



PRESENTS

**STATE TETRATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS
& PCA International Tetrathlon Exchange**



Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th July 2026



Proudly hosted by West Toowoomba Pony Club Inc.

West Toowoomba Pony Club is very pleased to welcome competitors, families and supporters to the Toowoomba Showgrounds in July for the 2026 Pony Club Queensland State Tetrathlon Championships and the invitational Pony Club Australia International Tetrathlon Exchange.

Located on the Darling Downs, Toowoomba provides a classic country setting with wide open spaces, fresh winter air and a proud equestrian community. The Toowoomba Showgrounds will be host to the Equestrian events for the 2032 Olympics! We are excited to host athletes and visitors from near and far for what promises to be a fantastic event.

We look forward to extending a warm welcome to everyone in July 2026. Safe travels to all competitors, and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable championship.

Dennis Horne
President
West Toowoomba Pony Club



Saturday 18th July: 9am Run, Shoot & Swim

Sunday 19th July: 7.30am Showjumping

VENUE: Toowoomba Showgrounds
Cnr Glenvale & Harvey Road, Glenvale
& TJ's Swim School, 377 South St, Harristown

SECRETARY: westtoowoomba@ponyclubqld.com.au

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Stabling/Camping Convenor: James Watson 0407 714 208

ENTRY FEES: Tetrathlon \$50 VIA NOMINATE
First Aid Levy: \$15

CLOSING DATE: 11:00pm, Monday 15th June, 2026

CAMPING: \$35 per family per night

STABLING: \$35 per horse per night plus \$50 bond

- Cost includes sawdust
- Stables to be clean prior to departure – if not clean the \$50 bond won't be returned
- Cleaned includes feed and manure which is to be put in designated areas
- ANYONE MOVING STABLES OR HORSES WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE STABLING MANAGER WILL BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT REFUND

ARRIVALS: Arrivals are permitted from Friday 17th July

Arrivals prior to 17th July can be booked direct with Toowoomba Showgrounds. To prevent having to move stables please contact James no later than 2 weeks prior to the event so you can book the same stable that you will be allocated for the event.

MERCHANDISE: To be ordered online via Nominate
Orders Close 11pm, 15th June 2026

NO ELECTRIC SCOOTERS and all QLD road rules apply within the Showgrounds

DOGS: Dogs MUST be kept away from the competition area and kept on a leash and under control at all times. Loose dogs will be impounded.

BIOSECURITY: **Horse Health Declaration Form** must be handed in on arrival. One form per property/owner or person in charge of horse/s. In case of a lock down, the responsibility and expenses incurred at this Event, will rest with the owners of animals.

PIC: **QJJD 0526 (Cattle Tick Free Zone)**

TEAM MANAGERS MEETINGS: Time TBA

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: The organising committee reserves the right to; cancel any class or event, combine or divide classes according to the numbers nominated and the rules governing splitting of groups, alter advertised times, transfer competitors between sections of a class and to refuse any entry with or without stating a reason.

DISCLAIMER: Neither the organising committee of this event nor PCAQ accepts any liability for the damage, accident, injury or illness to horses, riders, spectators or any other persons or property whatsoever. <https://ponyclubqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Reservation-of-Rights.pdf>

The final responsibility for the suitability of the mount, saddlery and equipment rests with the Rider or their responsible adult. (see General Rules)

PROTESTS: Should be lodged within 30 minutes of the results being posted, or the incident and should be accompanied by \$50 fee which is refundable only if the protest is upheld.

FIRST AID: Minimum First Aid requirements as per PCA guidelines

RULES: All competitions will run according to PCQ rules. Team Managers and Competitors are expected to be familiar with all applicable rules of PCQ. [2026-Tetrathlon-Rules-QLD-PCA-Combined-FINAL-CLEAN.pdf](https://ponyclubqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2026-Tetrathlon-Rules-QLD-PCA-Combined-FINAL-CLEAN.pdf)

GEAR CHECK: **As per the National Gear Rules**
<https://ponyclubqld.com.au/disciplines/national-gear-rules/>

ENTRY QUALIFICATION: **As per the PCQ guidelines –** <https://ponyclubqld.com.au/qualifying-for-state-events/>

ENTRY FORMS: Incorrect or misleading information will incur elimination.

DRAW: The program, including draw will be sent out via email.

ZONE TEAM MANAGER DUTIES include but not limited to:

- (a) Arrange with the team to walk the course – riding & running courses
- (b) Ensure everyone knows where to be and when
- (c) Attend & Relay information from the team managers meeting to athletes.
- (d) Inspect uniform and gear of competitors before they report to gear check
- (e) Responsible for lodging of protest, which must be made in writing within 30 minutes of the incident or of results being posted accompanied with a \$50 fee
- (f) Responsible for the Back Numbers and their return
- (g) Assemble Teams for Presentation, ensure that all competitors are mounted and present at Presentation and have been briefed on appropriate conduct during presentations
- (h) Ensure that Zone duties are fulfilled. Jobs will be allocated on a pro- rata basis

NOMINATED HELPERS: One helper per family is mandatory. By nominating you are also agreeing to help with an appropriate event role assigned by the committee. If helpers miss their allocated role and do not find a replacement the associated competitor will be eliminated. Contact your zone manager if you need help with covering your job -ensure you allow plenty of time to organize swaps.

