

NYAH & DISTRICT PONY CLUB GYMKHANA
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Complying with the Gear Rules – A Summary

Gear which is not included in the PCA National Gear Rules cannot be used.

- A rider must have a gear check before each competition and allow time for re-presenting if something is not correct.
- Gear cannot be changed after a gear check unless the rider re-presents.
- Approved or mandatory gear for a discipline always applies at both warmup and competition level.

Below is a summary of the PCA National Gear Rules as they apply to the specific disciplines being held at the 2026 Nyah and District Pony Club Open Gymkhana.

More detailed information can be found by accessing the full PCA National Gear Rules

DISCIPLINE GROUPS FOR GEAR RULES	
Group E	Description
Stockman's Challenge	A competition using obstacles such as ramps, small jumps, gate to open and close and may include picking up and carrying objects
Group F	Description
Formal Gymkhana	Gymkhana or show with events such as Presentation, Led or Ridden classes on the flat. Sporting events held as part of a formal gymkhana follow gear rules for Group E
Group G	Description
Fancy Dress / Costume	This is judged on a rider and horse costume and does not usually involve a workout, just a line up for judging

RIDER ATTIRE - DEFINITIONS	
Pony Club – Formal / Competition Uniform	Refers to high level events eg at Club level and for Group F events. Formal Uniform means the formal or competition uniform as defined by your Club and registered with the State Office. It must include: • Approved helmet • Riding boots and • Jodhpurs, breeches, stockman cut or moleskin trousers It also requires what your Club specifies / allows as formal: • Pony Club jumper / vest, shirt and tie • Ratcatcher / stock or • Shirt and tie or • Polo top or windcheater in Pony Club colours
Open Riders	Non-Pony Club members competing at a Pony Club run event must wear: • Approved helmet and boots • Jodhpurs, breeches, stockman cut or moleskin trousers • Jacket, shirt and tie or stock or polo top

ITEM (Reference to PCA National Gear Rules)	Group E Stockman's Challenge	Group F Formal Gymkhana	Group G Fancy Dress / Costume
1.05 Boots (footwear)	⚡ MANDATORY • Close fitting equestrian boots (English/jodhpur, long/top/field boots) with firm sides. • Must have full, smooth soles and textured tread and be no more than 3mm in depth. • Must have a low but defined and square cut heel at least 14mm high. • Boots to be black or brown. PERMITTED • Roper/Redwing/Thomas Cook styled 'cowboy' boots in black or brown can be worn but only with jeans or stockman-cut trousers. Pants must cover the top of the boots; no tucking pants into boots. Maximum boot height is 30 cm/12inches. • Correctly fitted short lace up type riding boots under correctly fitted gaiters are permitted in all disciplines. Laced short boots worn without gaiters need to be taped and the ends tucked in for safety. • Top boots with lacing at front of ankle are permitted in all disciplines. • Boots with zippers are permitted. • <i>Lace up boots are permitted only under correctly fitted gaiters</i> NOT PERMITTED • Loose-fitting pants (stockman's cut, jeans etc) worn tucked into boots.		
1.07 Chapettes (half chaps and gaiters)	PERMITTED • Gaiters and chapettes, also known as half chaps • Must be leather or synthetic leather, must be either black or brown to match the colour of the jodhpur boots worn with them. • Chapettes must have a zip fastening and not Velcro.		
1.09 Earrings	PERMITTED • Must be taped over if the diameter is greater than 5mm.		
1.11 Glasses	PERMITTED • Sunglasses and prescription glasses		
1.12 Gloves	⚡ MANDATORY • When wearing rings • When lungeing PERMITTED • Must be equestrian style.		
1.14 Helmet	⚡ MANDATORY Must comply with one of the standards: • AS/NZS3838, • ARBHS2012, • ASTM F1163, • PAS 015 (1998, 2011 or 2015), • VG01.040 (2014-12)		
1.16 Jewellery and medical alerts	PERMITTED • Piercings - Facial piercings must be taped over. • Rings - Riders wearing rings must remove them or wear gloves. Plain flat bands can be taped or covered by gloves. • Medical necklaces and bracelets - Any medical disk should be visible. NOT PERMITTED • Non-medical necklaces and bracelets		
1.17 Jodhpurs, breeches, stockman's cut trousers, jeans and moleskins	⚡ MANDATORY • Pants should be neutral colours (white, beige, cream, black, navy etc.) PERMITTED • Coloured jodhpur inserts are permitted • Discreet decorative embroidery and/or stitching and discreet diamantes are permitted.	EXEMPT	

