

# MIDLAND ZONE

## INFORMATION BOOKLET

INCLUDING

## ZONE RULES

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This booklet was originally compiled in 1988 by the then Midland Zone Representative Mrs. Angel King and the Midland Zone Secretary Mrs. Di Paterson.

The information contained in this Booklet was reviewed under the supervision of the Midland Zone Representative, Mrs. Angel King and was re-printed in 1994. This booklet was first reviewed and reprinted in 2000.

In June 2005 the Zone Secretary Don Roach updated the booklet with the latest Zone Rules. In June 2006 it was also converted to PDF format and installed on the Midland Zone Website to allow for easy access.

The purpose of this booklet is to help Clubs within the Midland Zone with running of clubs/events within the Zone.

This Booklet contains guidelines for the **Midland Zone Only**.

It is **NOT** a Constitution and is not to be read as such.

Also included in this booklet is a list of Midland Zone Rules. Blank pages have been left for Members to add new rules as they are passed through Zone Meetings.

## **ZONE & CLUB COLOURS**

Midland Zone Colours are **ORANGE AND BLACK**

Ararat	Bottle Green – Fawn Sash
Bealiba	Red
Beaufort	Royal Blue – Red Sash
Bendigo	Eton Green
Castlemaine	Navy Blue – White Sash
Charlton	Burgundy – Black Sash
Donald	Royal Blue - White sash.
Harcourt	Royal Blue
Hopetoun	Teal Blue
Horsham	Bottle Green
Maldon	Black – Yellow Sash
Mandurang South	Dark Brown – Red Sash
Marong	Red – Grey Sash
Maryborough	Brown
Neangar Park	Royal Blue – Pale Blue Sash
Newstead	Navy Blue – Gold Sash
Nhill	Royal Blue (very dark)
Spring Gully	Black – Red Sash
St Arnaud	Purple
Stawell	Maroon

### **Clubs in recess or former clubs of the Midland Zone are:-**

Birchip	Navy Blue
Clunes	Pale Blue
Dimboola	Red – Tartan Sash
Goroke	Grey – Burgundy Sash
Hopetoun	Teal Blue
Marong	Red – Grey Sash
Rainbow	Lemon
Sea Lake	Dark Olive Green
Warracknabeal	Maroon – Gold Sash

### **Midland Zone Club Previous Colours were:-**

Donald	Tan – Gold Sash
Castlemaine	Brown – Gold Sash
Spring Gully	Huntly-Spring gully
2008	

Sashes must be 75mm in width and worn diagonally over the right shoulder and extend to the base of the jumper on the left side.

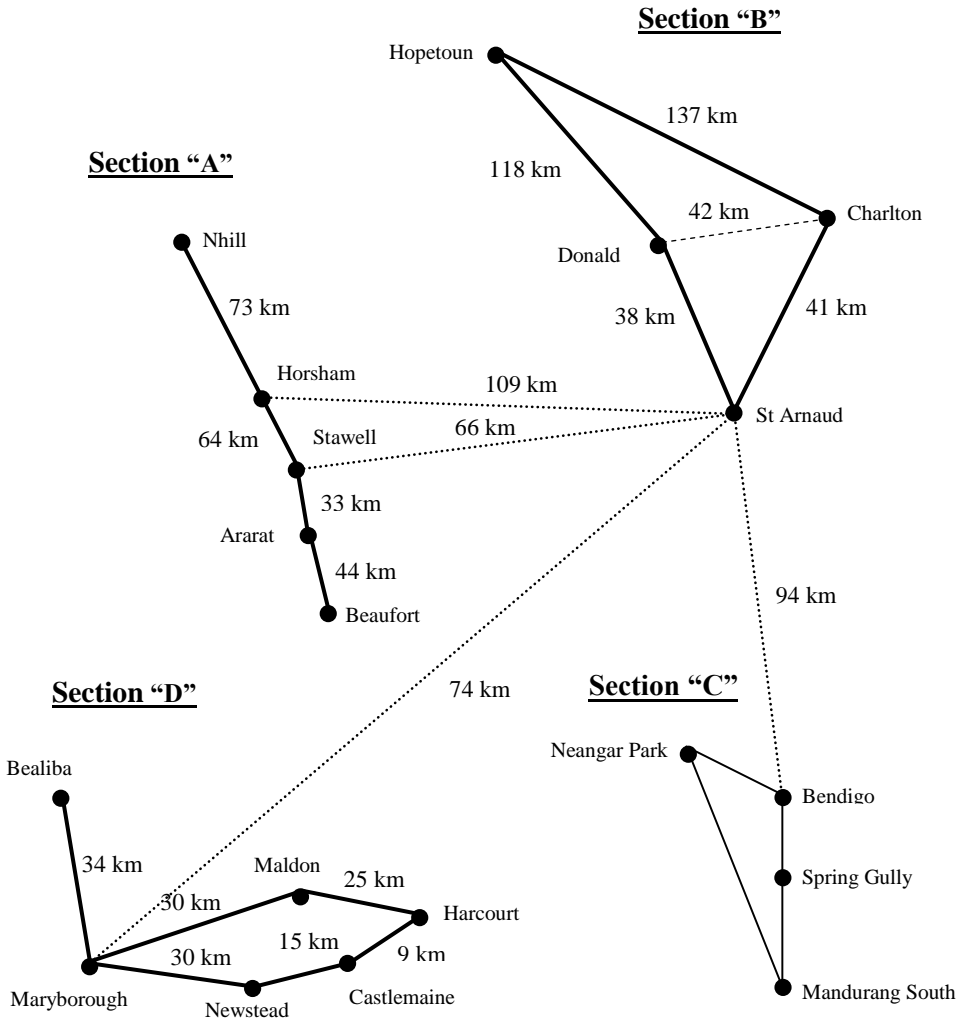
Clubs affiliated with PCAV from 1973 are required to wear the Association tie. Clubs affiliated before 1973 are allowed to retain their own coloured tie.

