

2021 National Championships

Pony Club Victoria Selection Criteria



General Criteria

The following general criteria apply to all disciplines (unless otherwise specified under a specific discipline) when selecting combinations for National Teams.

- Riders must be a current financial member of Pony Club Victoria for at least the previous two years.
- Ages taken from 1st January 2021;
Sub-Junior – 11 years and over and not exceeding 13 years
Junior – 13 years and over and not exceeding 17 years
Senior – 17 years and over and not exceeding 26 years
(Riders must be 25 years and under at the 1st January 2021)
- All Riders 14 years and over must have attained their C Certificate
- Senior Quiz must have attained their C Star or K
- Riders must demonstrate an acceptable level of behaviour, citizenship and horsemastership to be verified by club/zone references
- Horses must be sound and fit to compete
- Horse and Rider combinations must be qualified in accordance to PCV Bylaws Rule 18.8.b
- Horse and Rider combinations must be qualified in accordance to the selection criteria
- For Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing (*Olympic Disciplines*);
 1. Riders must be able to demonstrate skills at the appropriate level.
 2. A high regard for final selection will be taken from performances at the 2021 State Championships for each of the three Olympic disciplines. (subject to Covid-19 restrictions)
 3. Riders to list experience and placing (if any) at previous events.
- Riders nominating for the Olympic disciplines, are also eligible to nominate for Tetrathlon or Quiz or Ride to Time and will be individually assessed on their merits by the selection panel at the time of nominations. Riders must however meet both disciplines criteria.

Team Selectors

Selectors will be made up of six independent PCV approved personnel. Selectors will be looking for riders who have met the minimum standards outlined in each of their respective disciplines; consistent performances at the required level; attendance at the training days; as well as the dot points outlined above in the general criteria.

Selection will be based on:

- Previous performances from 1 Jan 2019 to 30 March 2020, unless otherwise stated below
- Attendance and performance at a minimum 2 of the 3 squad development days, or other discipline's specific requirements.
- Performance at State Championships of your respective discipline (pending they can be held. Attendance is not compulsory, but highly desirable);
Dressage and Showjumping - February 2021, Eventing - April 2021 and Tetrathlon - May 2021

Team Announcement

Teams will be announced on 31st May 2021

Commitment to attend:

If selected riders and their families must be committed to attend training days, the event and to transport this horse to and from Benalla. Riders and their families need to understand that there is considerable cost involved and that all payments must be received, and paperwork completed by the date nominated by the PCV office. Rider payment will be in the vicinity of \$900plus uniform (\$300) and optional items. All supporter accommodation, meals, transport etc. to be met by theparents. Riders and their families will also need to assist in fundraising efforts for the 2021 Nationals Team.

Dressage, Showjumping and Eventing

National Competition Requirements

Dressage (Current Guidelines at time of publishing)

2021 Nationals – Teams will consist of six riders per age category		
Sub Junior	11 – 12 years	Minimum PC Grade 3/EA Preliminary OR Minimum PC Grade 2/EA Novice
Junior	13 – 16 years	Minimum PC Grade 2/EA Novice OR Minimum PC Grade1/EA Elementary
Senior	17 – 25 years	Minimum PC Grade1/EA Elementary Or Minimum PC Grade 2/EA Novice

Nomination, performance diary and paperwork due

1. Early Bird Nominations –24th October (No fee and eligible to attend all three squad days)
2. Nominations – 27th November (\$25 fee and not eligible to attend the first training squad)

Showjumping

2021 Nationals – Teams will consist of six riders per age category		
Sub Junior	11 – 12 years	Minimum PC C Grade or EA minimum 90cm
Junior	13 – 16 years	Minimum PC B Grade or EA minimum 110cm
Senior	17 – 25 years	Minimum PC A Grade or EA minimum 120cm

Nomination, performance diary and paperwork due

1. Early Bird Nominations –24th October (No fee and eligible to attend all three squad days)
2. Nominations – 27th November (\$25 fee and not eligible to attend the first training squad)

Eventing

2021 Nationals – Teams will consist of six riders per age category		
Sub Junior	11 – 12 years	Minimum PC Grade 3/EvA80
Junior	13 – 16 years	Minimum PC Grade 2/EvA95
Senior	17 – 25 years	Minimum PC Grade1/CCN1*

Nomination, performance diary and paperwork due

1. Early Bird Nominations –24th October (No fee and eligible to attend all three squad days)

2. Nominations – 27th November (\$25 fee and not eligible to attend the first training squad)

Past Performance Log

Riders from Olympic disciplines are required to provide a Performance Log, to the best of their knowledge, of previous performances and submit to the National's Selection Panel. Performance Log to include Pony Club events (even if not at the National level), previous Pony Club National and/or Pony Club State Events (if relevant) and any additional performances to support their ability to compete at the required level at Nationals.

