



PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme

After much anticipation, EA and PCA are proud to announce the first of many joint initiatives made possible through the joint Australian Sports Commission (ASC) participation funding, the **PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme**.

What is the PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme?

The PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme is a program jointly developed by Pony Club Australia (PCA) and Equestrian Australia (EA) to provide a benefit to riding members of both organisations. The PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme is a program designated to increase participation of riders in both organisations within the critical age bracket of 12 to 16 years old.

Commencing from the 1st January 2012, a \$50 per person rebate will be available for eligible members who are, or want to become, dual members. A total of \$50,000 has been designated for dual members of QLD, NT and WA States during the membership renewal period, allowing a maximum of 1,000 dual members to be recognised through the program at this time. This amount will be allocated on a first-in, first-served basis. A further \$50,000 top up will be allocated from 1st July 2012 for the members of the remaining states (NSW, VIC, TAS, SA), to ensure renewing members from these states do not miss out and a further 1,000 will be recognised.

Who is eligible for the PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme?

To be eligible for the rebate members must be;

- Hold a current PCA riding membership
- Applying for an EA/PCA Junior Dual Membership
- Aged between 12 and 16 (as at 1st January of that year)

How do I access the PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme?

The PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme can be accessed through the EA's online membership site, *equnect*. All you need to do is ensure your PCA membership is current, register for *equnect* via your EA State website, and complete the membership form ensuring you select the *EA/PCA Junior Dual Member* category and indicate membership of Pony Club in *Other Organisations*.

Your EA membership application will be held as pending while your Pony Club State confirms your PC membership. Once confirmed by your Pony Club State office, you will be able to complete your EA membership by paying the fee which will have your \$50 rebate already deducted.

Key objectives of the scheme:

- To recognise the commitment of dual members of both organisations;
- To facilitate lifelong equestrian participation via a seamless pathway through both PCA and EA

What this means for you

If you are a current riding PCA member aged between 12 and 16, who currently is or would like to also be an EA member, you will receive a \$50 rebate when you complete your EA membership.

More Information

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Or contact your respective EA or PCA State Branch Office for more details.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. Q. What is the PCA/EA Dual member Rebate Scheme?

A. The PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme is a program jointly developed by Pony Club Australia (PCA) and Equestrian Australia (EA) to provide a benefit to riding members of both organisations. Commencing from the 1st January 2012, a \$50 per person rebate will be available for eligible members who are, or want to become, dual members.

2. Q. Why are EA and PCA committed to this project?

A. The PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme is a program which forms part of EA and PCA's broader participation strategy which is supported by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) to facilitate continued involvement in, and increased participation of riders in both organisations within the critical age bracket of 12 to 16 in equestrian sports.

EA and PCA are committed to working together to provide benefits to dual members and the equestrian industry as a whole.

3. Q. Who is eligible for the rebate?

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4. Q. How do I access the rebate?

A. You can access the PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme from 1st of January 2012 through the EA Equnect system. All you need to do is;

1. Register for [egunect](#)
2. Click The 'Membership' button
3. Create a profile
4. Enter your personal and membership details
5. Select *EA/PCA Junior Dual Member* as your membership category
6. Indicate *Pony Cub* in *Other Organisations*
7. Your EA membership application will be held as pending while your Pony Club State confirms your PC membership
8. Upon PC conformation, your EA State will process your membership request
9. Pay your EA membership fee (this will have automatically deducted the \$50 rebate)
10. Congratulations – you are a Dual PCA/EA Junior Member!

5. Q. If I am not a PCA member can I access this?

A. You must be a current riding member of a Pony Club State/Club to access this rebate scheme. If you would like to join a Pony Club, please refer to your respective Pony Club State website for more information.

- 6. Q. I have never been a member of EA before – can I join at any time to access this rebate?**
- A.** YES! The PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme has been developed to encourage new dual memberships as well rewarding existing dual members. Just make sure your Pony Club membership is up to date and visit the EA equnect site to start the EA membership process. *As an additional reward for new dual members, EA States will also be waiving the joining fee for new members eligible for the rebate.*
- 7. Q. My EA membership is not due until 1st July 2012 – will I miss out?**
- A.** Absolutely not! A pool of funds has been allocated to align with the EA states that have Calendar year renewals which will be allocated on a first-in, first-served basis. However this funding pool will be topped up in preparation for the EA states who conduct financial year renewals to ensure all members get an equal opportunity. All you need to do is make sure when you are sent your EA renewal reminder you renew your membership as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out on this opportunity!
- 8. Q. Does this rebate apply to club memberships?**
- A.** The PCA/EA Dual Member Rebate Scheme can only be accessed through applying for EA/PCA Junior Dual Membership (EA Junior Membership), therefore unfortunately if you are only a club member and not a direct member of EA you cannot access this rebate. You can however become a new member of EA at any time by contacting your respective State office.
- 9. Q. I do not have the internet – can I still receive the rebate?**
- A.** Yes – Unfortunately the PCA/EA Dual member Rebate Scheme is only available through the EA Equnect system. However, similar to any process offered through this system, by contacting your respective EA state centre they can take you through the process over the phone if you do not have access to the internet.
- 10. Q. Who do I contact if I have more questions?**
- A.** PCA members are able to contact;
Greg Bailey info@ponyclubaustralia.com.au or 08 8212 3883
EA members are able to contact;
Holly Davis info@equestrian.org.au or 02 8762 7777
- Or you are welcome to contact your respective EA or PCA State Branch Office for more details.*