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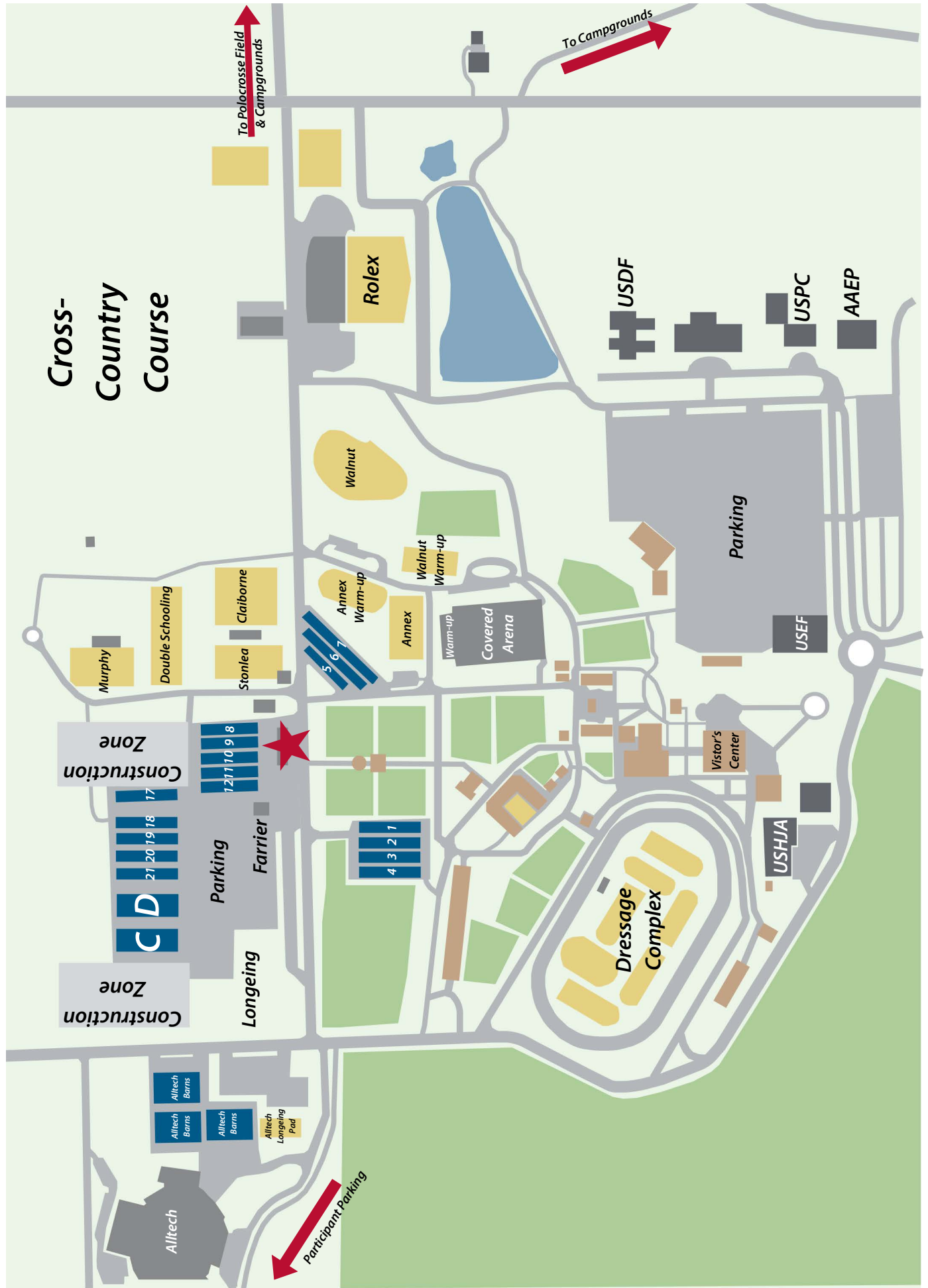
Guidebook

JULY 13–19
KENTUCKY HORSE PARK | LEXINGTON, KY



Kentucky Horse Park

★ Main Show Office



USPC Festival Guidebook

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The weeklong USPC Festival is held every other year at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky. More than 2,500 Pony Club members, volunteers, and families participate, and the public comes to enjoy the festivities as spectators. Anyone is welcome.

USPC Festival is divided into two parts: Championships and Education. The mounted and unmounted clinics and workshops taught by Olympians, Pony Club experts, and equine industry professionals are held in the first part of the week, followed by the national Championships. Throughout the week, participants, families, and visitors can shop at the USPC Festival trade fair, participate in and watch the mock foxhunt, and enjoy all aspects of Pony Club activities.