PRESENTATION: All riders are required to stay for the presentation, mounted and in full uniform, **ribbon winners or not** for the final parade. An unmounted assembly may be organized at the discretion of the Organising Body in extenuating circumstances.

Request for special permission to leave must be made in writing by the Zone Team Manager and may be granted by the Judge in Chief or the TD in exceptional circumstances.

UNIFORMS:

- Formal Zone uniform to be worn for the riding phase and presentation.
- Bib Numbers – Riders will be provided with PCQ bib numbers to be worn for the run, shoot and ride phases.
- Shooting phase is zone uniform or zone polo shirt.
- Footwear for shooting is to be sneakers that don't cover the ankle (no boots).
- Swimsuits to be 1 piece – no bikinis.
- Running - Polo shirt or running shirt (preferably Zone colours) No crop tops.
- For specific phase requirement details see rules.

Riding Phase:

- Will include a mixture of show jumps, a gate, and a sliprail.
- All riders will Open and Close the Gate

Swimming Phase:

- Competitors will be required to swim for a set distance. A signal (horn or whistle) will indicate the start and marshalls will time how long it takes to swim the set distance for age. This is more accurate for state championships.

Shooting Phase:

- Pistols will be provided if required
- No boots allowed – running shoes only
- Competitors get 2 x 5 shots.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Age is as at 1 Jan 2026 (as per PCA rules).
- **TRANSPORT TO SWIMMING POOL:** Horses cannot be left at floats without vehicles attached. If need be horses can be tied to the fence inside the Schmacker arena. Horses must be safe and secure if left unattended.
- Please ensure you satisfy the necessary DPI travel requirements and checks prior to leaving your property if in a tick declared region.
- **ORDER OF START:** Competitors will ride/compete in the order of the draw. A provisional draw will be emailed. Riders must be prepared to ride earlier if there are scratchings. Start times will be announced over the PA on the day of competition.
- **CANTEEN & EFTPOS available for breakfast and lunch Saturday & Sunday**
- **Refund of Entry Fees**
Entry fees will be refunded if the Organising Secretary is advised before the start of the competition, such advice of withdrawal being accompanied by either a Veterinary Certificate for the horse or a Medical certificate for the rider, \$10 of the entry fee may be retained to cover administration.

AWARDS

PERPETUAL TROPHIES Perpetual trophies remain the property of PCQ and are to be returned following photographs taken at presentation
Highest Point Scoring Queenslander

CHAMPIONSHIP RUGS Donated by Aussie Blue Heelers & Presented to the winners of each Age Group, Class 1-10

MEDALLIONS Medallions will be presented to 3rd place

SASHES To 10th place overall in each class

To 3rd place in Zone Teams

To 1st place in the Winning State Team



Judge in Chief: Leah Frohloff

Technical Delegate: Kev Walsh

CLASSES						
(NOTE: age is as at 1 st Jan 2026)						
Class No.	Class:	Age	Run	Swim to Distance	Jump Heights	Shoot
1	Mini – Male	9 & under	500m	50m	40,50 OR 60cm Open & Close the gate	5m 1 or 2 hands
2	Mini – Female	9 & under	500m	50m	40,50 OR 60cm Open & Close the gate	5m 1 or 2 hands
3	Sub Junior Male	Sub-Junior (10-12yrs)	1km	100m	40, 50, 60 OR 70cm	7m 1 or 2 hands
4	Sub Junior Female	Sub-Junior (10-12yrs)	1km	100m	40, 50, 60 OR 70cm	7m 1 or 2 hands
5	Junior - Male	Junior (13-16yrs)	2km	200m	50, 60, 70, OR 85cm	10m 1 hand
6	Junior - Female	Junior (13-16yrs)	2km	200m	50, 60, 70, OR 85cm	10m 1 hand
7	Senior - Male	Senior (17 – 25yrs)	2km	200m	60, 70, 85 OR 95	10m 1 hand
8	Senior - Female	Senior (17 – 25yrs)	2km	200m	60, 70, 85 OR 95	10m 1 hand
9	Masters - Male	26+ years	2km	200m	60, 70, 85 OR 95	10m 1 hand
10	Masters - Female	26+ years	2km	200m	60, 70, 85 OR 95	10m 1 hand
11	International Seniors - Male	Senior (16 – 25yrs)	2km	200m	95cm	10m 1 hand
12	International Seniors - Female	Senior (16 – 25yrs)	2km	200m	95cm	10m 1 hand

- PCQ is allowing representatives in the Australian Team to also enter and compete in the State Championships.(Classes 5- 8) Their score from class 11 or 12 will be used.

POOL HORSES REQUIRED:

- We are seeking pool horses for the international classes.
- Must be able to jump 95cm.
- Horses may have 2 riders per showjump phase
- Owner is entitled to the first ride
- Payment of \$250 is payable per round when used for class 11 and/or 12 for the International Ride.
- If you have horses that are suitable, each pool horse can have a maximum of 2 riders.

Express your interest here: <https://form.jotform.com/260778459062063>