Pony club badges must be worn at base of “V” in the center of jumper. If a State Level Competitor Badge is worn it is directly underneath the Pony Club Badge.

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# Midland Zone



In 1983 due to the vast distance to travel from one end of the Zone to the other, it was decided to divide the Zone into four sections. Each section held one Zone event per year on a rotating basis. This meant that each Section had the opportunity to compete at Zone level without having to travel long distances.

**The Sections and Clubs were :-**

Section A – Hopetoun, Warracknabeal, Nhill and Horsham.

Section B – Charlton, Donald, Sea Lake and St Arnaud.

Section C – Bendigo, Castlemaine, Maldon, Mandurang South, Marong,  
Neangar Park and Spring Gully.

Section D – Ararat, Maryborough and Stawell.

**In 1994 the Sections were reviewed.**

**The Sections and Clubs from 1995 :-**

Section A – Ararat, Horsham, Nhill and Stawell.

Section B – Charlton, Donald, Hopetoun and St Arnaud.

Section C – Bendigo, Marong, Mandurang South, Neangar Park and Spring Gully.

Section D – Bealiba, Castlemaine, Harcourt, Maldon and Maryborough.

**The Sections and Clubs from 2004 :-**

Section A – Ararat, Horsham, Nhill and Stawell.

Section B – Charlton, Donald, Hopetoun and St Arnaud.

Section C – Bendigo, Mandurang South, Neangar Park and Spring Gully.

Section D – Bealiba, Castlemaine, Harcourt, Maldon, Maryborough and Newstead.

**The Sections and Clubs from 2005 :-**

Section A – Ararat, Horsham, Nhill and Stawell.

Section B – Charlton, Donald and St Arnaud.

Section C – Bendigo, Mandurang South, Neangar Park and Spring Gully.

Section D – Bealiba, Castlemaine, Harcourt, Maldon, Maryborough and Newstead.

**The Sections and Clubs from 2006 :-**

Section A – Ararat, Beaufort, Horsham, Nhill and Stawell.

Section B – Charlton, Donald and St Arnaud.

Section C – Bendigo, Mandurang South, Neangar Park and Spring Gully.

Section D – Bealiba, Castlemaine, Harcourt, Maldon, Maryborough and Newstead.

# 1. FOUR YEAR CALENDAR FOR SECTIONS

## Year 2009

<b>Section</b>	<b>Zone Event</b>
D	School of Instruction
C	Horse Trials
B	Games and Flat Team Ride Qualifier
A	School of Instruction
D	Zone Show Jumping and Flat Team Shield
C	Zone Dinner
A	Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifying Event

## Year 2010

<b>Section</b>	<b>Zone Event</b>
A	School of Instruction
B	Horse Trials
D	Games and Flat Team Ride
C	School of Instruction
A	Zone Show Jumping and Flat Team Shield
B	Zone Dinner
C	Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifying Event

## Year 2011

<b>Section</b>	<b>Zone Event</b>
C	School of Instruction
D	Horse Trials
A	Games and Flat Team Ride
B	School of Instruction
C	Zone Show Jumping and Flat Team Shield
D	Zone Dinner
B	Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifying Event

## Year 2012

<b>Section</b>	<b>Zone Event</b>
B	School of Instruction
A	Horse Trials
C	Games and Flat Team Ride
D	School of Instruction
B	Zone Show Jumping and Flat Team Shield
A	Zone Dinner
D	Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifying Event

Four year rotation starts again.

## **2. CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

The club financial year shall end on the last day of February and the Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held after this date and before April 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Annual subscriptions payable by the members are due from the 1<sup>st</sup> March and no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May each year.

At this AGM a committee and Office Bearers shall be elected and they shall be responsible for the running of the club for the ensuing 12 months.

The club Secretary must post notice of the AGM 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. The accounts of the club **must be audited** each year before the AGM.

