



**WANNEROO
HORSE & PONY
CLUB**

2024 HANDBOOK

Welcome to Wanneroo Horse & Pony Club

We look forward to welcoming all our wonderful members back this year as well as new faces to our Pony Club community 😊

WHPC was established in 1965 and is one of the oldest clubs in WA. We are located in Wanneroo and our spacious green grounds are surrounded by native bushland.

Wanneroo Horse & Pony Club (WHPC) is a PCWA affiliated club and our aims are to:

- Encourage young people to ride and to enjoy all kinds of sports connected with horses and riding
- Provide instruction in riding and horse mastership and to instil in members the proper care of their animals
- Promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

WHPC caters to all levels of riders from lead-line to 25 years of age. We offer a great team of coaches and throughout the year have specialist coaches attend also.

We offer a variety of disciplines including dressage, showjumping, active riding, games, cross country, horsemastership and showmanship. We keep group numbers small so riders gain the most from their instruction.

As well as our monthly rallies we run some wonderful and popular events throughout the year which include our Hack Shows, Show Jump Training Days, Combined Training and specialist training days.

Membership Categories for 2024

	MEMBERSHIP DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
1	Club Supporter Non riding membership (18 years and over) For parents and guardians, compulsory for all riding memberships 16yrs & under	\$0
2	Junior Riding Member (17 years and under) Full membership including all rallies PA & PL insurance 24/7	\$510.45
3	Junior Riding Member sibling* For 2 nd or 3 rd child of the same family (17 years and under) Full membership including all rallies *1 st child must have either Junior or Senior Riding Membership	\$465.45
4	Senior Riding Member (18-24 years) Full Membership includes all rallies	\$510.45
5	Senior Riding Member sibling* For 2 nd or 3 rd child of the same family (aged 18-24 years) Full membership inc all rallies. *1 st child must have either a Junior or Senior Riding Membership	\$465.45
6	Ready to Ride (10yrs and under) Structured program for riders working towards their E or D certificate Insurance for rallies and low level events only. <i>Reduced riding time</i>	\$407.95
7	Ready to Ride family discount* (10yrs and under) For 2 nd or 3 rd child of the same family 1 st child must have a Senior, Junior or Ready to Ride membership Insurance for rallies only WHPC members will be covered at WHPC events under our PL insurance <i>Reduced riding time</i>	\$380.45
8	Junior 5 rally membership (17 years and under) Membership includes 5 rallies	\$427.95
9	Senior 5 rally membership (18-24 years) Membership includes 5 rallies	\$427.95
10	Come and Try Trial rally Rider is covered by PA & PL insurance for that one rally	\$65

- All Fees are inclusive of National, State and Zone fees (National portion has increased in 2024)
- Extra rallies can be purchased at \$50 per rally for the 5 rally membership categories.
- Kidsport memberships options are available through Justgo – please make sure you have been approved for Kidsport before selecting these categories. For more information visit <https://kidsport.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport/apply-for-kidsport-2019-1/>
- Please email info@whpc.org.au if you require further information on any of our membership categories

How to Enrol for 2024

All memberships for 2024, whether new or renewals, are to be made through the [PCA membership portal](#). If you have never been a member of Pony Club before, you will need to become a member and create a login. For existing Pony Club members, you will be able to use your existing Pony Club member number and password.

***We strongly encourage you to check with us before purchasing a membership to ensure it is the right one for you.**

To receive the PCWA family discount please make sure all siblings are grouped on Just Go with a **family membership**.

We require at least one club supporter per family (there is no cost for this).

Memberships are paid by card at the time of purchase through the JustGo website and you will need to be a fully paid Wanneroo Horse & Pony Club member prior to riding at our first Rally or Event for insurance purposes.

If you require assistance, please email Bec Strickland on info@whpc.org.au or r.strickland1@yahoo.com.au

Rosters and Busy Bees

WHPC is run solely by the parents, family and friends of riding members. Club rallies, gymkhanas and events cannot happen without helpers to set up and dismantle equipment, organise riders, assist judges and run the canteen, for example.

RALLIES

- **All riders** are to help with the set up and pack away at each rally and this is built into our rally schedule.
- *There will be a **compulsory** roster system for parents to help with cleaning the facilities and canteen duties - **this will take place whilst your child has Horsemastership.***

EVENTS

- **Senior riders or parents/guardians of junior riders will be required to help at **FOUR (4) WHPC events per year.****
- ***At the start of the year, you will be able to select the 4 events you would prefer to help at (Speedway, Hack show, Combined Training, SJ Training rounds etc.)***

If a member cannot do their allocated helper duty, they **MUST** provide a **SUBSTITUTE HELPER** or organise a swap with another member for the day. The person performing the roster must report to the clubrooms by their assigned time, sign the helper register and report for allocated jobs of canteen, pencilling, marshalling, scoring, etc. Remember, it is your duty to perform your selected helper duty. We encourage our riding members especially those on reduced category membership to complete their own helper duties.