EDUCATION

Pony Club's foundation is built on education, and mounted and unmounted education is an essential part of Festival. Pony Club members and all equine enthusiasts are invited to participate in the mounted clinics and unmounted education.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships includes competition in eight Pony Club disciplines: Dressage, Eventing, Mounted Games, Polocrosse, Quiz, Show Jumping, Tetrathlon, and Western Dressage. This year includes Open Gymkhana and Trail competitions.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 13 — EDUCATION

12:00 pm Education and Championships Move-In Begins
 3:00 pm Education Briefing
 3:30 pm Longeing Clinic
 4:00 pm D Camp Begins
 7:00 pm Lendon Gray Dressage Master Clinic

TUESDAY, JULY 14 — EDUCATION

D Camp All Day
 8:00 am–5:00 pm Unmounted and Mounted Clinics
 Lunch - Driving Demonstration
 7:00 pm Doug Payne Show Jumping Master Clinic

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 — EDUCATION

D Camp All Day
 8:00 am–5:00 pm Unmounted and Mounted Clinics
 10:00 am Championships Tack/Feed Stalls Available
 Lunch - Driving Derby Classic
 7:00 pm Liberty Demonstration

THURSDAY, JULY 16 — EDUCATION & CHAMPIONSHIPS

6:30 am Early Morning Foxhunt
 10:00 am Championships Move-In Concludes
 10:00 am–12:00 pm Championships Packet Pickup
 12:00 pm Championships Competitions Begin
(Barn access limited to competitors only)
 6:00 pm Barns Closed
 6:30 pm Opening Ceremony/Competitor Party
 8:00–8:30 pm Night Checks

FRIDAY, JULY 17 — CHAMPIONSHIPS

6:00 am Barns Open, Competition Resumes
 3:00–4:00 pm Barns Open to the Public
(Quiz Barn excluded)
 6:00 Barns Closed
 8:00–8:30 pm Night Checks

SATURDAY, JULY 18 — CHAMPIONSHIPS

6:00 am Barns Open and Competition Resumes
 3:00–4:30 pm Barns Open to the Public
(Quiz Barn excluded)
 6:00 pm Barns Closed
 6:30 pm International Mounted Games Exchange Competition
 8:00–8:30 pm Night Checks

SUNDAY, JULY 19 — CHAMPIONSHIPS

6:00 am Barns Open, Competition Resumes
 TBA Discipline Awards Ceremonies
Championships move out begins following awards

MONDAY, JULY 20 — CHAMPIONSHIPS

8:00 am All participants must be moved out

FESTIVAL ADMISSION

Admission to Festival Education requires purchase of a mounted or unmounted entry type. Auditors must pay the unmounted education fee.

Admission is free to Festival Championships, the trade fair, opening ceremony, competitor party, International Mounted Games Exchange competition, and Open Gymkhana and Trail competitions.

TRADE FAIR

The USPC Festival trade fair featuring local and national businesses, schools, sponsors, and [Shop Pony Club](#), will be located in the Alltech Arena and around the competition venue.

Vendors interested in participating in the Festival trade fair may contact csappelli@ponyclub.org.

COMMUNICATIONS

Click the link [here](#) to sign up for Festival communications. Important information about Festival Education and Championships will be sent to all participants and those signed up for the email list. PDF versions of emails will be available on the [Festival page](#) of the Pony Club website.

During Festival, USPC will use a texting platform for updates and announcements. Sign-up information will be available at a later date.

KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

RULES & REGULATIONS

Detailed facility [rules and regulations](#) are available on the Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) website. While the highlights are included in the following document, all Festival attendees are responsible for reviewing and abiding by all KHP regulations while on site.

ADMISSION

The Kentucky Horse Park features the world-renowned International Museum of the Horse, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the American Saddlebred Museum, live equine presentations, and more for the whole family. Mention USPC Festival in the KHP Visitor's Center for discounted admission.

PARKING

Parking is permitted in designated areas only, and there is NO parking on grass. Vehicles are only allowed in

the barns for loading and unloading. Only licensed vehicles with licensed operators will be permitted.

All trailers must be parked in the trailer parking lot across from the Secretariat Center or in another designated area, if available. Inappropriately parked trailers will be towed at the owner's expense.

Follow the USPC Festival signs for participants and trailer parking areas.

PERSONAL TRANSPORT

The KHP allows a variety of vehicles to traverse the park. All transportation, whether motorized, electric, or human-powered, must always give way to horses, follow all posted signs and traffic rules, and be parked in appropriate areas. Violations may be subject to penalty, fines, and/or ban from use.

GOLF CARTS

All drivers must have a valid driver's license. Golf carts are not allowed in barns. Golf carts are available for rent on-site from Devers.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Electric bikes, scooters, hoverboards, or other battery powered vehicles may be safely used by non-licensed individuals.

BICYCLES

Attendees may ride bicycles. Bicycles may be parked at the end of barns for the duration of Festival.

