

# QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR STATE EVENTS 2023

For Showjumping, Jumping Equitation, Dressage & Combined Training & One Day Event disciplines, to compete at a State Championship, Horse & Rider combinations must qualify as follows at the designated events:

**PLEASE NOTE: All Riders wishing to compete at State Events, are required to hold, by close of nominations, the following accreditations:**

**Under 13 Years:            Either PCA D Proficiency Certificate or Copper State Chief Instructor's Medal.**  
**13 years and Over:        Either PCA C Proficiency Certificate or Bronze State Chief Instructor's Medal.**

A photocopy of the Certificate/Medal Certificate will be required with the nomination.

## **ALSO:**

Total of **FOUR (4)** qualifying rounds/tests at approved events unless otherwise stated.

Requirements for Sporting and Campdraft Championships are also listed below:

### Showjumping:

1. Qualifying events are Official or Zone Championships or previous State Championship where criteria was achieved: e.g.  
*Johnny had 1 clear first round at previous State, this will give the combination 1Q of the four (4) required.*
2. To gain a Q at any competition, horse & rider: **Must have had at least one (1) clear first round in Table A**
3. In the twelve (12) months following the previous State Event, horse and rider combinations must have had **four (4) clear first rounds in Table A Classes** at any number of competitions. Power section of Power & Speed (Two Phase) counts and **second round of Grand Prix if not clear in first round** provided it is not a jump-off round. Jump-off rounds and Table C do not count.
4. Any rider may qualify for a number of heights, but only one height at a single event.
5. Where the combination has competed in multi classes at an Open day, Q's will only be awarded for the highest height class. A maximum of 3 Q's may be achieved at any single event.
6. At State Championships horse/rider combination will compete at the highest height for which they have qualified.
7. A horse may be ridden by a different rider (as per PCQ rules), but not on the same day, and that horse/rider combination may also gain qualifying results in the same or different heights.
8. For State Championships, riders turning 13 years of age, after the close of nominations, previous ridden qualifications will be accepted. However, horse/rider combinations in this situation are allowed to ride HC (taking part in all second rounds as applicable) in the new age group/height for up to 3 months preceding turning 13 years to gain experience at the new level prior to the State Event. If the combination qualifies under these conditions all qualifying rounds will be accepted.
9. One HC Performance will count as a Q1
10. **10 & Under 50cm (Optional at club/zone competition only) AND is a qualifier for State Championships 12 & under 60cm.**

**There will be no "pending" for any State Event. Qualifying is at the close of nominations**

### Performance Cards:

Will be required for ALL horses for 12 & under, 70cm, 80cm, 90cm, 100cm, 110cm, & 120cm

Nominations received without Horse Registration Number AND who do not have performance cards on the day will compete HC. If a card has been applied for but not yet received, rider should request a pending performance card number from PCQ before the competition in order to compete officially.

### Overall Awards:

At Official days where trophies, sashes and awards are made to overall winners, these are based on points 10 points for 1<sup>st</sup> descending to point to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup>

Awarding Overall Championships is not mandatory. If awarded it is recommended that trophies offered could increase in value/importance as the heights increase.

The Organising Committee is not required to give an award of the same value to the overall winner of any class

with less than three riders, but this situation should not arise now that the groups are combined when there are less than three riders. Whether rider/horse combination qualifies has no bearing on their places on the day.

