



Central Zone of Pony Clubs Inc.

“The President’s Cup”

Showjumping Competition

Introduction and Purpose:

The President’s Cup commenced in 2005 and is based on accumulated points across a series of qualifying rounds of competition and a final for Central Zone showjumping combinations. The winner receives the perpetual trophy to keep in trust for a year, plus a replica as a keepsake. Sashes are awarded to sixth place. The purpose is to encourage participation and development of showjumping within the Central Zone.

1. President’s Cup Rounds

- (a) The President’s Cup year is conducted over 12 months and recommences after the final round, which is the Fimister Shield.
- (b) During the year, clubs may hold competitions that must offer show jumping for grades PA, PB, PC, PD, PE and PF, conducted in accordance with the PCV rules.
- (c) Club competitions conducting showjumping may apply through the Central Zone Secretary to have such competitions accepted as an official qualifying round. A club may only host one qualifying round in a year except with Zone permission in special circumstances.
- (d) Horse trials, CTDs and Hicksteads are not eligible as President’s Cup qualifying rounds.
- (e) Only competitions approved by the Central Zone President and listed on the Central Zone web site calendar are included in the President’s Cup series. The list will be published prior to the commencement of the President’s Cup year.
- (f) Each qualifying round must be conducted with one or more showjumping events, one of which must be a two-round championship. The two-round championship must allow, at a minimum, all riders who jumped clear in the first round or 25% of competitors (whichever is the higher number) the opportunity to compete in the second round.
- (g) The host club will promote its event as usual. However, the words “President’s Cup Qualifying Round” and the scoring system must be prominently displayed on all promotional material.

2. The Final

- (a) The presentation of the Presidents Cup shield and placings will be held at the Fimister Shield. Central Zone request that if you are aware you may receive an award or placing that you try to be present at this final event.
- (b) The final round is not a Grand Final but simply the last of a series of events. It is feasible that a competitor may not earn any points in the final round but still win the President’s Cup because of accumulated points in the nominated club event rounds.

3. Competitors from Other Zones

- (a) Competitors from other zones may compete at a qualifying round as a part of the club competition but are not included in the President’s Cup scoring.
- (b) When reporting President’s Cup results from a qualifying round, all competitors from outside of Central Zone must be removed from the scores.

4. Score Reporting

- (a) From 2024 Event Secretary has been engaged to maintain and publish the leader board for the President's Cup events. Each qualifying event MUST provide Event Secretary with the final placings and scores within 48 hours of the event to enable the scores to be added to the leader board. It is recommended that Central Zone clubs engage Event Secretary to take their entries, create draws and provide live scoring on the day of the event as this will provide a seamless addition of the final scores to the leader board.
- (b) Any fees charged by Event Secretary to covert standings will be by the club that has provided the results
- (c) A list of the current leader board will be kept and updated by Event Secretary with the link posted on the Central Zone of Pony Club Website.

5. Combination Eligibility

- (a) Any Central Zone combination (club member and horse) may be awarded points providing they:
 - i. complies with the PCV rules
 - ii. should a rider have consecutive wins the Central Zone CI will discuss with the rider and the club DC
- (b) To be eligible to be placed in the results of the President's Cup, irrespective of any unforeseen circumstance that might prevent a competitor from competing at a qualifying round, including sickness or injury, a combination must: –
 - i In the case of grades PA and PB, compete in a minimum of two qualifying round.
 - ii In the case of grades PC, PD, PE and PF compete in a minimum of three Presidents Cup qualifying rounds.
- (c) A combination must compete in all events at a qualifying round to be eligible for an overall placing for that qualifying round. (Compete refers to all events at a qualifying round be it successful or eliminated). Riders that do not compete in all events at a qualifying round will be ineligible to be placed in the overall championship.
- (d) No special exemptions may be given for the President's Cup.

6. Upgraded Combinations

- (a) District Commissioners are required to maintain correct grading procedures and upgrade combinations when required, in accordance with PCV grading guidelines.
- (b) Where a combination is upgraded during the President's Cup year, the points accrued from the lower grade will be retained in the lower grade and will not be carried forward into the new grade. As such the combination may win the lower grade despite upgrading.
- (c) Once upgraded, a combination is eligible to win the President's Cup in the higher grade, providing the combination competes in the minimum total of qualifying rounds applicable to the higher grade.

7. Multiple Mounts

- (a) The combination earns the points. Therefore, club members who have more than one PCV qualified mount may accumulate President's Cup points with each qualified mount.
- (b) Attendance points will be allocated for each combination.
- (c) A competitor with more than one mount in the same grade will be scored per combination, which will create a separate score attributable to each combination.

8. Scoring

(a) Showjumping Points System for classes

- i. Each event of a qualifying round and at the final must be scored as per the PCV showjumping rules. However, if more than one showjumping event is held: -
- ii. Combinations must compete in each event for the grade they have entered.
- iii. Each event must be counted, and each combination must then be allocated points in accordance with the Showjumping Points System below, for the place achieved for each event. Those points must then be aggregated to determine the result of each qualifying round and at the final.
- iv. The two-round championship on the day earns 1.5X the points of the first round. (Only one of the events if there are two X two round championships, will earn the extra X1.5 points) Event Points

One Round Event		Two Round Event	
Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	30	1st	45
2nd	29	2nd	43.5
3rd	28	3rd	42
4th	27	4th	40.5
5th	26	5th	39
6th	24	6th	36
7th	23	7th	34.5
8th	22	8th	33
9th	21	9th	31.5
10th	20	10th	30
Ongoing depending on class numbers		Ongoing depending on class numbers	

These points are aggregated to determine the President's Cup places on the day. Once the places have been determined, the Place Points (below) will be allocated to the Presidents Cup scoring.

(b) Overall Place Points

- i. Points will be aggregated over the competitions that the combination attends
- ii. In the event of equal placing for President's Cup points no equals will be awarded and the best performance in the two round championships will be deemed the higher point allocation.

Club Rounds and Final Points System	
Placing	Points
1st	30
2nd	29
3rd	28
4th	27
5th	26
6th	25
7th	24
8th	23
9th	22
10th	21
Ongoing depending on class numbers	

(c) The winner of each grade will need to get their name and club engraved onto the perpetual shield. The perpetual shield must be returned to Central Zone before the next Fimister Shield.

9. Umpires Decision

(a) These rules are intended to provide for every situation. However, in the event of an unforeseen situation that could greatly influence the results, the Zone President and Zone Representative shall meet and make a ruling within the purpose and spirit of the Presidents Cup competition. Such decision shall be final.

10. State Qualifying

(a) The final Presidents Cup standing for PA, PB, PC and PD will help to determine two of the State team places for the Pony Club Victoria State Show Jumping Championships in the following year ie. 2024 Presidents cup results for 2025 State Show Jumping Championships.

i The Champion or Reserve Champion for PA, PB, PC and PD will mean an automatic qualification onto the Central Zone State Show Jumping team for the following calendar year if the combination wishes to accept.

ii All remaining team spots will be filled at the Central Zone Show Jumping State Qualifying event.

iii For more information on the qualifying requirements please refer to the state qualifying document.

(b) Upgraded combinations who are Champion or Reserve Champion in the lower grade will be ineligible for State Qualification at the lower grade.

(c) Upgraded combinations who meet the entry requirements and are Champion or Reserve Champion in the higher grade of the Presidents Cup series will be eligible for State Qualification