

# Description & Qualifying Criteria for the 2016 PCAWA Dressage Championships

## Freestyle Classes

The freestyle is a dressage test designed by the rider and executed to music. There are compulsory movements that must be included in the test or you will score zero for those movements. These are available on the PCAWA website. This class is split into age groups consisting of: 10 & Under, 11 – 13years, 14 – 16 years, 17 and Over. There are only two riders per age group from each club. You can choose to either ride in the Prelim/Novice Freestyle or the Elementary Freestyle so long as you have the qualifying tests to accompany your entry. **Commentary Forms MUST also be included with your CD!**

- ***Prelim/Novice Freestyle qualification guidelines:*** To qualify for this event a horse/rider combination must have completed 1 Preliminary test with a percentage score of 57% or better. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or PCAWA approved Judge. Clubs may enter only 2 riders per age bracket. **17 Years & over age bracket - Clubs may enter more than 2 riders, if sufficient entries are received, this age bracket will be further broken down.** The maximum time allowed is 4.30 minutes. The time starts at first halt and ends at the last salute. **Entry music is required with a maximum of 20 seconds.** Failure to do so will incur elimination as will the inclusion of exit music. Compulsory movements not executed will score a zero. Movements must be no higher than Prelim/Novice. Movements in current EA Novice tests are allowed.
  - ***Elementary Freestyle qualification guidelines:*** To qualify for this event a horse/rider combination must have completed 1 elementary test with a percentage score of 57% or better. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or PCAWA approved Judge. Clubs may enter only 2 riders per age bracket. **Members & Associate age brackets - clubs may enter more than 2 riders, if sufficient entries are received, this age bracket will be further broken down.** The maximum time allowed is 5.00 minutes. The time starts at first halt and ends at the last salute. **Entry music is required with a maximum of 20 seconds.** Failure to do so will incur elimination as will the inclusion of exit music. Compulsory movements not executed will score a zero. Movements must be no higher than Elementary. Movements in current EA Novice tests are allowed.
  - ***Medium Freestyle qualification guidelines:*** Horse/rider combination must have achieved 57% or better in a medium test. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or PCAWA approved Judge.
- \*\*Riders taking part in the Elementary & Medium freestyle tests are not eligible to ride in the Stuart Harkness Horse Pairs or Wanda Nelson pony Pairs or Prelim/Novice Freestyle.**

## Dressage Classes

Elementary and Medium Dressage tests are the only ones available as individual tests. Preliminary and Novice Tests are included in the Plunkett Teams class.

- **Elementary Test qualification guidelines:** *To qualify for this event a horse/rider combination must have completed 1 elementary test with a percentage score of 57% or better. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or PCAWA approved Judge. Clubs may enter only 2 riders per age bracket. **Members & Associate age brackets - clubs may enter more than 2 riders, if sufficient entries are received, this age bracket will be further broken down.***
- **Medium Test qualification guidelines:** *Horse/rider combination must have achieved 57% or better in a medium test. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or PCAWA approved Judge.*

**\*\*Riders taking part in the Elementary & Medium freestyle tests are not eligible to ride in the Stuart Harkness Horse Pairs or Wanda Nelson pony Pairs or Prelim/Novice Freestyle.**

## Kanandah & Gingamurrah Team of 4

The Kanandah and Gingamurrah teams events are a turn-out class for both horse and rider and then a precision ride executed by the horse and rider combinations within the team. This workout needs to be extremely accurate with horses all happy and getting along together.

- **Kanandah Trophy:** Club team to consist of four riders 14 – 25yrs of age.
- **Gingamurrah Trophy:** Club team to consist of four riders 13 yrs and under.

**Qualification guidelines:** *Horse/rider combinations must have achieved 57% or better in any preliminary test to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or PCAWA approved Judge.*

## Pas De Deux Horse or Pony Pairs

The Pas De Deux is a dressage test that MUST be ridden in costume to music of the riders choice. The riders are to prepare a dressage test including movements of the entered level. The test has a minimum time of 4 minutes and a maximum of 4 ½ minutes commencing from your first halt to the final salute. Exit music will incur elimination. There are compulsory movements that must be included within your test and these are available from the PCAWA website.

- **Pas De Deux-** *Horse/rider combination must have achieved 57% or better in any preliminary test to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or PCAWA approved Judge.*
- There will be three classes, one prelim/novice for ponies 14.2h and under, the prelim/novice for horse 14.2 and Elementary for a combination of any heights. Height certificates may be required.