We also require one Busy Bee to be completed by/for each member. Some Busy Bee tasks will take place during rallies and others will be on a nominated day

General Rules for WHPC Rallies and Events

The following is to provide you with some basic knowledge of the protocols of WHPC. For PCWA specific information please refer to the website (<https://www.ponyclubwa.asn.au/>).

1. **WHPC UNIFORM**

WHPC has a Rally uniform and a Formal (or Official) uniform to be worn at competitions and State Championships.

Rally uniform: Beige/cream/white/black jodhpurs and club long-sleeved rally shirt. Club jumper and or club jacket may also be worn. English style riding boots (long or short – however long boots cannot have full length laces). If you are wearing chaps, they must be the same colour as your boots. Long hair must be plaited above shoulder level or in a hair net above shoulder level. Members are expected to be neatly dressed if not wearing rally uniform. Club helmet covers are to be worn and either red, bottle green or white saddle blankets may be worn. Extra small stud earrings no more than 5mm in diameter may be worn – anything larger must be removed. All other jewellery must be removed unless a medical alert bracelet which must be taped. Phones are not to be on the rider during a lesson.



Formal uniform: The formal uniform consists of the same as above, except that a white long-sleeved collared shirt is to be worn with a red tie and woollen club jumper. In cases of excessive heat, the woollen club jumper may be exempted. Sometimes efficiency badges and discs are to be worn. Also, a plain white saddle blanket must be worn with the WHPC embroidered badge stitched on. Often in team events, riders may try to wear matching styles of boots etc. You will need to refer to the National Gear Checking rules for competition requirements.

For more information on approved helmets please check the following links:

https://www.ponyclubwa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Inspecting_Helmets.pdf

<https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/PCA-helmets-2020.pdf>



2. GEAR CHECKING

At all PCWA events all riders are asked to conform to PCWA accredited gear to ensure that the safest possible gear is used in the safest way. This means there is certain tack etc. that are not allowed either at Rallies or in competitions, as outlined above with the riding helmets. Gear may change for different competitions or events. For example, whips and spurs are not allowed for any Active Riding, Handy Pony or Novelty events. To ensure your gear complies, you will need to consult the new 2024 Gear Checking Manual:

<https://ponyclubaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/National-Gear-Rules-JANUARY-2024.pdf>

This document has a lot of information and can be a little overwhelming - our instructors will check gear at Rallies and all PCWA events will have gear checkers. Several of our committee members are also accredited gear checkers so feel

free to ask any of them. Please parents and guardians familiarise yourself with your child's gear before a competition. If anyone is interested in becoming an accredited PCWA Gear Checker, please contact our Secretary.

3. **BULLYING, HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION**

WHPC is committed to ensuring our club environment is safe, fair and inclusive. We take a strong stance on any form of bullying, harassment or discrimination. This includes inappropriate remarks made about other members or their horses on social media platforms. The club can and will take action against this behaviour as it has no place in our club or community. PCWA has social media and Code of Conduct Policies that WHPC strictly enforces.

Social Media Policy:

<https://www.ponyclubwa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/13-Social-Media-Policy-Association.pdf>

Codes of Conduct Policy:

<https://www.ponyclubwa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Codes-of-Conduct-approved-28.06.17.pdf>

If any member of our club feels these policies have been breached, they can come to our club secretary who is an accredited Youth Mental Health First Aider. It will either be dealt with at the club level or be deferred to the Member Protection Officer at PCWA.

<https://www.ponyclubwa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Member-Protection-Policy-approved-28.06.17.pdf>

4. **STALLIONS**

Stallions are not allowed to participate at any PCWA Club, Zone or State event.

5. **DOGS**

Dogs are not permitted to be present at any rally or event held on the WHPC grounds.

6. **ROUGH TREATMENT**

Rough treatment of horses or ponies, or misconduct and bad language by riders, will not be tolerated. Judges, Committee Members and instructors will order riders from the arena and grounds if found guilty of these offences. This applies to all events held by this club with no exceptions.

7. **LUNGING**

Sometimes you may feel you need to lunge your horse before you mount. Lunging can only be done in an enclosed area with the correct gear, including boots and helmet. Please check with the Chief Instructor before lunging your horse or pony.

8. **TYING UP YOUR PONY**

Tying up your horse is **not permitted** down on the riding grounds. The risk is a loose horse which can become dangerous, especially with young riders. When you are not holding your horse, it must remain in the float parking area tied to your float or a tree with binder twine or in float yards. Please respect the fact that sometimes the carpark may be very full and there may not be room for float yards.

9. **RALLIES**

A full working rally is the participation of the same horse and rider combination on a rally day. Participation at all Rallies with the same horse and rider combination contributes to qualifying for team events. Riders are expected to be mounted and ready for classes on time. Riders are also expected to attend two ridden sessions and 1 horse mastership session for the rally to count as a qualifying rally. For the first mounted lesson of the day on their mount (this applies for each horse if the rider has bought two), riders must lead their horses to the riding grounds and only mount when gear checked by their instructors. If you need clarification regarding "working rallies" or qualifying multiple horses please speak to our Secretary.