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1.18 Jumper / vest	★ MANDATORY (Pony Club Competitors) - Can be any material. Must be in Club colours. PERMITTED - Vests are optional in competition if part of a Club’s uniform and must be worn over a shirt. NOT PERMITTED - Pinned on metal badges, club tie pins, proficiency badges, Zone / State Badges PERMITTED - Proficiency badges, Zone and State badges, may be fixed to jumpers and vests. - Pinned on metal badges and club tie pins are permitted		EXEMPT
1.21 Makeup	PERMITTED		
1.24 Mobile Phones	NOT PERMITTED		
1.25 Music players, headphones, ear buds, communication devices	NOT PERMITTED (Exception - Hearing aids are permitted).		
1.31 Watches	PERMITTED Normal wrist watches		
1.32 Wet or cold weather gear	PERMITTED Subject to event organisers permission. Wet or cold weather gear should not have any loose flapping parts, including hoods, that could frighten a horse or snag on objects.		
2.01 Bandages	NOT PERMITTED		
2.02 Belly bands / spur guards	NOT PERMITTED		
2.04 Blinkers / pacifiers and sheepskin cheek covers	NOT PERMITTED		
2.04.1 Winkers	NOT PERMITTED		
2.05 Boots	PERMITTED - Brush boots with or without elasticity - Leg boots fastened on the outside facing backwards, smooth inside NOT PERMITTED - Pinch boots without stretch and / or elasticity	NOT PERMITTED <i>Except during warm up</i>	PERMITTED - Brush boots with or without elasticity - Leg boots fastened on the outside facing backwards, smooth inside NOT PERMITTED Pinch boots without stretch and / or elasticity
2.06 Breastplates	PERMITTED		
2.07 Bridle – material	★ MANDATORY - Leather or synthetic (PVC and flat webbing) NOT PERMITTED - Bridles made of rope / nylon with knots instead of buckles		
2.08.1 Bridle – types	PERMITTED - English style including extended head, dealers, Micklem, Barcoo, comfitec <i>Bitless bridle – side-pull, cross under and all-leather bosal * must have approval by chief instructor prior to competition</i> NOT PERMITTED - Running gag, rope bosal, hackamore, one-eared		

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2.08.2 Bridle – chin straps	PERMITTED - Must be made of leather or synthetic leather eg vinyl. NOT PERMITTED - If made of chain.		
2.10.1 Compression garments	NOT PERMITTED Eg compression socks, compression suit		
2.10.2 Compression hoods	PERMITTED Compression and calming hoods with or without ears	NOT PERMITTED	PERMITTED Compression and calming hoods with or without ears
2.11 Cruppers	PERMITTED		
2.12.1 Curb chains	★ MANDATORY - Any manufacturer’s bit that has curb chain hooks - Chain guard is optional NOT PERMITTED - Dropped nosebands are not permitted for use with a curb chain		
2.12.2 Curb chain – chain guard / cover	PERMITTED Must be made of leather, rubber or sheepskin		
2.12.3 Cub chain – lip strap	PERMITTED		
2.13 Ear bonnets / ear hoods / poll caps	NOT PERMITTED	PERMITTED	
2.13.1 Ear Plugs	NOT PERMITTED		
2.14 Fly veil, fly mask, fly shield, fly hood	NOT PERMITTED		
2.14. Nose nets, pollen filters	PERMITTED Must be translucent		
2.15 Girths	★ MANDATORY - Minimum 2 girth points in use. <i>Accepted swinging fender with latigo</i> PERMITTED - Swinging fender and poley / stock saddles are accepted with attachments as designed and manufactured for the particular saddle - A saddle with a one point girth must be combined with a surcingle or fastener system with exception to a swinging fender with a latigo system.		
2.16 Hoof Boots	PERMITTED - Must have exposed heels, must be all black, - Must have a least two means of attachment		
2.17 Leading rein / leadline	PERMITTED - Leadrope – Must be attached to a halter worn under the bridle. The bridle must not have a noseband - Butterfly lead – Must be attached to both bit rings under the rider’s reins.		
2.18 Martingales	PERMITTED - Running martingale –Must have a diagonally fitted stopper at the junction of the ring straps and the neck strap. - Bib martingale - Must have stoppers on reins NOT PERMITTED - Standing martingale - No buckles are permitted along the rein length		
2.20.1 Monkey grip	PERMITTED		