## Prep Tests

This is not a championship event. Maximum of 3 entrants per club per age group. Prep Test B in 20 x 60 arena. Age groups: 10yrs & Under, 11 -13yrs, 14 – 16yrs, 17 – 25yrs.

Riders competing in the prep test are not allowed to compete in any championship events, with the exception of Gingamurrah/Kananday and Musical Ride.

## The Plunkett Teams event will have the tests 1.2, 1.3, 2.2 and 2.3

Teams from each Pony Club, to consist of three or four members, with one only in each class - the best three scores to count. Scoring will be taken from PLACINGS in each arena, with individual marks to be used in the event of a draw.

### **Rider's age as at the 1st January 2016.**

Riders will be permitted to ride above their age group but not below.

Placing's will be awarded to 6th place for teams, and to 6th place for individual age groups.

The classes will be:

- A - 16 Years and over EA Novice 2.3 (Arena 1)
- B - 14 & 15 Years EA Novice 2.2 (Arena 2)
- C - 12 & 13 Years EA Preliminary 1.3 (Arena 3)
- D - 11 years & under EA Preliminary 1.2 (Arena 4)

Clubs may nominate 2 teams stating clearly which team is team 1 and which is team 2. Depending upon entries received, the 2nd team may be balloted out. Clubs may enter individuals who will be placed into composite teams where possible.

- ***Plunkett Qualification Guidelines:*** For preliminary level, horse/rider combination must have achieved 57% or better in any preliminary test. For novice level, riders must have achieved 57% or better in any novice test. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or PCAWA approved Judge.

## Stuart Harkness (Horse) & Wanda Nelson (Pony) [Team of 2 riders]

This class is a set dressage test that is ridden as a pair or either horses (Stuart Harkness) or a pair of ponies (Wanda Nelson). This is a set dressage test that is ridden in the same arena and mirrors each other.

- ***Stuart Harkness or Wanda Nelson qualification guidelines:*** Horse/rider combinations must have achieved 57% or better in any preliminary test to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or PCAWA approved Judge.

## Prix Caprilli (Team of 2 riders)

The Prix Caprilli is a dressage test ridden at the same time as your partner. You both ride the set test at the same time in separate arenas. This dressage test has a slight twist, as there are "Speed Bumps," jumps in the middle of the test. There are three jumps on approximately 60cms.

- ***Prix Caprilli qualification guidelines:*** Horse/rider combinations must have achieved 57% or better in any preliminary test to qualify. Test to be from a recognised competition/event or the dressage phase of a competition where an EA test is used and must be judged by either an EWA or PCAWA approved Judge.

## OAKOVER TERENA Musical Ride Competition

The Oakover Terena Musical ride trophy will be presented to the highest scoring ride from either section. Sashes will be awarded to place-getters in both sections and costume trophies to the musical ride participants.

### **SECTION 1 – PANTOMIME – IN COSTUME (FANCY DRESS)**

The ride must consist of a minimum of six and a maximum of 16 riders and the ride is to be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of 8 minutes duration, including set up time. Cantering is optional

This competition will be judged on the overall effect and theme of the ride, with consideration being given to the work as a team, the music, the choreography, the telling of the story and costuming.

### **SECTION 2 – FORMATION RIDE – TO BE RIDDEN IN FORMAL PONY CLUB UNIFORM**

The ride must consist of a minimum of six and a maximum of 16 riders and the ride is to be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of 8 minutes duration, including set up time. Cantering is optional

This competition will be judged on the overall effect and theme of the ride, with consideration being given to the work as a team, the music and the choreography.

Judges will be looking for teams that can maintain a good formation, distances in turns and transitions and precision throughout the ride.

*There is NO qualifying dressage test score required for this class. The only requirement is that you have completed 3 rallies on the horse that you intend on riding and that you are able to ride off the lead.*

- **A COPY OF THE QUALIFYING TEST MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY PAYMENT TO PCAWA OFFICE. TESTS FROM 2015 DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS CAN BE USED.**
  - **TRAINING TESTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE USED AS QUALIFYING TESTS.**
- **QUALIFYING PERIOD IS FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 TO THE CLOSE OF ENTRIES FOR THE 2016 CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

***CLOSING DATE 21<sup>st</sup> July!***