



Series Rules for 2018

REMINDER: F Grade is for the genuine beginner on a small pony. (from PCAV Grading Guidelines)

*******All riders are reminded that they must be in correct uniform at presentation.**

1. Entering this competition constitutes acknowledgment that PCAV rules apply and acceptance of these rules.
2. "BEST" series is open to all graded Pony Club riders sections A-F.
3. Neither the BEST organizing committee, PCAV, Barwon Valley, Drysdale Leopold, Mount Duneed or Leighdale Pony Clubs, accept any responsibility whatsoever for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, riders, ground spectators or any other person/s or property.
4. The BEST committee reserves the right to cancel, alter, or delete from the program or these rules at any time. Any rule changes will be advised in the next event program. Additionally, the BEST committee reserves the right to refuse entry, without stating reason.
5. **Hors Concours** - In the interest of good sportsmanship, please ensure you are graded appropriately. Combinations that are not graded appropriately may be required to ride Hors Concours for series points at the discretion of the BEST committee.
6. The Barwon Equine Showjumping Tournament (BEST) consists of 4 separate competitions hosted by Barwon Valley, Leighdale, Drysdale Leopold & Mount Duneed Pony Clubs. Entry to the BEST series is included as part of the entry fee for the above four competitions.
7. "Event" refers to the 2 events offered per grade at any competition.
8. "Competition" refers to each individual day hosted by the individual Clubs.
9. "Series" refers to the combined results from the 4 competitions in the Tournament.
10. To be eligible for BEST series placings (**grades E-A**), a combination must compete in at least three BEST competitions. Series placing will be determined by using the **best 3 overall scores** achieved by a combination from any of the four competitions. If you compete at all 4 competitions, your worst overall score will be dropped. If you have competed in 3 or less, then all overall scores will be counted.



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11. **F Grade Only** - F Grade riders will not be awarded Series Points at each competition. At each competition in the BEST Series, F grade riders will win ribbons for each event, a trophy for Champion on the day, the same as grades A-E, but will not accrue any points towards the Series Championship. There will be no Series Champion or Championship rug awarded for F grade.
12. F Grade riders may only ride one horse.
13. **F Grade Equitation score sheet has been modified.**
14. **A & B Grade Only** - If there are insufficient numbers in A & B grades that have competed in at least 3 rounds of the BEST to fill all 6 series placings, the remaining series placings will be awarded at the discretion of the BEST committee.
15. **E to A Grade Only** - Combinations who have won a Series Championship are not eligible to win a Series Championship again at the same grade in subsequent years, unless it is the highest level that can be achieved in the Series. Combinations may still compete at the same grade at individual competitions and be eligible to win sashes/prizes etc, but will not accrue any Series Points.
16. If combinations grade up at any time during the series, they may take their points earned from any one of the previous competitions in the series, with them. Combinations competing at all four competitions will drop one overall score from the lower grade regardless of it being their worst score or not.
17. Placings to 6th place for each event at each competition (grades A-F).
18. Overall placings in each grade, at each competition, sashes to 6th place at each competition. Prizes for Champion as determined by each individual host club.
19. Series placings 1st to 6th place for each grade in Pony Club sections (A-E). Embroidered woollen rugs for overall champions in each grade A-E. Prizes for 2nd to 6th. Rosettes for 1st to 6th place.
20. A count back will be used to determine a clear winner in each grade in the case of a tie at all competitions, and series.
21. If graded accordingly, riders may enter more than one horse, (refer multiple horse rule PCAV Handbook of Bylaws), **with the exception of F grade. F grade riders may only ride one horse.**
22. There will be only one course walk per event, per grade for each event at each competition. Riders must walk the course before each event starts.
23. Riders must ride in draw order or risk elimination.
24. **Dangerous riding - Riders may be stopped and/or eliminated at the discretion of judges.**

25. Entries for all four competitions may be limited.



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26. Points will be awarded to the top ten [10] competitors [horse/rider combination] in each showjumping event for each grade at each competition. There are two events per grade per competition. The competitor [horse/rider combination] with the highest number of points at each competition of the series will determine the Champion for that leg of the series for each grade. Points accumulated by each competitor [horse/rider combination] from each of the four legs will be accumulated and the worst score dropped to determine the Series Champion for each Grade and subsequent series runners-up. If a combination has competed in 3 competitions, then all overall scores will be counted.

27. The Points accumulated for each event are:

Placing	Points Accumulated
1st	12
2nd	10
3rd	9
4th	8
5th	7
6th	6
7th	5
8th	4
9th	3
10th	2
Competing Bonus*	1

***Note: The competitor [horse/rider combination] MUST report to the Judge and go through the start flags to receive these bonus points**

PLEASE NOTE: New horse points restart at Zero

Example:

If you compete in both showjumping events at one competition – you will be awarded 2 points for competing. If you are then placed you are also awarded up to an additional 12 points per event.

The points accumulated on the day will determine your overall placing for the day and will carry forward to the series championship.