Immediately after the AGM the Secretary must notify the PCAV office, Zone Secretary and Zone Representative of their club's new Office Bearers and District Commissioner. The District Commissioner is not elected at the AGM. Their appointment must be made at the first General Meeting of the club following the AGM.

A list of the club and visiting instructors is to be sent to the Zone Chief Instructor.

The names and phone numbers of the two club delegates with voting rights at Zone meetings is also to be sent to the Zone Secretary.

Incorporation Fees are due within 1 month of the club's AGM. These are sent to the Corporate Affairs Office. Failure to pay these fees may result in a fine.

## **3. ZONE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Zone AGM is held after the PCAV AGM, which is held on the first weekend in August. The Zone AGM is to be held prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> September each year. Midland Zone holds their AGM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in September in conjunction with a dinner.

The Section hosting the Dinner organizes the venue, catering, entertainment and registrations for the Dinner. A guest speaker may be arranged.

The Zone Secretary organises the AGM. Nomination forms for all positions except the Zone Representative will be sent out to all clubs with the August Zone Minutes. Forms are to be returned to the Zone Secretary, duly signed, 21 days prior to the AGM. In the case of there being more than one nomination for any position there shall be secret ballot. Each club has one vote. Postal votes will be allowed so all Zone clubs can exercise their rights to vote. The candidates concerned in the secret ballot shall be entitled to appoint a scrutineer.

## **4. CLUB JUNIOR COMMITTEE**

See page 10 No5 PCAV Handbook, October 1999. As the number of Associate members is few in some country Zones, the Midland Zone allows school age members to be members of a Junior Committee.



## **5. ZONE JUNIOR COMMITTEE**

The Zone Junior Committee meets on the same night and at the same venue as the Zone general meeting. The office bearers must be Associate members, but delegates from club junior committees may be of school age, not necessarily Associate Members.

The Zone Junior Committee holds their AGM at the same time and venue as the Zone Committee.

## **6. AWARD OF MERIT**

The "Award of Merit" is awarded by PCAV for outstanding service to Pony Club by an Associate member of an affiliated Pony Club. The club committee determines if an Associate member is worthy of nomination and at least 2/3<sup>rds</sup> of the committee must be in favour of the nomination.

The nominee must have given outstanding service to their club, been an Associate for 2 to 3 years and a Pony Club member for 3 years and under the age of 26 years of age on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year of nomination.

The nomination is to be submitted to the Zone Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> March each year. Late nominations may not be accepted. A brief resume is required and must be signed by two of the following club officials, President, Secretary or District Commissioner. **Note:** - Parents must not sign the nomination.

The nominee must have been helpful on Rally days in various ways such as instructing, moving and erecting equipment, assisting, advising and encouraging other pony club members and be courteous at all times. They must have been helpful at all functions and working bees of their club and their involvement in the Junior Committee to be noted. Most importantly always upholding the aims and objectives of the Pony Club movement, riding ability and participation in team competitions are irrelevant and are not a determining factor.

The official nomination form from PCAV plus the candidate's membership cards for the previous three years – which must show 75% attendance unless the Zone Representative has granted special exemption, must be brought by the District Commissioner or his/her representative to a meeting with the Zone Executive, where an interview will take place. If the Zone Executive recommends the nomination it is sent to PCAV Council for approval.

Presentation of the award is made at the Zone Inter Pony Club Show Jumping and Flat Team Ride Shield day.

## **7. ZONE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

Two schools are held each year. Sections holding these events are given a binder from the Zone Chief Instructor. The binder explains exactly what is required when organizing and running the event. The DCI/ZA panel will recommend to the Zone the format for the school and who the instructors will be. The section does the rest as per the binder.

## **8. ZONE HORSE TRIALS**

This event is held in April each year. The Zone Chief Instructor holds a binder, which explains what is required to run this event.

There is a team event held in conjunction with this day and the winning team holds the Zone Shield for 12 months. The “**Basil Hooper Perpetual Trophy**” is awarded for the best individual performance on the day. This trophy is held for 12 months. Both the Shield and Trophy are to be returned to Zone Secretary at the Zone meeting prior to the event each year.

Individual entries are also accepted. Clubs may have too many in one grade to place in teams; those in teams can also enter as individuals.

## **9. ZONE GAMES AND FLAT TEAM RIDE DAY**

This event is held in April each year and is a qualifying event for State Championships, which are held on the Queens Birthday weekend in June each year.

Teams must not be entered in this event if they are not prepared to represent the Zone at the State Championships.

There is a binder for this event, held by the Zone Chief Instructor explaining how to run the day.

**Games:** Teams to consist of 6 or 7 riders in the stipulated age groups. The “**Cyril Martin Perpetual Trophy**” is presented to the winning games team. The trophy is held by the club for 12 months and must be returned to the Zone Secretary at the Zone meeting prior to the event each year.

First and second placed teams represent the Zone at State Championships and are requested to pay half of the entry fee. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> year the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team has the option of competing at the State Championships if they are prepared to pay the entry fee themselves. This occurs on every even year.