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2.20.2 Neck strap	PERMITTED		
2.21.1 Nosebands	PERMITTED - Cavesson, drop, Hanoverian, grackle, Mexican, crank, figure eight and ergonomic nosebands NOT PERMITTED - Double noseband, Kineton noseband		
2.21.2 Noseband – shadow roll or shield	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED	PERMITTED
2.22.1 Reins	MANDATORY PERMITTED - With pelham bits – forked reins / rein dividers / roundings / equalisers/ ring connectors / double reins NOT PERMITTED - Split reins – not permitted unless joined by a buckle, knot or securely taped		
2.22.2 Rein attachments	PERMITTED - Buckles facing outwards, billets facing inwards, bit clips facing inwards - Riders under 12 years – anti-grazing or grass reins and balance reins NOT PERMITTED - Elastic inserts in reins, running / draw reins, Chambon, long reins, side reins, market Harborough, German martingale		
2.23 Saddles	★ MANDATORY - Must be constructed of leather or synthetic material. PERMITTED - Pony pads and Inky Dinky style saddle		
	NOT PERMITTED Western saddles with horns, racing saddles, track pads		PERMITTED Track pad
2.24.1 Saddlecloths and riser pads	MANDATORY - When a saddle is used. Maximum of 2 saddlecloths to be used NOT PERMITTED - Makeshift padding, folded / rolled saddlecloths, towels etc		
2.24.3 Saddle covers	NOT PERMITTED		
2.25 Shadow rolls	PERMITTED - On noseband NOT PERMITTED - On cheekpieces		
2.27.1 Stirrup irons	★ MANDATORY - Fenders over the tree must have Safety Oxbows PERMITTED - Regular straight, Fillis irons, offset irons, safety irons, Jakob irons, carbon polymer irons, clogs, toe stoppers, quick release irons, peacock irons, hinged spring irons, Kwik-outs - Oxbow Stirrups permitted only with stock saddle or fender saddle NOT PERMITTED - Not permitted – stirrups made of pure aluminium, pure nickel or wood		

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2.27.2 Stirrup irons – size, fitting, treads	⚙ MANDATORY - Minimum or 15mm and maximum of 20mm gap between the widest part of the rider's boot and the stirrup NOT PERMITTED - Magnetic treads and connecting magnetic boot soles		
2.27.3 Stirrup leathers	⚙ MANDATORY Must hang freely on the outside of the saddle flap		
2.29 Tongue ties	NOT PERMITTED		
2.30 Whips	PERMITTED - Riding Crops up to 75cm including flapper NOT PERMITTED - Dressage whips		
	PERMITTED - Racing Whip NOT PERMITTED - Hacking Cane	PERMITTED - Hacking Cane NOT PERMITTED - Racing Whip	PERMITTED - Racing Whip NOT PERMITTED - Hacking Cane
Appendix 2 Bits	⚙ MANDATORY - Mouthpieces must not have a diameter less than 10mm PERMITTED - Snaffle bits, , Pessoa / Dutch gag, Wilkie bit <i>Pelham bits (double reins only in Group F)</i> NOT PERMITTED - Bits made only of rubber or rubber and chain, flexible plastic, polymer or flexible rubber with no inner core, Runing gag bits, western bits of any type, hackamores, racing bits, twisted snaffle - Bit clips joining the bit to another part of the bridle, bit burrs		
	PERMITTED - Campdraft bit NOT PERMITTED - Double or Weymouth (ND&PC Event Rules)	NOT PERMITTED - Double or Weymouth (ND&PC Event Rules) - Campdraft bit	NOT PERMITTED - Double or Weymouth (ND&PC Event Rules) - Campdraft bit
Appendix 3 Spurs	PERMITTED - Dummy spurs not less than 7mm diameter at end of shank, - Soft touch roller spurs, Waterford spurs, roller ball spurs, jumping spurs, blunt daisy rowels, smooth disc rowels, Sprenger fair rider spurs NOT PERMITTED - Side rollers, ripple spurs, curved shanks, upward shanks, side shanks, horizontal rowel spurs		
Appendix 5 Lungeing Gear	⚙ MANDATORY - Helmet, rider boots and gloves - Horse must be attached to a lunge line and must be wearing a bit or lunging cavesson. - If using a bit, the lunge rein must go through the inside bit ring, over the horse's poll and clipped to the outside bit ring PERMITTED - Horse Boots and bandages (bandages must be stitched), lunge cavesson, lunge whip NOT PERMITTED - Spurs, bearing, running, draw or balancing reins, side reins, Chambons, pelhams or double bridles, martingales		