Musical Ride teams
ii Zone qualifying competitions for Dressage and Showjumping, and Games, Flat and Musical Ride teams.

41.2 Distinguished Service Award

41.2.a The PCAV state council may confer the Distinguished Service Award. Sub-committees, Zone representatives or zone executives may recommend nominees to the state council by 15 June. All applications to zone accepted or rejected must be tabled to the State Council.

41.2.b The award is for a person who has given distinguished service to the pony club movement, but not in the same category as that required for PCAV life membership.

41.2.c The award may be granted to persons who have given distinguished service at state or zone or club level.

41.2.d Criteria for Distinguished Service Award:

i Consistent and sustained contribution at club, zone and state levels for a minimum of ten years

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Summary of Gear Rule changes – February 2011

10.9 Spurs

All riders may use spurs, as they are being supervised in a training environment.

Spurs design rules:

- Spurs capable of wounding a horse are forbidden
- Must be made of metal
- There must be a shank either curved or straight pointing directly back from the centre of the spur when on the rider's boot
- The shank must not exceed 20 mm in length
- The tip of the shank must not point upwards or inwards
- The arms of the spurs must be smooth

- Must sit on the curve of the back of the heel with the buckle of the strap to the outside.
- Impulse Spurs with plastic knobs are allowed
- Roller Ball spurs are permitted
- Spurs with Rowels are not permitted

May only be used where the competition rules permit (refer specific competition requirements).

Same design rules as Rally/Activity.

Impulse Spurs

Roller Ball Spurs

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C. 7. ABUSE OF HORSES

C.7.1.1 Refer the PCAV Handbook of By-laws.19.4

C.7.2 All forms of cruel, inhumane or abusive treatment of horses are strictly forbidden.

Such

acts include;

C.7.2.1 Rapping – see 19.4.g

C.7.2.2 riding an exhausted horse

C.7.2.3 excessive pressing of a tired horse

C.7.2.4 riding an obviously lame horse

C.7.2.5 excessive use of whip/bit or spurs – 19.4.c, 19.4.d, 19.4.e

C.7.2.6 dangerous riding

C.7.2.7 riding in an unsafe way or losing control of the horse

C.7.2.8 series of dangerous jumps

C.7.3 If, in the opinion of the appropriate official(s), a horse is being ill-treated (including all

behaviour defined in this rule), the combination will be eliminated from the relevant part of the activity (including rallies and competition) or disqualified from any further participation in the activity.

C.7.4 Excessive use of whip: The use of whip must be for a good reason, at an appropriate

time, in the right place, with appropriate severity: The whip must only be used either as an aid

to encourage the horse forward or as a reprimand. It must never be used in the following manner;

C.7.4.1 The whip cannot be used to vent a rider's temper. Such use is excessive

C.7.4.2 The whip is not to be used after elimination or after a horse has jumped the last fence on a course

C.7.4.3 The whip is never to be used overhand (i.e. whip in right hand being used on left flank)

C.7.4.4 The use of a whip on a horse's head is always excessive use.

C.7.4.5 A horse should never be hit more than three times for any one incident

C.7.4.6 If the horse's skin is broken with the whip, the use is excessive.

C.7.5 Excessive use of spurs: Spurs must not be used to reprimand a horse. Such use is always excessive, as is any use that results in a horse being marked by a spur.

C.7.6 Excessive use of bit: The bit must never be used to reprimand a horse. Any such use is excessive.

C.7.7 Illegal use of reins or objects: Whipping a horse with the reins or any object, other than a whip, is forbidden.

C.7.8 Rapping:

C.7.8.1 Any form of rapping is strictly forbidden, under penalty of elimination, whether done by hand or by some means of a pulley, at any time in any place, whether in view of the public or not.

The term "rapping" includes all the artificial techniques to induce the horse to jump higher or more carefully in competition. It is not practical to list every possible means of rapping. In general it consists of the competitor and/or dismounted assistants, for whose behaviour the competitor is responsible,

5 either hitting the horse's legs manually with something (no matter what or by whom) or deliberately causing the horse to hit something itself, whether by building fences too large and/or too wide, setting false ground lines, placing trotting poles of a combination at a false distance, intentionally pulling or pushing the horse into a fence or otherwise making it difficult or impossible for the horse to negotiate the practice obstacle without hitting it

C.10.3 Specifications for cross country

Obstacles Max Height Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5

Solid obstacles & solid part of

brush/bullfinch 1.05m 0.90m 0.75m 0.60m 0.45m

Brush fence 1.20m 1.05m 0.90m 0.75m 0.60m

Spread without height 2.40m 2.00m 1.35m 0.90m 0.60m

Spread with height

- at highest point 1.20m 0.90m 0.65m 0.50m 0.45m

- at base 1.80m 1.50m 1.00m 0.75m 0.60m

Maximum drop 1.40m 1.20m 1.00m 0.70m 0.50m

Water depth- entry to exit .30m .30m .30m .30m Nil

Height of obstacle or bank into

water .80 .65 .50 Nil Nil

Minimum width of water crossing

(See Rule C.10.6.3.) 6.00m 6.00m 6.00m 6.00m Nil

Speed 480mpm 420mpm 360mpm 320mpm 274mpm

Distance 2000-

3000m

2000-

2800m

1600-

2400m

1200-

2000m

1200-

1600m

Number of efforts 20-30 18-25 15-20 14-18 14-18

Number of obstacles 16-25 15-21 12-16 12-15 12-15

C.11. Test 3 - Showjumping for Horse Trials Obstacles

C.11.3.1 There will be 9 to 12 obstacles, at least four of which shall be spreads, as solid and imposing in appearance as available materials allow. At least one combination shall be included, but a treble is allowed only for grade 1. The dimensions of the obstacles and speeds for the various grades are shown hereunder

C.11.3.2 The obstacles must be inviting in their overall shape and appearance, varied and match their surroundings. Both the obstacles themselves and their constituent parts must be such that they can be knocked down, while not

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being so light that they fall at the slightest touch or so heavy that they may cause horse to fall or be injured.

The obstacles must not be unsporting and they must not cause an unpleasant surprise.

C.11.3.3 Poles and other parts of the obstacle are held up by supports (cups). The pole must be able to roll on its support; in this case the support must have a depth of 18mm minimum and 30mm maximum. However,

C.11.3.3.i One end of the pole may touch the ground

C.11.3.3.ii Water obstacles/tarpaulins on the ground must not be used for Grade 4 and 5

C.11.3.3.iii For planks, balustrades, barriers, gates etc the diameter of the supports (ie shape of cups) must be open, preferably flat.

C.11.3.3.iv Ground poles (poles lying on the ground as a ground line) must NOT be used

C.11.3.3 v Measuring the height of an obstacle, if cross bars are used the poles must be able to fall freely and two thirds of the face of the obstacle must measure at or below the height for the grade in question

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