### **Flat Team Ride:**

Team to consist of four riders. The “**Nelson memorial Trophy**” is awarded to the winning flat team. The trophy is held by the club for 12 months and must be returned to the Zone Secretary at the Zone meeting prior to the event each year.

First and second placed teams represent the Zone at State Championships and are requested to pay half of the entry fee. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> year the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team has the option of competing at the State Championships if they are prepared to pay the entry fee. This occurs on every even year.

### **Musical Team Ride:**

Team to consist of four riders. This is a separate State Championship event. Sashes are awarded to teams that place.

First and second placed teams represent the Zone at State Championships and are requested to pay half of the entry fee. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> year the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team has the option of competing at the State Championships if they are prepared to pay the entry fee. This occurs on every even year.

## **10. ZONE INTER PONY CLUB QUALIFYING SHOW JUMPING AND FLAT TEAM RIDE SHIELD DAY**

This event is held in August each year. There is a binder for this event, held by the Zone Chief Instructor, which explains the scoring, and exactly what the Section running the event has to do.

### **Flat Team Ride:**

Team to consist of four riders to compete for the Zone Shield. Scoring for this event was originally over two phases i.e. Presentation and Flat Ride. Presentation has now be deleted from the scoring and is optional for teams to enter as a separate event.

### **Show Jumping:**

A team's event for the “Zone Show Jumping Shield”.

Teams consist of three, four or five riders, one only from each grade with the best three scores to count. Individual entries are also accepted.

The Melbourne Show Jumping Qualifying round for PA Grade is to be taken from AM3 event and is not to be a separate event.

The “Award of Merit” is presented on this day.

## **11. ZONE SHOW JUMPING AND DRESSAGE QUALIFYING EVENT**

This event is held in December each year. It is a qualifying event for State Championships, which are held February of the following year.

There is a binder for this event, held by the Zone Chief Instructor explaining how to run the event.

Grade 1 Dressage and PA Show Jumping are now individual events.

### **Show Jumping:**

Riders compete in their separate grades as individuals and the first four placings in each grade make up the team to represent the Zone at State Championships. Only grades PA, PB and PC compete at State Championships. The first two riders in the PA Grade event, simulating as near as possible the Barastoc Pony Club Jumping event will be invited to represent the Zone at the Barastoc Club event.

### **Dressage:**

The first three place-getters in Stages 1, 2 and 3 make up the teams to represent the Zone at State Championships.

The Midland Zone reserves the right not to send riders or teams to State level if the Zone Representative, Judge and Zone Chief Instructor or their representatives feel the riders and/or teams are not up to standard.

## **12. ACCREDITATION AND SAFETY INSPECTION FOR HORSE TRIALS**

All clubs, which hold horse trials, must apply to the Zone Representative for their courses to be accredited and/or inspected. The application must be made **10 weeks prior** to the event and on the official form. A payment of \$70.00 must also accompany the form. This form is sent out to all clubs with cross-country courses with October Zone minutes each year. Additional forms are available from the Zone Secretary.

All Pony Club cross country courses **MUST** be inspected and approved to ensure that are **SAFE** and within the dimensions laid down in the current rules. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of the event.

Accreditation means that Grade 1 and 2 courses are too standard and suitable for Grade 1 and 2 riders to gain qualification to compete at Horse Trial State Championships. If the course has not been accredited before the entry forms go out, the wording “**Subject to Accreditation**” must be written beside Grade 1 and 2. If it has been accredited, state so on the entry form. If after inspection, the course does not attain accreditation, the Club must notify all the Grade 1 and 2 riders who are entered in the event.

## **13. ENTRY FORMS AND PROGRAMS**

Every club or Section who hold any type of event that requires an entry form or program to be sent out, **MUST** send one of these and the draw (if applicable) and results to the Zone Representative and Zone Secretary. This is most important and must be adhered to. This is for the purpose of being aware of and recording events occurring in the Zone. It is best to do this before sending out programs so if any changes need to be made these can be done before you mail out.

## **14. ZONE CALENDAR**

All clubs must send in writing to the Zone Secretary their club dates for events. These must reach the Zone Secretary **BEFORE** the October Zone meeting so the dates can be finalised at that meeting. Under no circumstances will Clubs be permitted to hold events on **ZONE EVENT DAYS**.

Only one Horse Trials to be held on any one weekend in the Zone. This is to facilitate attendance by the Zone Representative.

## **15. AFFILIATION WITH PCAV**

See pages 12, 13, 14 and 15 numbers 19, 20 and 21 of PCAV by-laws 1997. All clubs should keep current copies of PCAV Statement of Purposes and Rules 1997 and PCAV by-laws, handbook and **current** copies of all event rules, eh Horse Trials and Dressage etc.

## **16. PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP**

**Pending Probation:** This enables newly formed Clubs to have an insurance indemnity at a reasonable cost. This is only for Pony Clubs aspiring to full affiliation with PCAV. Clubs need to have the approval of the Zone Executive to attain “Pending Probationary Membership” status.