### Jumping Equitation

1. Qualifying events are Official or Zone Championships or previous State Championship
2. To gain a Q at any competition horse & rider must have obtained 55% in any 4 rounds regardless of jumping penalties at any number of competitions
3. The number of Q's achieved at any competition will be recorded next to rider's name in the results forwarded to PCQ. One 55% achieved = Q1, two 55% achieved = Q2.  
*e.g. Annabelle achieved 55% or over in one round so her result will show Q1.*
4. State Championship nomination forms will have provision to show where 4Qs were obtained.
5. Whether rider/horse combination qualifies has no bearing on their places on the day.
6. Where a rider's age necessitates going up an age group, or from 12 & Under to graded competition, before the State Championship, horse & rider combinations who have qualified as above will be considered qualified to compete at the new level. Any one turning 13 years or going up a grade after the close of nominations, previous qualification will be accepted.
7. One HC Performance will count as a Q1
9. **10 & Under 50cm (Optional at club/zone competition only) AND is a qualifier for State Championships 12 & under 60cm.**

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### Dressage:

1. Qualifying events are Official or Zone Championships.
2. To gain a Q at any competition, horse & rider must have obtained a score of 55% or more in any 3 tests over a minimum of two (2) competitions.
3. The number of Q's achieved at any competition will be recorded next to rider's name in the results forwarded to PCQ. One 55% achieved = Q1, two 55% achieved = Q2.  
*e.g. Emma achieved 55% or over in two tests. Her result will show Q2.*
4. State Championship nomination forms will have provision to show where 3Qs were obtained.
5. Riders 10 years & under, 12 years & under, 13 years & Under 26 years must have their horse registered & produce the card at all competitions to ensure they will be competing in the correct group. *Nominations that do not have Registration Number entered and do not have performance card on the day **will** compete HC.*
6. Whether rider/horse combination qualifies has no bearing on their places on the day.
7. Where a rider's age necessitates going up an age group, or from 12 & under to graded competition, before the State Championship, horse & rider combinations who have qualified as above will be considered qualified to compete at the new level. Any one turning 13 years or going up a grade after the close of nominations, previous qualification will be accepted.
8. One HC Performance will count as a Q1.

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### Combined Training:

1. Qualifying events are Official or Zone Championships.
2. To gain a Q at any competition, horse & rider must have obtained a Dressage score of 50% or more AND be awarded NO MORE THAN 4 Showjumping penalties (June 2012) in the Showjumping phase.
3. At State Event rider must nominate at the height of highest qualifier.
4. A Q obtained at any competition will be recorded next to the rider's name in the results forwarded to PCQ
5. State Championship nomination forms will have provision to show where 2Qs were obtained.
6. Riders 10 years & under, 12 years & under, 13 years & under 26 years must have their horse registered & produce the card at all competitions to ensure they will be competing in the correct group. *Nominations that do not have Registration Number entered and do not have performance card on the day **will** compete HC.*
7. Whether rider/horse combination qualifies has no bearing on their places on the day.
8. Where a rider's age necessitates going up an age group, or from 12 & under to graded competition,
9. before the State Championship, horse & rider combinations who have qualified as above will be
10. considered qualified to compete at the new level. Any one turning 13 years or going up a grade after the close of nominations, previous qualification will be accepted.
11. One HC Performance will count as a Q1

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### One Day Event:

**Qualifiers needs to be gained in at least two (2) competitions one of which is to be a Pony Club Official ODE,**

**Zone Championship ODE. Only one (1) EA Official Event may be used as a qualifier.**

1. Qualifying events are Official or Zone Championships or EA Official Competitions.
2. To gain a Q at any competition, horse & rider must have a dressage score of 50% or more with 20 jumping penalties or less in the cross country phase, **and no restriction on time in cross country, and no restriction on time or penalties in Showjumping phase provided the combination completes the competition.**
3. A 'Q' obtained at any competition will be recorded next to the rider's name in the results forwarded to PCQ.

If using an EA event for the second qualifier, a copy of the official results should be forwarded with the nomination.

4. State Championship nomination forms will have provision to show where 2Qs were obtained.
5. 13yo & U26 must have their horse registered & produce the card at all pony club competitions to ensure they will be competing in the correct group. *Nominations that do not have a Registration Number entered and do not have performance card on the day **will** compete HC.*
6. Whether rider/horse combination qualifies has no bearing on their places on the day.
7. Where a rider's age necessitates going up an age group, or from 12 & Under to graded competition, before the State Championship, horse & rider combinations who have qualified as above will be considered qualified to compete at the new level. Any one turning 13 years or going up a grade after the close of nominations, previous qualification will be accepted.
8. One HC Performance will count as a Q1.

