

## **GUIDELINES FOR CLUB COMMITTEES THE CHANGES TO SENIOR RIDERS**

The following are guidelines that should be considered and followed by your club (**Club**) and its committee (**Committee**) when considering whether to accept at your Club the motion passed at the March 2019 Council meeting allowing Senior riding members C19/19 (motion below):

C19/19            Section 3 Bi-laws Clause 1 Members of the PCA NSW Handbook paragraph three be replaced with

***Each Club shall determine whether to allow riding members between the age of 26 years and 80 years of age to receive instruction and/or compete at Club events. When making that determination the Club shall take into account the best interests of the Club, safety considerations, the number of instructors, size of the grounds and any other matters as the Club considers appropriate.***

***Such riders may be permitted to ride for the purpose of assisting, demonstrating or supervision with the approval of the Club Senior Instructor. Instructors or those applying to become Instructors, may, with the approval of the Club Senior Instructor, ride and receive instruction at instructional schools. Voluntary Workers and Non-riding members will only be covered by Pony Club Personal Accident Insurance if they are unmounted, all mounted personnel must be registered with the Pony Club Association as a Riding Member.***

For the purposes of these guidelines, unless indicated otherwise, an application refers to both an application to become a new member of the Club as well as an application to renew an existing membership of the Club. Please note that this list of guidelines is not exhaustive and Club's may have other requirements that they need to consider when submitting motions for voting by members.

**For clubs to implement any change they must first hold a general meeting to vote on whether to allow Senior Riders within their club.**

- (a) Circulate on the agenda including the motion to adopt and implement senior riding members between the ages of 26 years and 80 years;
- (b) Circulate on the agenda proposed bi-laws relating to how this implementation will work within their club and what activities Senior Riders may participate in;
- (c) Once approved at a club meeting those people wishing to become a Senior Riding member must pay the Association's Riding Membership fee;
- (d) Senior Riding members may not compete against younger riders at any time;

These guidelines are for clubs to help implement suitable bi-laws to implement are listed below, these are not exhaustive nor are they in any particular order and these suggestions should also be considered in conjunction with a risk assessment to be completed by the Club

Committee on how best to manage the extra riders in line with the Association rules, Work Health & Safety and current Working with Children Check requirements.

Clubs may introduce a priority system with some suggestions as below:

1. Existing Senior Members and Senior Member transfers with children;
2. Associates who are now Seniors;
3. Past Associates;
4. Parents of Junior Members;
5. New single members;

**Clubs may also cap their memberships to help manage their resources and facilities this should also be confirmed at a club meeting.**

### **Senior Riding Members**

Senior Riding Members are aged over 25 and under 80 years of age:

- Must be a current financial riding member of the club and affiliations for such members paid to the Association;
- Must not in any way hinder the objects of the Club as provided in the Rules and are as follows:

***TO ENCOURAGE** young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all approved kinds of sport connected with horses and riding.*

***TO PROVIDE** instruction in horsemanship and to instil in members the proper care of their animals.*

***TO PROMOTE** the highest ideals of fellowship, citizenship and loyalty and to cultivate strength of character and self-discipline in the members.*

***TO SUBSCRIBE** to become a member of an affiliate with the Pony Club Association of New South Wales Incorporated.*

***TO DO** all such other things as are expedient or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the above objects.*

- Senior Riding Member is expected to assist with instruction, working bees and/or set up for junior and associate riders;
- A club may include Senior Riding Members in rallies; only/especially if the adult had children riding too;
- Confirm with all Senior Riding Members that they are only covered for insurance while using the club grounds during pony club sanctioned activities or events;
- Clubs may organize their own separate rallies for adults;
- Clubs may hold a separate Senior Riding Members sections or classes at club competitions;
- Senior Riding Members MUST be graded in line with the Associations grading policy;
- Senior Riding Members must comply with all normal pony club rules including providing the club committee with a current WWCC registration number for verification;

Dated March 2019