Please note: Selectors understand that some riders will have aged up or graded up during the past 12 months or purchased a new mount and have not necessarily competed at their new height/grade, therefore previous performances at a lower height/grade/competition will be taken into consideration and riders will need to demonstrate their capabilities to the coaches at the development squad days. For riders with new mounts, please submit your best performances on your previous mount.

Development Squads (Eventing, Dressage and Showjumping)

Due to the uncertainty around competitions due to Covid-19, riders will be required to submit their performances for the period 1st Jan 2019 – 30th March 2020. All performances will be reviewed on their individual merits.

- Riders will need to submit past performances to the selection panel for consideration
 1. Early Bird Nominations – 24th October (No Fee and eligible for all three squad days)
 2. Nominations – 27th November (\$25 fee and not eligible to attend the first training squad)
- Performances, riders demonstrating an acceptable level of behaviour, citizenship and horsemastership to compete in the 2021 PCA Nationals will need to be endorsed by the club DC and Zone Representative or Zone Chief Instructor, after submission.
- Riders will need to be able to commit to attending a minimum of two out of the three scheduled squad days (12/13 December 2020 – Gladysdale or venue TBC; 9/10 January 2021 - Ballarat and February 2021 – Mansfield Date TBC). It is strongly recommended that riders attend the first squad weekend on 12/13th December. There will be costs associated with the squad and training days.
- Selectors and coaches will provide feedback to riders after each squad day. This will be reviewed at the following squad day, that riders have worked on their feedback as part of the selection criteria.
- Final consideration for selection of riders will be taken from performances at the 2021 State Dressage and Showjumping Championships and 2021 State Horse Trials.
- Riders selected to represent PCV at the 2021 PCA Nationals will be required to attend further training days after the team announcement.

Key dates for attending Squad Development Days

First Squad Development Day – 12/13 December 2020 (Gladysdale or Venue TBC). *Only riders who nominated before 24th October are eligible to attend.*

1. Entries open 2nd November 2020
2. Entries close 14th November 2020

Second Squad Development Day – 9/10 January 2021 (Ballarat)

1. Entries open 30th November 2020
2. Entries close 12th December 2020

Third Squad Development Day – Mansfield Date TBC

1. Entries open 28th December 2020
2. Entries close 16th January 2021

Mounted Games

2021 Selection Criteria		
Junior	Under 16 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have attained C Certificate • Must attend skills clinic first weekend in February for squad selection • Must attend training squad February to June (5 sessions) • Ability to train independently • Riders will compete over 20 races on their own horse, where their time for each race will determine their position in the cohort for each race. Points will be allocated accordingly, and total points will be cumulative.
Senior	Over 16 years and not have reach 25 years by 1 st January.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have attained C Certificate • Must attend skills clinic first weekend in February for squad selection • Must attend scheduled training sessions generally 5 sessions • Ability to train independently • Riders will compete over 20 races on their own horse, where their time for each race will determine their position in the cohort for each race. Points will be allocated accordingly, and total points will be cumulative.

Quiz

2021 Selection Criteria – teams will consist of four riders per age category		
Sub Junior	11 – 12 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have attained a minimum D* Certificate • Must have a minimum of 50% rally attendance • Applicants may be asked to take a written assessment test.
Junior	13 – 16 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have attained a minimum C Certificate • Must have a minimum of 50% rally attendance • Applicants may be asked to take a written assessment test.
Senior	17 – 25 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have attained a minimum C Star or K Certificate • Must have a minimum of 50% rally attendance • Applicants may be asked to take a written assessment test.

Nominations open 1st December 2020 and close 31 March 2021 using MyPonyClub

Ride to Time

2021 Selection Criteria		
Junior	16 years and under	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must have attained C Certificate• Must attend two Ride To Time National Qualifiers (March-April 2021) and qualify for the Ride To Time Nationals Selection (May 2021)
Senior	17 – 25 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must have attained C Certificate• Must attend two Ride To Time National Qualifiers (March-April 2021) and qualify for the Ride To Time Nationals Selection (May 2021)

Ride To Time Nationals Team will consist of:

1. Senior (17-25yrs) – Open (1000m per 109 seconds) – 2 riders
2. Senior (17-25yrs) – Maiden (1000m per 120 seconds) – 2 riders
3. Junior (16 yrs and under) – Open (1000m per 109 seconds) – 2 riders
4. Junior (16 yrs and under) – Maiden (1000m per 120 seconds) – 2 riders

These riders will be selected using the following format:

Riders nominate from 1 December to 26th February using MyPonyClub

Each of the 10 Zones will run two Ride To Time National Qualifiers within March and April 2021. These will be run in the same format as the State Qualifiers. Refer to “Ride To Time How to Run a Zone Qualifier”

Each Zone will then nominate the best performed rider and a Reserve rider for each of the four sections using the following:

Record the two best Time and Difference for each rider that attended at least two qualifiers. This will be used to select the best performed rider from each section to represent the Zone at the National Selections.