10. HORSES & GEAR

Horses must be groomed, with feet picked out, hooves in good condition, mane and tail cleaned. Gear must be clean, oiled and safe, and should fit correctly and be comfortable for horse and rider. Refer to the current PCWA Gear Checking Manual for further information.

11. RIDERS

Under 18's must have an adult on site at all times. If you must leave the grounds at any time during a rally, please sign a transfer of responsibility form at the club room.

12. GROUPS

Riders will be assessed and placed in groups at the commencement of the year. The Chief Instructor and instructors continually reassess rider and horse capability, and may move riders to alternative groups depending on their ability, their horse, WHPC group numbers, instructors etc. Please note that group assignment is based on many different factors, and it is the role of the Chief Instructor to find the most suitable, equitable balance for riders.

13. QUALIFICATION FOR TEAM EVENTS

A minimum of THREE RALLIES must be attended with the same horse/rider combination to qualify for TEAM, PCWA and SWAN ZONE events, within a 12-month period from the date of entry to the competition.

14. TWO HORSES

This is a maximum number at any rally for any one rider and must be ridden by that same rider. One horse may be ridden in the morning session and one in the afternoon session. If wishing to qualify a second horse, the following must be met:

- The horse must be nominated in the sign-in book at the same time of nominating the first horse.
- The horse must be presented to the rally instructor for afternoon gear checking and be ridden in the afternoon session.

Failure to meet the above criteria will disqualify horse and rider from rally attendance. This is the rider's responsibility and must be done before commencement of the afternoon session.

15. SETTING UP AND PACKING AWAY

It is the responsibility of riders to set up and pack gear away at the beginning and end of the day. This is accounted for in every rally plan.

16. AWARDS

At the end of each year WHPC holds an Awards Presentation Day. There are several awards our members can work towards and receive. Some awards are earned by nomination of other club members and it is important to start thinking about who is deserving of these awards whilst at rallies and out competing.

17. RIDER'S AGE

Riders' age is taken as that on January 1

18. PCWA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TEAM EVENTS

Throughout the year there are several PCWA State Championship events. Some of the events will have Zone qualifying days and most of these events comprise of teams put forward by the different Pony Clubs around the state. These events are a great experience for our riders as they develop and cement friendships and team skills.

'Zones' are a number of Pony Clubs from a surrounding area that have been categorised into a zone by PCWA. WHPC falls into Swan Zone which is made up of Wanneroo, Swan Valley, Horsemen's and Herdsman Horse and Pony Clubs. At some of the Championship events, teams are chosen not only from the clubs but also the Zones.

Parent/Guardian Permission

Parent/guardian permission and participation is **ESSENTIAL** before competitors nominate to try out for any Championship teams. The formats and events for all Championship team programmes will be instructed at rallies. Information will be published on the WHPC website and Facebook page.

Qualification for Teams

All representatives must have participated in THREE FULL WORKING RALLIES with the SAME horse/rider combination. If riding two horses, both must have nominated and participated with the same horse/rider combination at THREE rallies. Every member is eligible to try out for the teams and should ensure they have qualified before trying out for placement.

It is the instructor's duty to confirm eligibility of horse and rider before final selection is made.

A MEMBER MUST BE QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT WHPC.

Selection

After FINAL selection for a team, members are expected to attend ALL PRACTICE SESSIONS scheduled. Failure to attend will result in replacement.

Wanneroo HPC 2024 Calendar

Please note this calendar is subject to change

February	4 th 10/11 th 11 th 17/18 th	WHPC Joining Day/AGM/BBQ/SJ Training Rounds State Coaching School RALLY 1 Wallangara Tetrathlon	WHPC Karinya EP WHPC Wallangara PC
March	9/10 10 th 17 th 23/24 th	Coaching the Coaches (TBC) <i>Dressage & SJ Qualifier</i> RALLY 2 State Tetrathlon Championships	WHPC WHPC WHPC SEC
April	10-14 21 st	Interschools RALLY 3	SEC WHPC
May	12 th 17-19	RALLY 4 PCWA State SJ Championships	WHPC SEC
June	30 th	RALLY 5	WHPC
July	12-14 th 28 th	PCWA State Dressage Championships RALLY 6	SEC WHPC
August	4 th 18 th	<i>Combined Training Event 1</i> RALLY 7	WHPC WHPC
September	1 st 15 th 21-28	<i>Combined Training Event 2</i> RALLY 8 Perth Royal Show	WHPC WHPC CSG
October			
November	19 th 23/24 th	Encouragement Hack Show Wanneroo HPC Camp	WHPC WHPC
December	8 th	Wanneroo Horse & Pony Club Windup	Outback Splash

Term 1 Holidays April 6th – April 14th

Term 2 Holidays June 22nd – July 15th

Term 3 Holidays September 21st – October 6th