

SPORTS CONNECT PROCEDURE

In a combined initiative, Riding for the Disabled Association Limited (RDA) and Pony Club Australia Inc. (PCA) has created pathways and initiatives which will allow riders with a disability to participate in a variety of equestrian activities. This has been achieved through the development and implementation of a Disability Action Plan. The Disability Action Plan focuses on the four key areas of:

1. disability education
2. accreditation
3. classifier support and training
4. athlete support

Procedure for obtaining a Sports Connect Exemption card at The Pony Club Association of NSW:

- Rider completes the Exemption application form.
- Rider includes a signed doctors certificate outlining disability
- Rider supplies the above paperwork to their Zone Chief Instructor
- The Zone Chief Instructor contacts their local Riding for Disabled Association (RDA) to request someone to help with review of exemption for rider and if necessary arrange for rider to be viewed.
- Recommendation letter from ZCI and RDA assessor/representative to accompany exemption application and doctors certificate which will then be sent to the State Office
- If no local RDA centre available the ZCI to contact the State Office to make other arrangements
- If letter is a recommendation in support, then an official PCANSW exemption card will be sent from the State Office.