



NORTHERN METROPOLITAN ZONE

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT FOR ZONE MEETING APRIL- 2015

COACHES CLINIC: Our DCI/ZA panel are hosting a GRID and RELATED DISTANCES CLINIC. So far we have over 40 keen people who have booked in to attend. There are plenty of spaces available and the RSVP date is Friday 17th April. The presenter will be Sue Leslie who is a NCAS EA Level 3 coach. The clinic is to be held indoors at Glenbrae Equestrian Centre on Friday night 24th April. Starting time is 7.15 pm for registration. We are having demonstration riders from Kinglake Pony Club. The clinic will run until 9.30pm. Open to coaches, riders, parents and anyone else interested in expanding their knowledge about the correct set up and distances in a grid and appropriate methods to instruct riders. Coaches can use the clinic to update their NCAS points. Cost is \$10 for entry.

I thought this clinic would be helpful for the parents who have to set up the jumping equipment at the rallies and for the coaches who are not sure of the distances in the grid. Jumping distances that are incorrect are quite dangerous especially when teaching grid. This clinic is open to all zones. To register for the clinic please email me at m.thomas877@hotmail.com or for inquiries phone 57861955.

NCAS INSTRUCTOR CLINICS: Our zone will be hosting a NCAS assessment day on 23rd May. The Grid and Related Distances Clinic is our first training day. The next Training Day is on the 2nd May at North Eastern Pony Club grounds. This clinic will focus on teaching dressage, games and showjumping. Contact Michele Thomas for bookings. m.thomas877@hotmail.com

COACHING AT CLUBS: As from January 2015 all pony clubs with 20 or more riders will have to have at least one current qualified Level 1 NCAS coach at their rally. Coaches can be PCAV or EA Level 1 coaches, but they must have current qualifications. Coaches who do not update will not be current or insured to teach at rallies. If any clubs do not have a current qualified Level 1 coach in attendance, they will be unable to run their rally on that day.

Also as from January 2015 all coaches must be registered and approved by PCAV or they will be unable to coach. Coach membership is mandatory. This includes Volunteers, EA Coaches, NCAS PCAV Level I coaches, unqualified coaches and preliminary coaches. All coaches not registered on the PCAV Database are not considered approved and will not be covered under the PCAV insurance policy.

Coaches need to register on an online booking system called Trybooking that is on the PCAV website. When booking is completed print out a ticket and take this with you when you coach at clubs. This ticket must be sighted by the DC before you coach. You also need to show your WWWC card if you are over the age of 18. Benefits of Coach Membership will include: coverage under the PCAV Insurance policy, PCAV MAD Magazine subscription, membership card and notification of personal development opportunities. A coaching membership

category will ensure compliance with both the ASC for NCAS Coaches and Gow-Gates to ensure that all Pony Club Coaches are covered. Gow-Gates has a website dedicated to Pony Club Insurance with full details of Policies which can be found attached to the PCAV website <http://www.gowgatessport.com.au/ponyclub/>

PCA NCAS Level 1 Coaches who are registered with and approved by PCAV carry Public & Products Liability Insurance whilst coaching up to date financial members of PCAV outside of usual PCAV organised activities. They are also covered for personal Accident whilst engaged in non-income earning activities involving riding, caring for or handling horses and attending equestrian activities organised and/or sanctioned by PCAV, in addition while engaged in coaching: any PCAV member at a PCAV event or an up to date PCAV financial member regardless of whether or not you are earning income from that activity. This does not apply to volunteers, unqualified or preliminary coaches, only Level 1 NCAS coaches. Volunteers, unqualified and preliminary coaches are only covered on Rally days.

Fees are as follows:	Volunteers, Current EA coaches and unqualified coaches	\$25
	PCA NCAS Preliminary coaches	\$75
	PCA NCAS Level 1 coaches	\$150

If a Coach is not registered with PCAV they will not be covered by any insurance.

Coaches who take away teams to skill training weekends, any state coach, or any coach training riders for Nationals must be PCAV or EA NCAS Level I and registered.

I hope this information has answered any questions you need to know about coaches as there has been a lot of confusion about the new coach requirements.

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