USEF MOTORIZED VEHICLE STATEMENT

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above-described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. **The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation.** Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for

individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

DOGS AND PETS

- Are not allowed in the barns or indoor venues.
- Must be leashed (6'0" or shorter) at all times.
- Must never be left unattended or in a car.

ON-SITE DINING

Several dining options are available on site, including the Iron Works Café located next to the Visitors Center, and the Nicholson Café located next to the show office. Additional food trucks and concessions will be available throughout the week.

LOCAL WEATHER

Participants and horses must be prepared for hot and humid conditions and have an ample supply of water, and if necessary, electrolytes for themselves and their mounts. Please refer to Appendix II of the discipline rulebooks for information regarding heat illness.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Bad weather can close, delay, or cancel some events at the discretion of the Kentucky Horse Park or USPC Festival organizers. In the event of inclement weather, The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. does NOT issue refunds or rainchecks. We will adjust the schedule if possible to accommodate Festival competition, riding clinics, and workshops to the best of our ability.

LOCAL AMENITIES

HOTELS

Specially priced Festival rooming blocks are available at the following hotels.

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center - North

1950 Newton Pike, Lexington, KY 40511
 (859) 977-9114
 \$129.00/night
 Booking Deadline: June 21

Home2 Suites by Hilton Georgetown

270 Tiger Way, Georgetown, KY 40324
 (502) 570-4663
 \$139.00/night
 Booking Deadline: June 22

Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Lexington North

2100 Hackney Place, Lexington, KY 40511
 (859) 977-5870
 \$139.00/night
[Book Now](#)
 Booking Deadline: July 19

CAMPING

You can stay on site for the duration of Festival in the KHP Campground. For reservations, [click here](#), or call Reserve America at 888-459-7275. Campground space is limited and not in any way controlled by USPC. Reserve your space early!

Electrical, water, and sewage dump available, as well as picnic tables and grills. Pet friendly. Only trailers or campers with correct RV permits will be allowed in the RV parking area. RV pad reservation is for the space only and does not include RV.

Other nearby campgrounds include [Whispering Hills RV Park](#) and [Fort Boonesborough State Park](#).

LOCAL TOURISM

Restaurants, attractions, and amenities in and around Lexington, Ky., can be found on [Visit Lex](#), [Paris Bourbon County Tourism](#), and [Scott County Tourism](#).

Allpony USPC Membership Benefits

Available for free to USPC Participating Members, a subscription on Allpony.com serves as a powerful supplement to the *USPC Manuals of Horsemanship*. Designed to be informative, interactive, and easy to use, Allpony gives USPC members a dynamic and comprehensive learning experience that brings the USPC curriculum to life—anytime and from any digital device. With Allpony, USPC members can:

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For those who aren't USPC Participating Members, Single User Subscriptions and Instructor Subscriptions are available.

SHOW SERVICES

Official Veterinarian (24 hour)

Park Equine Hospital
5455 Lexington Road
Lexington, KY 40511

[Website](#)

859-987-4304 (State with USPC Festival)

On-Site Bedding, Hay, Feed, Stall Mats, Ice, and Turnout Paddocks

Dever, Inc.

[Website](#)

859-233-9702

Farrier Service

Bryan Osborne

859-533-6673 (State with USPC Festival)

Medical Service

Alpha Event Medicine

EQUINE TRAVEL

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Traveling with your equine across state lines takes careful planning and forethought. Travel requirements may change from day to day because of ongoing disease outbreaks and concerns. As a horse owner, it is your responsibility to verify the requirements in place at the time of your travel. The [Kentucky Department of Agriculture](#) is a helpful website for your planning, as well as the [Equine Disease Communication Center](#).

At the date of publication, all horses traveling from out of state must have a negative Coggins within one year and a Certificate of Veterinary Health (CVI) within 30 days. Coggins and CVI must be valid for the duration of the competition and travel to and from Kentucky. All horses must not originate from quarantined premises. *A reminder, these requirements may change, and it is the competitor/owner's responsibility to adhere to all equine transportation requirements.*

EARLY ARRIVAL AND LAYOVER STALLS

Due to multiple shows before and after Festival, there will be NO early arrival or layover stabling available at the Kentucky Horse Park before or after Festival.

All early arrival and layover scheduling is handled solely at the competitor's discretion. A list of layover locations near the Kentucky Horse Park is available [here](#).

Stabling is available for all Championships and Education participants all week. All Championships competitors who want to stable during Education must be registered for Education.

COMMERCIALLY SHIPPED HORSES

Participants MUST have authorized horse-knowledgeable representatives to be at the barns BEFORE the horses are scheduled to arrive and meet the van on arrival.

LOADING AND UNLOADING

Participants must unload as quickly as possible in the barn areas. All aisles and roadways around barns must be kept open pursuant to fire regulations.



ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

Enter through the main KHP entrance gate. Follow all signs for trailers and passenger vehicles. Trailers will be routed to the veterinary paperwork check. Mounts may arrive between the hours of **10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, except on Monday July 13, when they may not arrive until Noon Eastern Time.