If there are spots that have not been filled by other zones, the times for the Reserve riders will be used to select riders to fill those spots.

A Ride To Time Nationals Selection will be conducted at a track (not on race day) where riders will ride **one** timed 1000m.

There will be a maximum of 10 riders in each of the 4 sections.

The top two performers from each section will be selected for the Victorian Ride To Time Team for a total of 8 riders.

Note:

The Ride To Time State Competition will go ahead in June and July, with each zone running 2 - 3 qualifiers for the State competition in August. Times from the Ride To Time National Qualifiers will not be eligible for this competition. The State Qualifiers may also be used for the Victorian Ride To Time Squad to continue training. The State Competition is planned for August 2021 at Moonee Valley.

Other training days – The Victorian Ride To Time Squad may run one or two specific training days in the lead up to the competition.

Tetrathlon

2021 Nationals - Teams will consist of 4 competitors per age category (Sub Junior - 2 teams, 1 male, 1 female, Junior - 2 teams, 1 male, 1 female, Senior - 2 teams, 1 male, 1 female) Total 24 competitors		
Sub Junior	11 – 12 years	Run 1 km Swim 100 metres Laser Shoot 7 metres Jumping (combination of SJ and XC) 75cm Open/close a gate and open/close a slip rail.
Junior	13 – 16 years	Run 2 km Swim 200 metres Laser Shoot 10 metres Jumping (combination of SJ and XC) 85cm Open/close a gate and open/close a slip rail.
Senior	17 – 25 years	Run 3 km Swim 200 metres Laser Shoot 10 metres Jumping (combination of SJ and XC) 95cm Open/close a gate and open/close a slip rail.

Past Performance Log

Competitors for Tetrathlon are required to provide a Performance Log, to the best of their knowledge, of previous performances and submit to the National's Selection Panel. Performance Log to include Pony Club events (even if not at the National level), previous Pony Club National and/or Pony Club State Events (if relevant) and any additional performances to support their ability to compete at the required level at Nationals.

Please note: Selectors understand that some riders will have aged up during the past 12 months and have not necessarily competed at their new level, therefore previous performances at a lower level will be taken into consideration and competitors will need to demonstrate their capabilities to the coaches at the development squad days.

Development Squad

Due to the uncertainty around competitions due to Covid-19, riders will be required to submit their performances for the period 1st Jan 2019 – 24th October 2020. All performances will be reviewed on their individual merits.

- Riders will need to submit past performances to the selection panel for consideration
 1. Early Bird Nominations – 24th October (No Fee)
 2. Final Nominations – 27th November (\$25 fee)
- Performances, competitors demonstrating an acceptable level of behaviour, citizenship and horsemastership to compete in the 2021 PCA Nationals will need to be endorsed by the club DC and Zone Representative or Zone Chief Instructor after submission.
- Riders will need to be able to commit to attending a minimum of two out of the three scheduled squad days (12/13 December 2020 competition – Gladysdale or venue TBC; 9/10 January 2021 - Ballarat and February 2021 – Mansfield Date TBC). It is strongly recommended that riders attend the first squad weekend on 12/13th December. There will be costs associated with the squad and training days.

- Selectors and coaches will provide feedback to competitors after each squad day. This will be reviewed at the following squad day, that competitors have worked on their feedback as part of the selection criteria.
- Final consideration for selection of competitors will be taken from performances at the 2021 State Tetrathlon.
- Competitors selected to represent PCV at the 2021 PCA Nationals will be required to attend further training days after the team announcement.

Key dates for attending Squad Development Days

First Squad Development Day – 12/13 December 2020 (Gladysdale or venue TBC).
Competition – Please see entry forms for further details and closing date.

Second Squad Development Day – 9/10 January 2021 (Ballarat)

1. Entries open 30th November 2020
2. Entries close 12th December 2020

Third Squad Development Day – Mansfield Date TBC

1. Entries open 28th December 2020
2. Entries close 16th January 2021

Please Note:

If you have not used a laser pistol before, but are competent at the other disciplines, you can be considered for team selection. Tetrathlon State Discipline Committee have developed training hubs around the state and whilst not compulsory, it would be highly recommended you attend to further fine tune your skills in all aspects of Tetrathlon.