

# QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR STATE EVENTS 2012

For showjumping, jumping equitation, dressage & combined training disciplines, to compete at a State Championship, Horse & Rider combinations must, in the 12 months following the previous State Event, qualify as follows at the designated events: 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, *eg. Johnny had 1 clear first round at previous State & placed in top 10 overall in his group. This will give the combination 1 Q of the four required.*
2. 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 counts. Jump-off rounds do not count)
3. To gain a Q at any competition, horse & rider:
  - Must have placed in top ten (10) overall of their group on the day. (*If less than 10 in the group it will still be deemed a qualifier*)
  - Must have had at least one (1) clear first round as above.
4. The number of Q's achieved at any competition will be recorded next to rider's name in the results forwarded to PCAQ. One clear = Q1, two clears Q2, three clears Q3. *eg. Jane has had 2 clear first rounds in Table A classes on the day & has placed in top 10 overall. Her result will show Q2.*
5. State Championship nomination forms will have provision to show where 4Qs were obtained.
6. 13yo & U26 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 No. 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, 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.

## Jumping Equitation

1. Qualifying events are Official or Zone Championships or previous State Championship
2. Must have obtained 55% in any 4 rounds regardless of jumping penalties at any number of competitions
3. To gain a Q at any competition, horse & rider:
  - Must have placed in the top 10 overall of their group on the day (*if less than 10 in the group it will still be deemed a qualifier*)
  - Must have achieved a score of 55% in at least 1 round on the day
4. The number of Q's achieved at any competition will be recorded next to rider's name in the results forwarded to PCAQ. One 55% achieved = Q1, two 55% achieved = Q2. *eg Annabelle achieved 55% or over in one round and placed in the top 10 of her group on the day. Her result will show Q1.*
5. State Championship nomination forms will have provision to show where 4Qs were obtained.
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.

## Dressage:

1. Qualifying events are Official or Zone Championships or previous State Championship
2. Must have obtained a score of 55% or more in any 4 tests at any number of competitions.
3. To gain a Q at any competition, horse & rider:
  - Must have placed in the top ten (10) overall of their group on the day (*if less than 10 in the group it will still be deemed a qualifier*)
  - Must have achieved a score of at least 55% in at least one test on the day
4. The number of Q's achieved at any competition will be recorded next to rider's name in the results forwarded to PCAQ. One 55% achieved = Q1, two 55% achieved = Q2. *eg Emma achieved 55% or over in two tests and placed in the top 10 of her group on the day. Her result will show Q2.*
5. State Championship nomination forms will have provision to show where 4Qs were obtained.

6. 13yo & U26 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 No. 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, 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.

### **Combined Training:**

1. Qualifying events are Official or Zone Championships or previous State Championship
2. Must have obtained a Dressage score of 50% or more and clear round in the showjumping phase in at least two (2) qualifying events
3. To gain a Q at any competition, horse & rider
  - Must have placed in the top ten (10) overall of their group on the day (if less than 10 in the group it will still be deemed a qualifier)
  - Must have obtained a Dressage score of 50% or more and clear round in the showjumping phase
4. A Q obtained at any competition will be recorded next to the rider's name in the results forwarded to PCAQ
5. State Championship nomination forms will have provision to show where 2Qs were obtained.
6. 13yo & U26 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 No. 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, 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.

### **One Day Event:**

1. Qualifying events are Official or Zone Championships, previous State Championship or EA Official Competitions
2. Must have a dressage score of 50% or more with 20 jumping penalties or less in the cross country phase. in at least two (2) competitions one of which is to be a Pony Club Official ODE or a Zone Championship ODE. The other may be the previous year's Pony Club State Event or an EA Official Event.
3. To gain a Q at any competition, horse & rider
  - Must have placed in the top 10 of their group on the day (if less than 10 in the group it will still be deemed a qualifier)
  - Must have achieved a dressage score of 50% or more & 20 jumping penalties or less on the cross country.
4. A Q obtained at any competition will be recorded next to the rider's name in the results forwarded to PCAQ  
If using an EA event for the second qualifier, a copy of the official results should be forwarded with the nomination.
5. State Championship nomination forms will have provision to show where 2Qs were obtained.
6. 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 Registration No. 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, 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.

### **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.

### **Campdraft:**

1. Qualifying events are Pony Club or non Pony Club competitions.
2. Riders minimum age is 12 years of age

3. Riders must have competed and placed at two (2) separate competitions in the previous (12) months, obtained a score in all sections of a campdraft and have scores of 60 plus on two (2) occasions.  
**These qualifications may be obtained on different horses.**
4. Riders must supply a legible copy of both sides of their performance card when nominating and produce the card at the event, showing that they have satisfied the criteria in point 2 above. Achievements meeting the criteria obtained at the previous year's State event are eligible as one qualifier.
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, before the State Championship, horse & rider combinations who have qualified as above will be considered qualified to compete at the new level. Any one going up an age after the close of nominations, previous qualification will be accepted.

**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 PCAQ Sub-Committee.
2. To attend a State Championship, **all riders 13 years & over are required to hold a minimum "C" Proficiency Certificate or Level C Instructor's certificate (Aug.09), all riders under 13 years are required to hold a minimum "D" Certificate (Aug.10).**  
A photocopy of the Certificate will be required with the nomination.
3. **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.
4. **Zone Secretary and/or Zone Delegate** to check qualifying criteria have been met, copy of proficiency 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.  
Riders found not to be qualified may be stopped from competing.
5. **"Pending" Qualifications will not be allowed unless specifically stated by PCAQ before the closing date (due to enforced cancellation of events) and with a date on which "pending qualification" closes.** In these circumstances, the rider MUST nominate by the original closing date with a note of where they hope to qualify. If they are successful in qualifying, they should advise their Zone and the Organisers by the extended date.
6. **Extenuating Circumstances**  
On a case by case basis, 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 PCAQ Sub-Committee.  
This committee will recommend whether or not the rider/horse combination is of sufficient standard to compete.
7. **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.
8. **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..