All Championships mounts must remain on grounds for the duration of Championships.

DEPARTURE PROCEDURE

Education—No restrictions.

Championships—Barns will not be opened for move out until after awards for that discipline are completed. No trailers or vehicles are allowed into the barn area until authorized by traffic and parking staff.

STABLING

STALL SPECIFICATIONS

A mix of 10' x 10' and 10' x 12' permanent stalls with asphalt floors and full doors.

STALL ASSIGNMENTS

Stall assignments will be posted on **Monday morning, July 13**. No arrivals before noon Eastern Time on July 13. All stabling assignments will be posted on the [Pegasus App](#). Special stabling requests cannot be accommodated.

CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM TACK AND FEED STALLS

Championships stabling includes a team tack room and feed room, available from **10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15, until 8 a.m. on Monday, July 20**. Regardless of the date of move in, the team tack and feed stalls will NOT be available until Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

EDUCATION TACK AND FEED ROOMS

Tack and feed rooms will **not** be available during Festival Education. Please plan to have a tack trunk with you for the duration for Education.

BEDDING, HAY, AND FEED

No bedding, hay, or feed is included with your Festival entry. Bedding must be wood shavings or straw. You may bring your own, pre-order from Dever, or purchase from Dever on site.

STABLING RULES

1. All mounts at Festival must have a completed stall card with mount and owner information.
2. Fans may be used, but must have three-prong electrical connections and meet Kentucky State Fire Code.

3. Smoking and vaping are not permitted in or around the barn area.
4. No drilling or nailing into doors or walls permitted. Posters, flyers, and other printed materials may not be stapled on any building. They may be posted on designated bulletin boards only.
5. All manure and used shavings must be placed in designated manure pits (not at the ends of barns, or trash cans). Shavings bags must be in trash cans.
6. Hazardous medical waste must be discarded in the designated sharps containers located in the barns (not in manure pits, trash cans, or stalls).

Participants may be subject to other stabling rules and regulations as posted by USPC or the Kentucky Horse Park.



HACKING AND LONGEING

Exercising and schooling of mounts must take place only in the designated times and locations (TBD).

Any mounted participant must follow all [USPC policies](#) related to corporate safety (prefix 08). Riders under 18 years of age **must** have a responsible adult (18 years or older) with them at all times when hacking. The adult will be responsible for a safety check and may be mounted or unmounted.

Longeing will be according to the [Horse Management Handbook and Competition Rules](#) (HMH) Article 72 in designated areas.



SPECIAL EVENTS

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LONDON GRAY MASTER CLINIC

Monday, July 13, 7:00 p.m. (Alltech Arena)

Lendon Gray, a Pony Club "A" alum and a two-time Olympian, will be demonstrating her expert Dressage teaching and training skills.

DOUG PAYNE MASTER CLINIC

Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m. (Alltech Arena)

Doug Payne, a Pony Club "A" alum, Olympian, and Pan American Games gold medalist, will demonstrate jumping with a focus on rideability regardless of discipline.

LIBERTY DEMONSTRATION

Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. (Alltech Arena)

Midwest Liberty Horse Club and Kentucky Liberty will host a liberty demonstration.

OPENING CEREMONY AND COMPETITOR PARTY

Thursday, July 16, 6:30 p.m. (Alltech Arena)

USPC welcomes and celebrates the 2026 USPC Festival. Join us for this short welcome, followed by the competitor party. All Pony Club participating members are invited to walk with their region in the Opening Ceremony in the Alltech Arena. Line up for the Opening Ceremony starts at 6 p.m. in the Alltech Arena warm-up. No animals will be allowed in the arena.

HORSE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Friday and Saturday, July 17-18

A Horse Management seminar will be held during Championships, designed for adults who would like to use this opportunity to expand their Horse Management knowledge through an active, hands-on seminar format that will get them into the barns during competition. Participants will be able to observe and participate in all facets of USPC Horse Management judging, including equipment checks, stable checks, and turnout inspections. No prior experience is necessary, only a desire to learn and expand your knowledge base. There will truly be something for everyone: parents, club leaders, instructors, Horse Management Organizers, Regional Instruction Coordinators, Regional Supervisors, and active Pony Club members over 18 years of age. We will learn with and from each other. Registration and fee information TBD.

FRANCES E. PITTS PCIA INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES EXCHANGE COMPETITION

Saturday July 18, 6:30 p.m. (Alltech Arena)

USPC is honored to host this year's Pony Club International Alliance International Mounted Games Exchange. Pony Club members from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and the United States will compete in a high-octane Mounted Games competition to close out their weeklong cultural exchange in the USA. The competition is hosted in memory of Frances E. Pitts, a member of the 1995 USPC International Mounted Games Team.