The Zone Executive should be reasonably confident that any Club attaining “Pending Probationary Membership” status has the potential to go on to full affiliation with PCAV, if not the club should not be recommended for “Pending Probationary Membership” status.

The length of time for “Pending Probationary Membership” has always been six (6) months. This allows time for the Zone to monitor the process and proceedings of the club, to offer any advice necessary to assist the club to operate under the Pony Club system and to generally observe that the Club is operating within the parameters of the Pony Club criteria, which any club aspiring to full affiliation must do.

**Probationary Membership:** Probationary clubs may attend Zone meetings as observers **without** voting rights. Clubs on probation are not eligible to compete in Zone Events, but may compete at Club events.

#### **17. ZONE REPRESENTATIVE**

The Zone Representative is the co-coordinator between the Zone Clubs and the State Council. He/she is your voice and representative at State Council, which is the controlling body of PCAV.

The Zone Representative’s responsibilities include:-

- ◆ Ensuring that all Pony Club functions within the Zone are held in accordance with the current PCAV rules.
- ◆ Attend Zone and State Council meetings.
- ◆ Give advice and guidance when asked by clubs.
- ◆ Endorse nominations and entries of Pony Club members for all State level events and that all their attendance cards are correct.
- ◆ Grant Special Exemption to Members and Associate Members who fit the criteria.

The Zone Representative must be active in the Zone, attending as many functions as possible in order to become well acquainted with Clubs and their Officials.

For election of a Zone Representative see pages 14, 15 and 16, number 24 of PCAV Statement of Proposes 1997.

#### **18. ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR AND DCI/ZA PANEL**

**Zone Chief Instructor (ZCI):** This position was created in 1989 with the appointment of a State Chief Instructor. The ZCI is the co-coordinator between the Deputy Chief Instructors (DCI) and Zone Assistants (ZA) and the State Chief Instructors Panel (CIP). Their duties are as follows:-

- ◆ To attend CIP meetings.
- ◆ To give advice and guidance on instructional matters when asked by clubs to do so.
- ◆ To see that K, B and A candidates are given assistance and advice required for their certificates.
- ◆ To ensure that instruction at all times confirms to the Australian Pony Club syllabus of Instruction.
- ◆ To hold the Midland Zone books for distribution to Section DCI’s to assist with the running of Zone events. Zone books are to be returned to the ZCI immediately after Zone events.

The appointment of the ZCI is annually in June (see page 17, number 28 PCAV by-laws 1997).

#### **Deputy Chief Instructors and Zone Assistants:**

- ◆ Meet three times per year and discuss the standard of riding in the Zone and what areas need improvement.

- ◆ Arrange a roster for a member of the panel to be assigned to each club as a Club Visitor.
- ◆ Examine aspiring instructors at club visits for Instructor Certificates.
- ◆ Examine C, K and B candidates for Efficiency Certificates.
- ◆ Compile the Zone Judges Panel.
- ◆ Attend a State DCI and Z panel meeting when arranged to ensure that Zone instruction is at the same standard as the rest of the State.

**State Chief Instructor (Coaching Director):**

The State Chief Instructor is responsible for coordinating instruction within the state and organizing examiners for the “A” certificate. The **SCI** is a paid employee of PCAV and has a range of other responsibilities.

**19 ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY**

Each year, clubs must notify the Zone Examining Secretary of all instructors and what certificates they hold if any. The Zone Examining Secretary organises dates and examiners for all Proficiency Certificates from “C” to “B”. (The CIP examine “A” candidates). Applications for testing must be sent to the ZES by the dates stipulated by PCAV.

**20. ZONE SECRETARY**

The Zone Secretary shall subject to the provisions of the Statement of Purposes convene all meetings and shall prepare an agenda and forward to each club as early as possible, prior to the date of the meeting.

He/she shall attend such meetings and take proper minutes of the proceedings thereof and shall circulate a copy thereof to each club and PCAV office as soon as practical after such meetings.

He/she conducts correspondence of the Zone.

He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees.

**21. CLUB VISITS**

Each club will be visited once a year by a DCI/ZA panel appointed person. Your club visitor and information on the visit is sent out with the Zone Minutes each year.

**22. EFFICIENCY CERTIFICATES**

The syllabus of Instruction sets out what the requirements are for each certificate. The PCAV “” Efficiency Certificate can be examined by a club Instructor as can the “D Star” Certificate.

Examiners for all other certificates must be applied for. Application forms are available from the Zone Examining Secretary. The application forms, correctly filled out and signed, plus the application fee (except for “C”) is then sent to the Zone Examining Secretary. The club will be notified of the date and the examiner.

The club then contacts the examiner to ascertain what the candidates require on the actual day and what the club has to supply on the day.

**23. PCAV INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES**

To gain an Instructor Certificate, one needs to have attended two Pony Club Schools of Instruction in the previous three years, plus instructed on a regular basis at their Pony Club rallies and have a record of this.

