



## **BULLETIN: RETURN TO ACTIVITY – RALLIES, INSTRUCTION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **PONY CLUB VICTORIA, EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA AND HORSE RIDING CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA**

Yesterday the Premier Daniel Andrews announced the easing of restrictions concerning COVID-19 under the current declared State of Emergency.

These restrictions will be further reviewed May 31

As outlined in our announcement yesterday evening, this means a controlled return to Pony Club, HRCVA, EV and equestrian activity effective from 11.59pm 12 May 2020.

The following guidelines have been developed, and whilst not prescriptive, provide for your club to assess your own situation.

At all times we expect reasonable common sense to prevail in line the objectives of the State Government to limit the spread of COVID-19, and to ensure our philosophy of

**'Get in – Train – Get out'** is maintained.

#### **Directions for HRCVA, PCV and EV Clubs conducting rallies or activities:**

- Maximum of 10 riders plus coach and helpers to a group
- Non riding personnel to be kept to a minimum
- Subject to venue size and layout, more than one group of 10 may be present.
- Groups must be physically separated on different parts of the grounds, including separate yards and parking areas
- When multiple groups are at the venue they must not intermingle. Name, phone number and time at facility must be recorded for every person on site
- Administration and sign on must be organised to avoid gathering.
- Ensure social distancing and hygiene is strictly observed, including hygiene around portable equipment.
- Club rooms and other communal areas to remain closed.
- Yards may be used if it is possible to maintain social distancing.
- Toilets may be used.
- Get in – train – get out policy - avoid gatherings.
- No overnight stays either on site or offsite.
- Participants to bring their own food and drink.
- Schedule riding times to limit numbers at venue.
- No spectators, family or friends permitted on site. Only 1 parent or helper permitted per rider.
- Clubs which allow member use of locked grounds for training must put in place a booking system to limit numbers at the grounds at any one time. Rules in line with the requirements for rallies and group training must be applied.



- The COVIDSafe app should be downloaded and active on all phones

**For Pony Club, as a reminder our rules stipulate the following to ensure a rally attendance is recorded:**

*18.10 Minimum Standard for a Qualifying Rally 18.10.a As a minimum standard at a rally, a combination (rider and horse) wishing to be granted a qualifying mounted rally attendance, which is recorded on the club member card for competition purposes, must ride in at least one mounted session under instruction.*

To continue to have restrictions eased by the State Government we need to apply these guidelines with caution and care, and with common sense. Our main concern remains the safety and welfare of our members and the broader community and we thank the broader equestrian community for your help in getting to a position where we can return to limited activity.

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<http://ponyvic.omnisportsmanagement.com/en-us/aboutus/latestnews!/pcvcovid-19updates/pcvcovid-19update%7C12may2020-conductingralliesactivities.aspx>

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