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USPC FESTIVAL EDUCATION

JULY 13-16, 2026

ENTRY OPENING DATE

May 1, 2026

ENTRY CLOSING DATE

July 1, 2026

OFFICIALS

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Instruction

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EDUCATION FEES

Registration Type

Mounted Clinics \$125/ride
(*\$40 discount if 4 rides are chosen*)

D Camp \$375

Schooling Round \$50
(*Show Jumping or Dressage Ride-a-Test*)

Education All-Access Pass \$180

Education Day Pass \$75

Additional Fees

USPC Non-Member Fee \$45

Stabling \$65/night

Trailer-In \$85

Office Fee \$15

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries for mounted clinics, unmounted education, and D Camp will all be completed online.

Clinic Selection

Riders can choose mounted clinic sessions during registration. Clinicians will be assigned at random, and additions/substitutions of clinicians may occur.

Any request for on-site mounted schedule changes will cost \$25.00 and MUST be in to the show office by 1 p.m. the day before the scheduled clinic. The show office is located on Nina Bonnie Lane.

Late Entries

Late entries for Mounted Clinics will be accepted on a space-available basis, will be subject to a \$50 late fee, and may have limited clinic options available.

Cancellations and Refunds

Only cancellations made by the closing date of July 1 at noon Eastern Time, will receive a refund, less a \$50 administrative fee.



Refund requests must be sent by email to Meg Finn at mfinn@ponyclub.org

NO REQUESTS FOR REFUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Mounted clinics run on Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15, and are open to any members with a D-2 riding certification and above, who are at least 10 years old. Register early to have the best chance of selecting your preferred clinics!

Sign up for the level of activity at which you are CURRENTLY riding. This is NOT a “moving up” situation, and you will benefit most from riding at the level that matches your skills. If you overestimate the ability of your horse or yourself, you may not be able to participate as fully as the rest of your riding group. If you have questions, please email the Instruction Director, Connie Jehlik, at cjehlik@ponyclub.org

We have recruited top U.S. equestrians to teach the clinics. Mounted clinic groups will be as small as possible to afford the greatest concentration on

individual skills. This will give the clinicians a chance to give participants the best possible experience.

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS

There will be no Horse Management judging during Festival Education. In keeping with USPC policy of monitoring the safety and well-being of all participants and their mounts, there will be a Horse Management presence during Festival Education.

All participants will follow the horse-care practices outlined by the following:

- The Standards of Proficiency at their certification level
- Current *Horse Management Handbook* and HM Newsletter
- Current *USPC Manual of Horsemanship D and C Manuals*
- Direction of any Festival staff

If basic horse care is not followed, the Horse Management (or Festival staff) will work with the involved individual to ensure that they understand the expectations (an instructional opportunity). If after an initial individual instructional session, the problem should continue, the attendee will forfeit their

lessons until these issues are resolved. The parent or responsible adult will be informed of the problem and steps that have been taken to that point. If the disregard for basic care continues, it will result in the attendee being excused from Festival due to neglect. Health, safety, and well-being of both the participant and horse are of utmost importance to all.

BARN HOURS

Barns will open at 6 a.m. and all mounts MUST be fed by 6:15 a.m. to keep all horses in the barn on the same schedule. This morning time will also be the time to muck out stalls and set the horse up with hay and water for the morning. This schedule leaves time for Education participants to tack up and go to their mounted sessions.

Barns will be open to anyone who is appropriately dressed (see the current *Horse Management Handbook* for guidelines), including proper footwear, at all times.

SAFETY CHECKS

There will not be specified safety checks prior to mounted clinics. Parents are welcome in the barn areas to help. Clinicians will check riders for correct tack and that girth and helmet are snug.

CLINIC OPTIONS

Each mounted clinic participant may choose from the following clinics:

Hunter Seat Equitation

For those pursuing the Pony Club Hunter Seat Equitation (HSE) track or Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Hunt Seat Program, these clinics will focus on maintaining the correct HSE position and being effective throughout your coursework. It's a great opportunity to better understand the Pony Club HSE track and how it could lead to the Pony Club Show Jumping track.

- 2'0" to 2'3" (0.60m to 0.65m)
- 2'3" to 2'6" (0.65m to 0.75m)
- 2'6" to 3'0" (0.75m to 0.90m)
- 3'0" to 3'3" (0.90m to 1.0m)
- 3'3" to 3'6" (1.0m to 1.10m)

Clinician

India Anderson

Dressage

The goal of the Dressage clinics is to develop your riding skills and improve your knowledge of the components necessary to successfully ride dressage tests. Lessons will be either semi-private (2 riders) or private.

- Training Level
- First Level
- Second Level and Above

Clinicians

Stacy Anderson	Joan Leuck-Waak
Katy Barglow	Susan Perellis
Jane Kelly	Brynne Varvel
Reese Koffler-Stanfield	Jen Verharen

Eventing: Cross-Country

Eventing Cross-Country clinics will give you the opportunity to school the wide variety of fences at the Kentucky Horse Park and work on pace, terrain, and the techniques necessary to compete in horse trials and 3-day events. This is NOT a "moving up" situation and you will benefit most from riding at the level that matches your skills.