If these pre-requisites are met, the club then notifies their Club Visitor for that year so they can have an instructor they wish to be examined. The Club Visitor will then observe the instructor working with his/her group at the visit and inspect the instructor's notes, If the certificate is awarded, it is presented to the Instructor at the next Zone meeting.

For National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) see PCAV handbook, October 1999, pages 23 and 24, number 4 and 5 for details.

#### **24. COURSE ACCREDITORS**

Midland Zone has a small group of voluntary people who safety inspect all grades and accredit Grade 1 and 2 courses for Horse Trials. If your club knows of anyone who has some knowledge of cross country course building and knows the current rules for horse trials and is willing to train under the Zone's current Course Accreditors then please let the Zone Secretary know.

#### **25. BUILDING A CROSS COUNTRY COURSE**

There is help available to any club wishing to build a cross-country course. Contact the Zone Representative before you start your construction for advice, as there are many requirements to be met.

#### **26. CIRCULARS AND INFORMATION SHEETS**

Club Secretaries are requested to file all circulars and information sheets received from PCAV and Zone. This information is frequently required at a time other than at the time of receipt.

Midland Zone publishes a yearly list of the Zone Executive, DCI/ZA panel and Club office bearers. A copy of these should be kept with the Zone Information Booklet.

#### **27. SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS**

If unable to attend club rallies on a regular basis, special exemption can be granted to a member with a valid reason such as illness, employment or education.

Exemptions are assessed on an individual basis and are only granted to genuine Pony Club members who have maintained a regular attendance. All applications are made to the Zone Representative through your club District Commissioner. Exemptions cannot be backdated.

The District Commissioner of the member's club must apply to the Zone Representative who, if the special exemption is granted must endorse the application on the card before it is official.

#### **Details Required for Education Exemption**

Name of School, term dates, day or boarding pupil (weekends allowed home if boarding pupil), year of education.

**Details Required for Employment Exemption**

Name of employer, distance from home, weekends spent at home, starting dates and times.



## CURRENT MIDLAND ZONE RULES

July 1971	Shell Award now "Award of Merit". To be presented at Zone Flat and Show Jumping Shield event in August.
June 1974	Games and Flat day to be held annually
Sept 1975	Zone Representative to be sent a program of all events held in the zone
Feb 1976	Basil Hooper trophy introduced for "Best Individual Performance" at Zone Horse Trial
April 1977	Riders in teams at Zone Horse Trials now eligible for individual placings
Feb 1979	Grades 4 /5 and PD/PE may be included in Zone Dressage and Show Jumping event
Nov 1979	Midland Zone nominations close 31 <sup>st</sup> March for "Award of Merit"
Nov 1979	Zone meetings to be held in St Arnaud
Oct 1980	No club event can be held on a Zone event day
Feb 1981	Annual Zone fee to be paid between 1 <sup>st</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> July
July 1981	If fees are not paid, club members cannot compete at Zone events
Oct 1981	Any change of venue for a Zone event is to be made by the Zone Executive
June 1982	Zone to pay for copies of PCAV minutes for Zone President
Feb 1983	Dividing of Zone into four sections for rotating of Zone events trailed
April 1983	Guidelines from DCI and ZA's for all Zone events to be compiled and adhered to by organizing sections
June 1983	PE Grade to be included in Show Jumping Shield Teams. Best three scores to count
Nov 1983	Dogs at any event to be on leash at all times
Feb 1984	Sashes to be given to sixth place for all Zone events. E.g. qualifying rounds
August 1984	Zone President and Secretary to have badges and <b>free</b> entry to all Zone events
Nov 1984	New scoring system for all Zone events. System to be included on folders
Nov 1985	One horse, one rider for all Zone events
Feb 1986	The Zone Executive has the power to select a rider/riders to fill places in case of a ballot at any Pony Club event. E.g. Barastoc Jumping
April 1986	Zone to pay cots of all maintenance of Zone Shields and Trophies
June 1986	Zone Show Jumping and Dressage Qualifying Event. Stage 1, 2 and 3 Dressage riders may enter the competition, but must state on entry form if they are prepared to go to State Championships or not. This applies to Dressage only
Feb 1987	Only judges, Zone Representative President and Secretary receive <b>free</b> lunches at Zone events The Zone Representative, President and Secretary to host the judges
Feb 1987	The Section who runs the Zone Horse Trial has the power to open the event to other Zones for all only one grade if they so wish
Feb 1987	Badges with inscribed bars to be awarded to Midland Zone riders who represent Victoria at Inter-State Pony Club teams competitions. Badges not to be worn on uniform
Feb 1998	The District Commissioner and Secretary of clubs to receive Zone minutes in separate envelopes.
April 1998	Zone Shields and Trophies are to be returned to the Zone meeting prior to the event they are for

