



# PCA QUIZ RULES

<p><b>Eligibility to Compete</b></p>	<p><b>For PCA National Championships</b></p> <p>Active member of a club from the Member State that they are representing.          Minimum 10yrs, Maximum 25 years.</p> <p>Have attained their Efficiency Certificate required for their Age Group (see Age Groups below), copy submitted with entry.</p> <p>Written declaration from their State Branch Selection Panel Chair, to verify that they meet their State Qualification Criteria.</p>
<p><b>Spectators</b></p>	<p><b>Must:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter venue prior to a phase start.</li> <li>• Stay in the designated area and not enter actual competition area.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain quiet during competition or inquiry periods.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ensure if they carry a mobile telephone that it is on silent/vibrate only</li> </ul> <p><b>Must not during competition / inquiry / protest periods:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter the competition venue or seating area.</li> <li>• Be a competitor for the Quiz Competition             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk or signal to competitors.</li> <li>• Talk or interfere with a Judge.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bring writing or recording materials.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer a telephone</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Competitor Dress</b></p>	<p>State Formal PC Uniform or State Team Uniform</p> <p>All team members must wear matching attire, to present as a team</p>

<b>Age Groups</b>	As at Jan 1 of the Competition Year		
		<b>Age</b>	<b>Efficiency Certificate</b>
	<b>Seniors</b>	17-25yrs	Min: C
	<b>Juniors</b>	10-16yrs	Min: D
<b>Team Composition</b>	<p><b>For PCA National Championships</b></p> <p><b>Seniors - Mixed Gender</b> 4 in a team, best 3 scores count</p> <p><b>Juniors – Mixed Gender Teams</b> 4 in a team, best 3 scores count</p> <p>Each team appoints a captain.</p>		
<b>Classroom Phase</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Method</b></p> <p>Oral questions are asked in a classroom setting. A Round is complete when each member of a team has answered one (1) individual question.</p> <p>The team will answer in order during each Round starting with the captain of each team.</p> <p>A 4-person team will answer 4 questions. The lowest score of each team will be dropped in each Round. The three best scores are totalled in every Round.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Scoring in Summary</b></p> <p>1. Question at same certification level . . . . .5 points  2. Question at one certification higher . . . . .10 points  3. Question at two certifications higher . . . . .15 points</p> <p>At the end of the Phase the total scores for each Round are totalled.</p>		

## **Mega Room Phase**

### **Method**

Mega-Room is comprised of tables with horse-related items displayed on them. Mega-Room table props should come from the Official Reference List. All items in the Mega-Room Phase are identified by matching them with an answer sheet given to each competitor. Competitors compete individually in Mega-Room and the top three scores will be totalled for a team score. The Mega-Room Phase varies in number of Rounds depending on availability of props and facilities.

All questions are in a matching format.

1. Competitors will rotate through a series of tables that have various horse-related items displayed.
2. A table is a separate Round.
3. The number of tables (Rounds), and the number of items on each table within each Division will be set by the Organizer. The point value should be the same for each item.
4. Only one competitor per team at each table. No more than 10 competitors per table.
5. Each competitor will receive an individual answer sheet prior to the beginning of the Phase.
6. The Mega-Room Coordinator will signal the beginning and the end of each Round.
7. At the start signal, competitors will identify the items on the table and record their answers on the answer sheet.
8. Each table will have one (1) Table Monitor/Scorer per table. The Monitors/Scorer will score each answer sheet at the end of the Round and return the answer sheets to each competitor.
9. There will be one (1) Mega-Room Timer who will time each Round and indicate to the Mega-Room Coordinator when the specified time has elapsed.
10. Each Mega-Room Round has a 3-minute time limit.
11. Every individual competitor will rotate through each table.
12. At the discretion of the Organizer, Rounds may be officially recorded on audio or videotape or CD. This must be announced prior to the start of the competition.

### **Scoring in Summary**

1. Each correctly identified item earns one (1) point.
2. Only positive points count. Points are not subtracted for incorrect answers.

The 3 highest individual scores of each team are totalled for the entire Phase, not individual tables. Thus, the lowest score for each 4-person team is dropped at the MegaRoom Phase.

**Written Test Phase****Method**

The Written Test is comprised of 25 questions.  
Written Tests are efficiency certificate specific and test up to one level above the competitor's certified level.

The Written Test is designed to give individuals more time to work through their answers.

1. All competitors in a Division will take the Written Test at the same time or at the beginning of their Classroom Phase.
2. There may be only one (1) competitor per team at each table and only up to ten (10) competitors per table.
3. Each competitor will receive an individual test sheet at the beginning of the Phase.
4. At the start signal, competitors shall begin the Written Test.
5. Any competitor may have his/her test read to him/her. A reader will be assigned by the Organizer.
6. Individuals shall indicate when they are finished by turning their answer sheet over.
7. There is a 45-minute time limit for the Written Test.

**Scoring in Summary**

1. Each correct answer will have a positive point value of two (2).
2. Only positive points count. Points are not subtracted for incorrect answers.

The 3 highest individual scores of each team are totalled for the entire Phase. Thus, the lowest score for each 4-person team is dropped at the Written Test.