- Starter (2'3")
- Beginner Novice (2'7")
- Novice (2'11")
- Training (3'3")
- Modified (3'5")

Clinicians

Alexa Ehlers Thompson	Ciaran Thompson
Allie Sacksen	Cathy Wieschhoff
Lynn Symansky	

Western Dressage

Western Dressage is a growing discipline across the country. Do you wonder if your horse can do this discipline, what type of tack to use, how Western Dressage riders train, and what judges are looking for when riding a test? Come ride with a Western Dressage instructor who will help you get started in this discipline. Western tack is preferred, but not required, for participation in this clinic.

- Basic Level
- Level 1
- Level 2 and Above

Clinician

Joan Leuck-Waak

Mounted Games

Whether you are an experienced player or just want to give Mounted Games a try, we guarantee you will enjoy this clinic. Clinicians will share coaching secrets to make even the trickiest games look easy. Horses and ponies are welcome. Beginner and experienced players are all welcome. This is a great opportunity for leaders and parents to gain ideas for developing a Games program in their club or center.

- Beginner
- Intermediate

Clinician

Lexi Ray

Polocrosse

Have you been reading about how much fun Polocrosse is? Here is your chance to try this exciting sport. Beginners will learn some skills on the ground and on horseback as they experience all Polocrosse has to offer. Experienced players will have an opportunity to develop their skills under expert instruction while having fun playing with others from around the country.

- Beginner (played in an arena setting)
- Intermediate (played in a large field setting)

Clinician

Robert Noiles

Ground Work and Horsemanship

Learn to apply natural horsemanship principles when handling and riding your mount. A natural horsemanship clinician will work with you and your horse in groups. The KHP Mounted Police will teach these sessions, and they are always a favorite at Festival.

Clinicians

KHP Mounted Police

Trail

Come experience this fun riding discipline with your mount in your English or Western tack. Learn how to negotiate obstacles using your mount's maneuverability, willingness, grace, training, and obedience, as well as your horsemanship skills. The obstacles may include objects or challenges that mimic what a working ranch mount may encounter.

Clinician

Morgan Kastner-Koenig

Show Jumping

Show Jumping clinics will emphasize equitation over fences and course-riding skills. This is NOT a "moving up" situation, and you will benefit most from riding at the level that matches your skills.

- 2'0" to 2'3" (0.60m to 0.65m)
- 2'3" to 2'6" (0.65m to 0.75m)
- 2'6" to 3'0" (0.75m to 0.90m)
- 3'0" to 3'3" (0.90m to 1.0m)
- 3'3" to 3'6" (1.0m to 1.10m)

Clinicians

India Anderson

Doug Payne

Cherie Gaebel

Sarah Shade

Jennifer Merrick Brooks

Early Morning Mock Foxhunt

Ride with members of a local Kentucky hunt club over the terrain of the KHP at the early morning mock foxhunt on Thursday, July 16, at 6:30 a.m. Formal hunt attire preferred but not required. **Please carefully assess whether your mount is suitable to ride in the open in a large group.**

Signup is required upon registration, as space is limited.

D CAMP

D Camp runs during Festival Education and is designed for the Pony Club youth member who is uncertified up to the D-2 certification level and is NOT qualified for Championships. Attendees must be at least 6 years old on up to age 12. Participants ride twice a day and get to experience group instruction taught by some wonderful Pony Club instructors. Basic riding skills will be taught using a variety of methods, such as playing games on horseback, learning how to safely ride in the open in a group, and working towards their next certification. Besides riding, campers will have unmounted instruction in the barn and get to experience caring for their mount while at the Kentucky Horse Park. **Space is limited.**

UNMOUNTED WORKSHOPS

Participants of any age or certification level may register for the unmounted workshops, covering information from the D level to the H-A level (however, riders are recommended to be at least 18 years old). Participants will have unlimited access to all unmounted workshops and may audit mounted clinics. We have many exciting plans for workshops, including (but not limited to):

- Behind the scenes of Thoroughbred Racing
- Cardiac Recovery Index
- Collegiate Riding Avenues
- Driving a Pony Lesson
- Equine Anatomy and Conformation
- Equine Body Massage
- Explore the Equine Hoof
- Helmet and Equipment Safety
- H-B and H-A Prep Topics
- Liberty Training Demonstration
- Learn Polocrosse
- Masterson Method
- Pre-Purchase Exam
- Saddle Fitting
- Sports Psychology
- Vaulting
- What Can You Discover by Palpating a Leg?

Remember, any unmounted participant may also audit any of the mounted clinics. Keep checking out the updated [Education at Festival page](#) as workshop information is added.