April 1988	The Zone has approved the wearing of a clear waterproof jacket for rainy conditions only at competitions. The back number is to be worn over the coat. Deco protective clothing makes the approved coat
Nov 1988	Sashes for Show Jumping and Dressage Day to be as follows: - Blue, Red, White, Green plus 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> for Show Jumping. Blue, Red, White plus 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> for Dressage.
Feb 1989	November Zone meeting to be set down for the last Tuesday in October
Oct 1989	Zone to pay ZCI the going rate of traveling as set by PCAV and secretarial expenses
April 1990	Musical Ride for the Zone Games and Flat Ride Day is deleted as insufficient time to run this event. (State level has 2 days)
August 1990	Zone Junior Committee – Fifteen and Sixteen year old members be allowed as assistant Office Bearers, but not to sign cheques
Oct 1990	“Award of Merit” to be awarded at lunch time on the day of the Zone Flat Team and Show Jumping Shield Day and the Sashes for the Flat Team Ride be presented as soon as results are available at lunchtime, whichever is first
Feb 1991	Show Jumping Shield Day – First event to be AM3 with “C” Grade to start the “B” and “A”. The Melbourne Show Jump for “A” grade to be taken from the AM3 event and not to be separate event
August 1991	Year 11 VCE students to be eligible for exemption as well as year 12 students
Feb 1992	Sash only to be awarded for Flat team presentation
Feb 1992	Reference to team standard for State Champs page 4 general business
April 1992	Cost of Zone minutes to interested people at \$6.00 per year
Feb 1994	Sashes for Zone Horse Trials to remain to 6 <sup>th</sup> place, regardless of equal placings
April 1994	Change of clubs in Zone Sections to commence in 1995
August 1994	Scoring for Zone Horse Trials only. Eliminated riders will be given the worst score for the particular phase of the event in which they are eliminated, plus 100 penalty points.
August 1994	Presentation score to dropped. He event to judges on the Flat ride only
Oct 1994	Zone establishes club colour file samples to be held by Zone Secretary for future reference
April 1995	Zone to pay for PCAV minutes for Zone President
January 1996	Zone introduced a certificate for State level competitors
January 1996	Executive reserves the right to place members in teams for Dressage or Show Jumping to the benefits of all members competing
June 1996	At all club and Zone events – First-Aid personnel to be identified with armbands
August 1996	Financial members and Associate members allowed to attend Zone Instructors Schools FREE of charge
Oct 1997	To commence in February 1998, riders to subsidize entry fee Dressage and Show Jumping by 50%
Oct 1997	After 1998 no two Horse Trials in Midland Zone can fall on the same weekend
Oct 1998	That clubs/riders pay ½ the entry fee to State events for Dressage and Show Jumping, first and second placings in Games and Flat and Melbourne Show Jumping event. (These events have a Zone Qualifying events)

April 1998	The championship round of the Zone Shield Show Jumping event is worth double points to reflect the difficulty of the two round
June 1999	Riders competing in Grades 1, 2,3 or A, B, C at the Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifying round in December choose to do either Dressage OR Show Jumping. Grades 4/5, D/E still able to choose to compete in both Dressage and Show Jumping
August 1999	Clubs holding Horse Trials must pay Zone Representative Horse Trial levy of \$70 when applying for course accreditation or course will not be accredited. Applications must be in to Zone Representative 10 weeks prior to event
Oct 1999	At Zone events, after consultation with Zone Representative if necessary, notification is made to the DC of clubs of riders with badly fitting gear and a list be handed to the Zone Representative to be used for reference at other Zone events. The rider to be cautioned appropriately
August 1999	Clubs holding Horse Trials must pay Zone Rep's Horse Trials levy of \$70 when applying for course accreditation or course will not be accredited.
August 2001	Information and directions for Award of Merit be sent out to Clubs in January Zone minutes each year. Reports and Balance Sheets showing all expenses and income should be put in the Zone folders after each Zone Event before the book is returned.
Oct 2001	Zone Showjumping and Flat Ride. No team sash be awarded for Best Presented. Individual ribbons to riders with 100% score with the wording "Highly Commended". To be trailed for 12 months.
Oct 2001	ZCI to update guidelines for presentation and gear checking notes and place in Zone Books.
Oct 2001	For State Dressage and Flat Qualifier. Ribbons to sixth place to be presented on the day. Caps presented to team members at State event.
Oct 2001	Riders that place individually in State Qualifiers to receive a place ribbon. Riders who go on to ride at State Event to be presented with cap. Ribbons to sixth place to be presented on the day for individual placings. Caps presented to team members at State event.
Jan 2002	Fees for games, flat and musical ride be set at \$8.00 per rider. Fees for Zone Horse Trial be set at \$12.00 per rider for games \$20.00 per team.
Jan 2002	Chief Instructor and Zone Secretary collaborate on the design and production of certificates and store on computer
April 2002	Midland Zone Junior Committee be disbanded due to inactivity and that their monies are invested in a separate account.
April 2002	Midland Zone Junior Committee wavy board jump be collected and to be used for all Zone events. To be held by the host club.
April 2002	Meeting agenda format be sent to clubs for discussion. Chairman has discretion on items of importance to be tabled or held over to next meeting.

