



National Mounted Games State Skills Training Clinic 2017

and

Squad Selection

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th January 2017

PCVEC 640 Yarra Junction-Noojee Rd, Gladysdale

Closing date for entries 20th* January 2017

Late entries till 27th January, surcharge applies.

*Develop your Mounted
Games skills on your pony.
Learn new skills, make new
friends.*

*Train for the State and
National Squads*

Closing date for entries Friday 20th January*

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*Late entries to 27 January subject to the availability of places plus \$10 surcharge.

Who can participate at the Skills Training Clinic?	Current PCAV Members, 7 years or older. Riders must have 2 rallies on the horse they bring to the training clinic. Riders presenting for selection must ride the mount they are intending to ride at Nationals.		
Who can nominate for State Squad Selection?	Senior Squad Current PCAV members who have turned 16 by 1 st January 2017 and will be 25 years or under at the end of the 2016/2017 Pony Club year (30 June 2017)		
	Junior and Development Squads Current PCAV members who have turned 11 years and will be less than 16 years on 1 January 2017. To be eligible for the Junior Squad riders must be 13 years or older in the year of selection (starting 1 January 2017). (Delete: or have had a year in Development Squad prior to selection). Riders 13 years or older on 1 January 2017 must hold their C Certificate. Junior squad riders are expected to demonstrate riding capabilities and games skills on their own mount. According to the selector's scores, the first 12 highest scored riders will be eligible for the Junior Squad and the next highest scored 12 riders will be eligible for the Development Squad.		
Mounts	The organising committee may at its absolute discretion determine the suitability of a mount to participate in the Skills Training Clinic and State Squad Selections.		
Games for Selection	1. Bending Baton	4. Bottle Race	7. Stepping Stones
	2. Three Mug	5. Two Flag	
	3. Ball and Cone	6. Ball & Bucket	
All riders selected to State Squads are subject to PCAV State Council approval			
Venue	Pony Club Victoria Equestrian Centre 640 Yarra Junction-Noojee Rd, Gladysdale		
What to wear	Horse as per PCAV Gear Rules. Pony Club uniform is not required, PCAV Gear Rules apply.		
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Entry Fees	Skills Training Clinic: \$100.00 Early Bird + \$10 Late Fee (after 20 Jan 2017) Squad Selections: \$110.00 Early Bird + \$10 Late Fee (after 20 Jan 2017)		

Selection Information and Expectations for all Squads

- Costs for Senior and Junior squads are minimal and will relate only to 'horseless training', any training venue hire and competition entry.
- Development Squad coaching fees cost will be announced upon selection and any of the extra items such as listed for Senior and Junior squads. These are expected to then be paid ASAP to hold your position in the squad for the year. (Note: only the senior and junior squads are eligible, in the current year, for selection to the State Representative Team.)
 - Junior and Senior Squad riders are able to purchase a Squad polo shirt.
 - Development Squad riders are able to purchase a squad polo shirt and a squad jacket.
- Riders for the Senior and Junior Squads should demonstrate the ability to ride their own and other horses. Development Squad riders are not required to ride different horses.
- Riders for all squads will need to be athletic and fit and willing to commit to the squad/team training and goals.
- Junior Squad trains together once each month until final team selection, generally during June and then each fortnight until the competition.
- Development squad trains alongside the Junior Squad at the same venue over 8 sessions.
- Senior Squad trains over a shorter period of time and depends on the timing of the National event.
- It is expected that riders train with their club and individually between these training sessions and work on their personal fitness and strength.
- All Squad riders may be called upon to ride HC in composite teams at other Games events while in training or prior to training taking place and or ride demonstrations.
- Squad Riders may ride HC in a NMG composite team and also ride for their own club team at a competition.
- If a rider from the Junior, Senior Team or Development Squad from the previous year is injured prior to squad selections trials and is unable to ride in the trials, that rider may be invited to join the particular squad providing that:
 1. Attendance from the previous year was at least 75% of scheduled sessions
 2. A Medical certificate is provided prior to the commencement of the trials
 3. The rider attends the Selection Trials unmounted, providing they are not hospitalised.
 4. A letter of recommendation is provided to the selection panel prior to the selection trials from the State Coach or Development Squad Coordinator.
- If a rider is injured during the selection trials the decision relating to their selection will be determined by the Selection Panel comprising of the following representatives.
 1. The Chairperson of Selectors
 2. A representative of the NMG Sub Committee
 3. Senior or Junior State Coach
- If a rider withdraws from the Junior or Senior Squad, providing less than 51% of the scheduled training sessions have been conducted, the rider with the next highest ranking will be invited to join the squad. If that rider is unavailable to take the position it will be offered to the next eligible rider and so on until the position is filled. If 51% or more of the scheduled training sessions have been conducted the squad will proceed to team selection with the number of riders remaining in the squad.

Squad Selection Criteria for all Squads

The decision of the selectors is final.

Riders must demonstrate the ability to:

- Saddle, bridle and groom their own horse.
- Organise themselves to ride in numerical order.
- Ride with one hand on the reins.
- Vault or almost vault.
- Pick up and deposit pieces of equipment whilst mounted, during a game.
- Ride horses other than their own (not mandatory for development squad)
- Safely control their mount.
- Adjust their riding in consideration of their mount.

Qualities the Selectors will consider:

- Fitness & athleticism.
- Excellent horse care – kind hand, balanced seat, care for the mount.
- Enthusiasm and determination.
- Courtesy and social interaction.
- Team work and sportsmanship.
- Willingness to learn new skills.

The selectors will not tolerate rough riding and may deem a candidate unsuitable for selection.

All riders selected to State Squads are subject to State Council approval.