DRESSAGE4KIDS KUNDRUN TEAM PROGRAM

Dressage4Kids, Inc. is very proud to offer this program for dedicated, determined young dressage riders of all levels, ages 25 and under. The goal of the program is to find, help to educate, and be part of the development of talented youth to become the international riders, teachers, and trainers of the future. This opportunity is open to youth, both members and non-members, who want to participate in this unique program during Festival Education, **July 13 and 14.** Information regarding the D4K TEAM Program, including the application, can be found [here](#).

If you are interested in riding in the clinic, please email Mary Livernois at d4k.org@gmail.com. Once registered (limit is 8), contact Connie Jehlik, Instructor Director, instruction@ponyclub.org at the USPC National Office for further information.

The clinic fees are \$200 per horse/rider pair plus USPC fees of \$205 (includes two nights stabling).

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USPC FESTIVAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 16-19, 2026

ENTRY OPENING DATE

May 1, 2026

ENTRY CLOSING DATE

June 24, 2026

CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS

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GOVERNING RULES

All competitions governed by the current USPC discipline rulebooks, Horse Management Handbook, and annual newsletters. Please refer to the [Discipline Competition Resources](#) page of the Pony Club website.

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2026 Festival
Championships
Competitors!



AWARDS CEREMONIES

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Awards ceremonies are scheduled based on the conclusion of discipline competitions. Please watch for official announcements for specific times. Awards ceremonies will be on Sunday, July 19.

OVERALL AWARDS

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three teams in each division of each discipline (Tetrathlon pins individual division winners). Placing ribbons are awarded to 1st–10th place.

HORSE MANAGEMENT AWARDS

All mounted disciplines will receive Horse Management team awards. First-place teams will receive the Margo Leithead Cornerstone Award for Excellence in Horse Management. Placing ribbons are awarded to 1st–10th place.

DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC AWARDS

Please see discipline sections below for information about discipline-specific awards.



BREED AWARDS

AMERICAN CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY AWARDS

Awarded to the highest-placed registered purebred or half-bred Connemara in Dressage and Show Jumping. To be eligible, a copy of the pony's registration must be submitted through [this form](#) by the Championships closing date of June 24, 2026.

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION USPC CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS

Awarded to the highest-placed registered Arabian or Half/Anglo-Arabian in all mounted disciplines. To be eligible, please complete [this form](#) and email it to youth@arabianhorses.org by the Championships closing date of June 24, 2026. High-point recipients will receive a certificate and custom Arabian Horse Youth Association award. For more information, please contact youth@arabianhorses.org.

CLEVELAND BAY USPC CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS

Awarded to the highest-placed registered pure or part-bred Cleveland Bay in all mounted disciplines. To be eligible, competitors must complete the [application](#) by July 1 of the competition year. For more information, visit www.clevelandbay.org or email info@clevelandbay.org.

DRAFT CROSS BREEDERS AND OWNERS ASSOCIATION RISING STAR AWARDS

Awarded to the top-scoring [Draft Cross Breeders and Owners Association](#) (DCBOA) rider (riding a DCBOA-registered horse) in Dressage, Eventing, Show Jumping, Polocrosse, or Tetrathlon. Rider's membership and horse registration must be submitted to DCBOA by July 1 of the competition year.

THOROUGHBRED INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP) AWARDS

All divisions of Dressage, Eventing, Polocrosse, Show Jumping, Tetrathlon, and Western Dressage are eligible for Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) awards. Open to all Thoroughbreds registered with The Jockey Club or a foreign Thoroughbred studbook recognized by The Jockey Club. Competitors must submit their TIP number when filling out the mount information in their Championships entry.

ENTRY DETAILS

ENTRY PROCESS

Entries are completed on the USPC website. Complete entries will require competitor, mount, chaperone, and volunteer information.

Eventing competitors will enter Championships and the Kentucky Summer Horse Trials through [Event Entries](#), and will not submit a separate Pony Club entry.

After entries close, Regional Supervisors (RS) will merge regional teams and assign team chaperones and volunteers. Team formation will then turn over to discipline secretaries.

ENTRY FEES

Mounted Competitors

Championships Entry	\$385
Office Fee	\$15
Stabling (excluding Eventing)	\$65 per night
<i>(Three nights required)</i>	

Eventing Stabling	\$260
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Stable Managers

Unmounted Stable Managers	\$0
Mounted Stable Managers*	\$100

**Mounted Games and Polocrosse Only*

Entry fee includes Souvenir program and a Championships discipline pin or Stable Manager pin.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Only cancellations made by the closing date of June 24 will receive a refund, less a \$50 administrative fee. Refund requests must be emailed by the competitor to events@ponyclub.org. **No requests for refunds will be granted after the closing date.**

(NOTE: Riders in cancelled divisions or disciplines due to lack of entries may transfer to another eligible discipline or will receive a full refund.)

Organizers reserve the right to refuse any entry. Failure to abide by eligibility and/or entry procedures may result in the entry being refused.