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**Sporting:**

Times achieved at previous State Event (or as directed by the Sporting Sub-Committee) are given as a Guideline only. The rider should be able to achieve times within two (2) seconds of these qualifying times.

**There will be no "pending" for any State Event.**

**Formal Gymkhana:** Top five (5) placing at a Formal Gymkhana run by a Club or top ten (10) placing at Zone.

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**Campdraft:**

1. Qualifying events are Pony Club or non-Pony Club competitions
2. Obtaining 2 scores of 60 plus at a campdraft in the previous 12 months  
And/Or
3. Competed at 2 Stockman's Challenge competitions and received 2 outside scores in the cattle work section
4. Riders must supply a legible copy of both sides of their performance card when nominating and produce the card at the event showing they have satisfied the criteria in point 2 above.
5. Achievements meeting the criteria obtained at the previous year's State event are eligible as one qualifier.
6. Whether rider/horse combination qualifies has no bearing on their places on the day.
7. Where a rider's age necessitates going up an age group before the State Championships, horse & rider combinations who have qualified as above will be considered qualified to compete at the new level. Anyone going up an age after the close of nominations, previous qualifications will be accepted.
8. Additional qualifying criteria applies as for all disciplines.

**There will be no "pending" for any State Event.**

**Additional criteria which applies to All Disciplines:**

1. To count as a Qualifying Event, **Zone Championships** must be run in the same format as a State Event and have been applied for and approved by the relevant PCQ Sub-Committee.
2. **All riders nominating must have attended at least TWO musters (rallies) in the past twelve months** at their club or previous club in the case of transfers or club where they are attending as an 'honorary' member because of school or work commitments.
3. **Zone Secretary and/or Zone Delegate** to check qualifying criteria have been met, copy of proficiency certificate **or State CI Medal Certificate** attached, attendance requirements verified, before sending in nominations. Club Secretary to check all requirements for nomination are complete and correct before forwarding to zone. Riders to complete nomination correctly as incomplete forms will be returned.

If nominations are done online, after close of nominations, the State Championship's Organising Secretary is to send a list of competitors, horse and events to each Zone Secretary to check qualifying criteria are met and attendance requirements verified, with the assistance of the relevant Club Secretary.

Riders found not to be qualified may be stopped from competing.

**4. Extenuating Circumstances**

On a case-by-case basis, **prior to close of nominations**, where there are genuine extenuating circumstances for non-qualifying, rider may apply to a Zone Committee made up of Zone Chief Instructor, Zone President and/or Secretary plus the discipline delegate to the PCQ Sub-Committee; however this does not apply to the Certificate/SCI Medal requirement.

This committee will consider, agree and recommend whether or not the rider/horse combination is of sufficient standard to compete.

**5. Injured horse or substitution of horse**

Refer Extenuating Circumstances above. The same Zone Committee - being satisfied that the horse originally qualified and nominated is unable to compete - would approve any substitution of horse after due consideration and agreement on whether such horse is of sufficient standard to compete in it's nominated group.

**6. Special Consideration**

Where a 12 & Under rider will move to graded competition after the close of nomination, he/she will be allowed to ride HC (taking part in all second rounds as applicable) in the new grade for up to 3 months preceding turning 13 years to gain experience at the new level prior to the State Event.

**For Showjumping, Jumping Equitation, and Horse Trials:**

The organising committee of a State Championship has the option to allow a rider to compete on two Horses, if they have qualified, as per the existing PCQ rules for the relevant discipline.

**Dressage and Combined Training:**

The organising committee of a State Championship has the option to allow a rider to compete on two Horses, if they have qualified, as per the existing PCQ rules for the relevant discipline, on the proviso that all riders should be offered the same opportunity to ride a second horse.