

*RDAV/PCAV  
DISABILITY  
ACTION PLAN  
2006*



*“ENCOURAGING INCLUSION”*

## **CONCEPT**

The concept is for PCAV and RDAV to develop an alliance that enables a rider with a disability to attend pony club if the rider's ability allows for the rider to participate in the pony club environment.

This proposal is about including riders in pony club current operating environments. It is not designed to amalgamate RDAV/PCAV or to have riders with more limited ability accessing the program.

It's about creating an encouraging open environment for riders of all abilities to attend pony club. There is a process to assess rider ability and their appropriateness to attend a particular pony club.

This program will highlight the pathway for a pony club rider with a disability to go through a national selection processes and possibly be selected for a state or national squads through RDAV or PCAV. For a select few, this may ultimately lead to international competition opportunities such as the Paralympic Games or National Mounted Games.

## **KEY FOCUS AREAS**

- Publicity and Processes
- Participation Program
- Update Rules and Policies (including exemption process)
- Mentor Program
- Talent Identification (including classification)
- Training
- Recognition and Reward

## **PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION**

- To develop a National Flyer  
PCAV to RDAV  
RDAV to PCAV
- To have a nationally developed flyer promoting the system that the RDAV Coach can identify and assist an RDAV rider to attend a pony club rally.
- There is already an RDAA/EFA Exemption system where, with modification to the EFA rules, EFA will allow riders to compete on a more even footing. PCAV can use this as a template for an exemption system.
- To have a National Exemption Form for riders attending pony club competitions. The National Exemption Form will be issued by the national panel.
- To generate a list of RDA and Pony Clubs with a set of contacts in each organization. Particular emphasis will be given to the 38 RDA Centres in Victoria and matching them with local pony clubs. Include regional/zone groupings.
- To appoint a State Inclusion Officer that sits on the PCAV CIP and RDAV State Coaching Panel.

## **PARTICIPATION PROGRAM**

To facilitate some combined activities to both organizations in 6 locations.

Introduce some inclusive activities including Vaulting, carriage driving, etc.

## **UPDATE RULES AND POLICIES**

To have the PCAV Rules Sub-Committee review the PCAV Rules and Policies to recognize the systems and processes established under the program.

Eg. Gear Checking Guidelines, Handbook of Bylaws, Dressage for Pony Club, Horse Trials Rules, Pony Club Games.

## **MENTOR PROGRAM**

To jointly identify RDAV / PCAV coaches and make them program mentors

Highlight or champion existing riders with disabilities in PCAV and RDAV

Investigate the possibility of inclusive/integrated championships eg Dressage

## **TALENT IDENTIFICATION**

Through the participation program, identify the RDAV riders who may be assessed and invited to join pony club and pony club riders who may be more appropriate in an RDAV setting.

## **TRAINING**

Inform the parents and coaches at a local level about opportunities for a person with a disability interested in riding a horse and provide the support structure to make an appropriate choice. Eg RDA Centre, Pony Club, Commercial Riding Centre

Involve the Disability Sports Network to deliver resources such as the Disability Education Program resources in training at a club level.

Continue to develop the cross pollination of NCAS Coaching Courses between RDAA and APCC as recognised through the NCAS system. There is already a component to recognize current competencies in our current level one NCAS, this could be slightly elaborated to have a section on the DAP.

## **RECOGNITION AND REWARD**

Develop a process where clubs are recognized for their inclusive policies and practices and highlight these to other clubs.

## **FUNDING**

RDAA has been funded by the Australian Sports Commission to co-ordinate the development of this alliance.

The Project Connect principle has been approved by the APCC.

Victoria will develop a pilot program and a funding submission to RDAA for our inclusive program.

Victorian Pony Clubs will be included in the PCAV submission as host organizations for the program.

## RDAV/PCAV Disability Action Plan

Combining activities in 6 locations	\$6000
Administrative Guidelines administration	
Coaching	
Transport	
Prizes	
Travel	
Meals and Accom	
Develop a tiered inclusion program (4 tiers) for a pony club	\$3000
Preparation of the national flyers	\$1000
Printing of colour brochures	\$3000
Provide support to clubs and centres by the State Co-ordinator 35 hours	\$1000
To develop a curriculum	\$2000
Delivery of disability awareness training package	\$1500
Write skill based classification system based in a grading the combinations	\$1000
Printing of Exemption Cards	\$500
Newsletter articles in RDAV and PCAV	\$1000
Pilot a joint state event in dressage (SMZ 07 or Dressage Festival)	\$3000
Total	\$23000