



# ***Pony Club Queensland***

## ***State Chief Instructor Medal***

### ***BRONZE Criteria***





# PCAQ SCI BRONZE MEDAL CRITERIA

## On The Ground

Demonstrate

- Leading with accurate stop, step back and slow from light signals
- Park and head down and step back
- Voice cue
- Move horses quater left and right
- Letting a horse go in a yard and paddock (with and without other horses)

Show knowledge/understanding of

- How to voice cue is trained
- Difference between steps and strides

## Under Saddle

Demonstrate

- Saddle and bridle a horse
- Correctly fit nosebands and martingales
- Correct riding position
- Ride a pattern – change of direction, walk, trot and canter, halt.
- Fluent diagonal changes and development of feel for the correct diagonal
- Turning and riding on straight (between two (2) points)
- Riding without stirrups at walk, trot and canter
- Riding with reins in one (1) hand at walk, trot and canter in a closed and open area
- Shortening and lengthing reins whilst riding one (1) handed
- Alter stirrups and girth while mounted (at halt)
- Riding a strange (another) horse
- Warming up and cooling down
- How to manage the horse when they first start going to events/competition/new location and have a clear understanding of safe practices in this situation

Show knowledge/understanding of

- Footfalls at walk, trot, canter and gallop
- The importance of clear, obedient responses on the ground

## Horse Management

### Horse Care

Demonstrate

- Knowledge of
  - parts of the horse - wall, sole, frog, heels, poll, point of hip, hind quarters, gaskin, jowl, breast, ribs, cannon bone, forearm, chestnut, and ergot, bars of the hoof
  - horse colours –snip, stripe, stockings
  - markings - black, palomino

Show a knowledge/understanding of

- Knowledge of the Five Freedoms of horse welfare
- Paddock checklist
- Care requirement for both paddock and stabled horse
- Knowledge of feeding guidelines
- Knowledge of different types of hay and basic feeds appropriate to the local area
- Of the main rules for feeding horses
- Letting the horse down for spell
- The process of getting a horse fit after a spell
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### **Stabling**

Show a knowledge/understanding of

- Stabe bedding types

### **Transport of horses**

Show a knowledge/understanding of

- Requirements for safe transport of horses

### **Grooming, Trimming, Clipping**

Demonstrate

- Correct use and safe use of grooming tools – dandy brush, body brush, curry comb, hoof pick, include brushing horse's tail.
- How to neatly plait a mane and tail

Show a knowledge/understanding of

- Requirements for safe transport of horses
- Trimming and clipping styles.
- The reasons for not trimming horse feathers and vibrissae (wiskers)

### **Hoof Care**

Demonstrate

- Care of horses hoof

Show a knowledge/understanding of

- Correct hoof management
  - Equipment used for trimming
  - Reason for trimmiung
  - Equipment used for shoeing
  - Reasons for shoeing
- Farrier tools – rasp, knife, cutters, hammer, buffer, pincers

### **Health, Ailments, Injuries**

Demonstrate

- Taking observations for the Vet – heart rate, respiration rate, temperature, manure.
- Use of items in a first aid kit
- Bandage for a minor leg wound

Show a knowledge/understanding of

- Signs of a healthy horse
- Tetanus prevention
- Parasite management and control appropriate to the local area
- When to call the Vet
- Symptoms, identification and treatment of colic, greasy heel, lameness, minor wounds, seedy toe, a stone in the foot, stangels, thrush, laminitis, girth gall, sore back, cold, colic
- Dental care for horses
- Telling a horses age
- Contents of a well-stocked first aid kit
- How to treat a deep wound and skin disorder
- Vaccinations for tetanus, strangels, plus other vaccinations need for the local area

### **Handling**

Demonstrate

- Correct and safe picking out of the hooves
- Measuring a horse/pony

### **Soundness**

Demonstrate

- Detection of lameness
- A trot up inspection (Vet inspection)



## **Tack and equipment**

Demonstrate

- Identification of bridle, bit, reins, cheek strap, brow band, nose band, throat lash, saddle, girth, stirrups, pommel, leathers, seat, crupper, surcingle, cantle, waist, gullet, stirrup bar, sweat flap, cantle, waist, gullet, sweat flap
- Fit a martingales, breast plates, surcingle, crupper
- Correct fitting of a rug
- Safe rugging
- Bandage a horse's leg for travel, exercise
- Fit leg protection to the horses legs
- Identify different types of bits
- How to clean and manage tack

## **Lunge**

Demonstrate

- Handler correct attire, tack required for lungeing
- Fit tack for lungeing
- Correct and safe lungeing practices
- Bandage or boot all four legs and may use overreach boots
- Control of horse at walk, trot and canter

Show a knowledge/understanding of

- Principles and benefit of lungeing

Location for lungeing – why

## **Journal**

One journal entry per month for three (3) months via Electronic/Hard Copy with your Medal Leader