April 2002	Zone to adopt the following sashes Material felt or satin. Size 100mm x 1350mm <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> in each grade, Grades 1 to 5, Colours for each grade Inscription to read. “Midland Zone of PCAV inc” “Horse Trials” “Grade 1”
June 2002	Presentations for the Games competition during the Games and Flat Qualifier be made as soon as practicable following the completion of the event. Games competition to stop during the presentation.
June 2002	3 copies of Zone History to be distributed to clubs at Zone AGM.
August 2002	Team Show Jumping rules to remain unchanged for 2002 and reviewed in 2003. The words “Royal Melbourne Show Jumping Event” be deleted from Oct 1998 rule.
Sept 2002	Secretary's remuneration be raised to \$250.
Sept 2002	A one off combined fee of \$90 be paid. Comprising of a Zone Affiliation fee of \$50 and Instruction School fee of \$20 per school per club.
Oct 2002	Donald Club colours of Royal Blue with White sash.
Oct 2002	No Change be made to Show Jumping Shield Teams format
Jan 2003	The selection criteria for the Zone Team Challenge will be the same as State Championships. Zone HT plus one other HT must be ridden as qualifiers. Zone HT will be selection trial. Zone Representative and ZCI to be selectors.
May 2003	Newstead becomes a Probationary Member of Midland Zone. Colours of Navy Blue with Maroon sash
June 2003	Newstead change of colours to Navy Blue with Gold/Yellow sash
August 2003	The guidelines put out by PCAV regarding large riders on small ponies remain. Club DC's to decide on combinations. Zone Representative to make final decision in the event of any dispute.
August 2003	The Zone to pay \$300 for the purchase the wings, rails and cups from Peggy including a protective cover
August 2003	At all Zone events, riders to receive a “Highly Commended” sash for 100% mark for initial gear check per competition.
Sept 2003	Zone Affiliation fee set at \$50
Sept 2003	Secretary's remuneration to be \$300.
Sept 2003	Flat Teams Shield and Show jumping Team Shields be canceled for 2003.
Oct 2003	Any rider who has been graded PA to PC or Gr1 to Gr3 is ineligible to compete in PE or Gr5 at any Zone event. However they may ride H/C at the discretion of the organizing committee.
January 2004	If a Section cannot supply a ground free of charge for Zone events, that Section must move the event to a suitable area at no cost to the Zone.
March 2004	Flyers to be sent out to clubs for all Instructors Schools.
Oct 2004	Castlemaine colours to be Navy Blue jumper with PCAV tie, effective 2005
Jan 2005	The ZCI is to arrange judges for Zone Events at their discretion
August 2005	Castlemaine PC new colours are Navy Blue Jumper white sash and PCAV tie.
May 2005	Keep the present rule for ribbons and hats at State Dressage and Show Jumping Qualifier

August 2005	Add to the State Qualifier rule that in exceptional circumstances the Executive has powers to add riders to “PA” or “Gr 1” State Dressage and Show Jumping entries if deemed necessary.
October 2005	Zone Representative has discretionary power to approve suitably qualified non-riding members over 21 and under 26 years as Club District Commissioner
October 2005	Retain the individual ribbon and include a Team “Best Presented” sash at all Zone Team events. Awards for Horse Trials, Show Jumping Shield, Flat Ride Shield, Games Qualifier and a combined award for the Musical Ride and Flat Ride Qualifier.
January 2006	Proposed colours for Beaufort of Royal Blue Jumper with Red Sash.
March 2006	Additional colours of a Red polo shirt with white panel down each side with both the PCAV and Bealiba logo visible on the front.
September 2006	Zone meetings to alternate between Maryborough and St Arnaud for a trial period of twelve months.
September 2006	Zone present sashes to sixth place for show jumping and dressage only to riders wishing to represent the Zone at State Dressage and Flat Championships. Zone does not award caps to representative riders.
September 2006	Zone to present Individual “Highly Commended” ribbons for Best Presented Teams
September 2006	Entry fees for Zone events for 2007 remain the same as 2006.
March 2007	Additional colours for Harcourt. Royal blue polo top with gold panels and PCAV logo. Royal blue rugby top with gold panels and PCAV logo.
March 2007	Entry forms for all Zone events must be submitted by the club and signed by the DC.
April 2007	Beaufort Full Membership PCAV
May 2007	Additional colours for Ararat Green polo shirt Green rugby top
May 2007	Additional colours for Castlemaine Navy blue polo shirt Navy blue rugby top
May 2007	Additional colours for Maldon Black polo shirt with yellow vertical stripe Black wind cheater with yellow vertical stripe
May 2007	Zone uniform Orange polo shirt with black vertical stripe Black jacket with orange trim “Midland” across back

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Additional colours for Neangar Park