VOLUNTEERS, CHAPERONES, AND COACHES

VOLUNTEERS (MANDATORY REQUIREMENT):

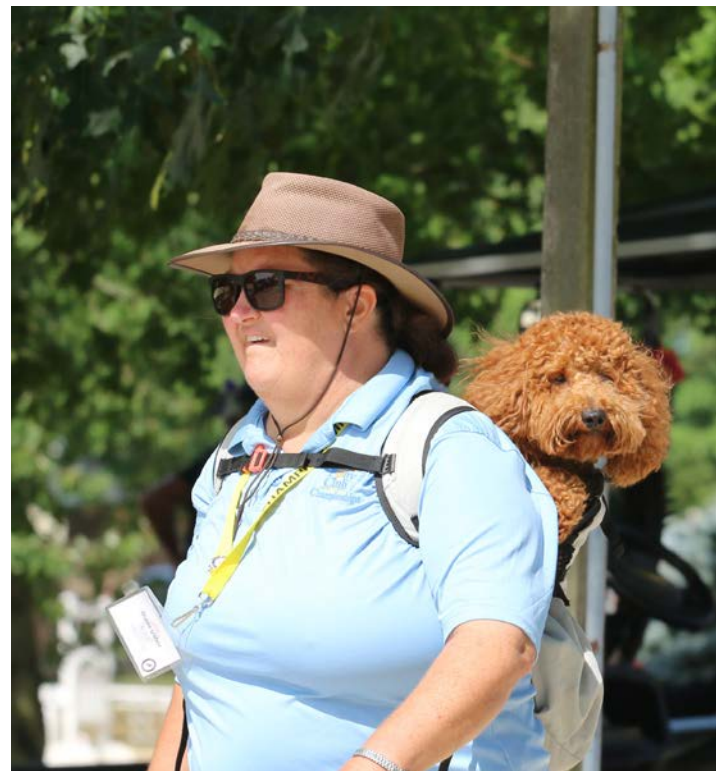
All competitors are required to provide a volunteer during the entry process to assist with Championships. Eventing volunteers will sign up for volunteer shifts through the [Eventing Volunteers](#) website. We welcome additional volunteers who may sign up by contacting the discipline manager.

CHAPERONES

Any competitor under the age of majority must provide an official chaperone listed who is at least 21 years of age included in their entry. The chaperone acts as the point of contact for their team. All chaperone forms will be completed online prior to arrival and can be found on the [Championships Information](#) page of the Pony Club website. Competitors above the age of majority must submit emergency contact information with their entry.

COACHES

Coaches are allowed in all mounted disciplines. All coaches must fill out the form on the [Championships Information](#) page, check in on site, and receive a coach lanyard. Refer to appropriate coach forms and rulebooks for details about coaching responsibilities and expectations.



ELIGIBILITY

Each individual Pony Club member who desires to compete at Championships must complete a regional rally and be judged at the minimum HM level and same competition level in which they intend to compete at Championships. This constitutes the “individual eligibility” of the competitor.

EXCEPTIONS

In unusual circumstances, requests may be allowed for exceptions to competition eligibility parameters to ensure for a safe and positive experience for USPC members. Exceptions must be submitted by the RS following the criteria outline found on the [Championships Information](#) page.

There are no exceptions for age or certifications.

MOUNT SUBSTITUTIONS

Eligible horse substitutions can be requested and are subject to approval. Submissions must come from the RS and be submitted by **July 10** through the [online form](#) found on the [Championships Information](#) page.

PINNIES

New this year: All competitors will receive paper pinnies to be used with a pinny holder. Pinny holders will not be provided.

Mounted Games and Polocrosse competitors are expected to provide pinnies with player numbers.

COMPETITOR PACKET PICKUP

All competitor packets will be available on Thursday, July 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. inside the front doors of the Alltech Arena for all disciplines, except Eventing. Eventing packet pickup will take place at the Kentucky Summer Horse Trial show office.



BARN HOURS

Barns open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. daily. Barns are open from 8:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. for night checks during competition to competitors only. Visitor hours are 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17, and Saturday, July 18, excluding Quiz barns.

Each team must send at least one competitor for night checks each night and they must wear appropriate footwear.

The Overall Horse Management Organizer reserves the right to cancel night checks. In that case, Horse Management Judges will conduct wellness checks and top off buckets.

The Overall Championships Organizer must approve any competitor requests for barn access outside of posted barn hours.

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS

Horse Management (HM) judging will be based on the [2026 Horse Management Handbook and Competition Rules](#). USPC HM practices will be in effect from arrival to departure for ALL competitors. **HM judging will commence at Noon ET Thursday, July 16.**

Competitors need to know and come prepared to demonstrate knowledge of HM skills at their current HM certification level and are expected to be self-sufficient in the care of their mount.



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Chief Horse

Management Judge:

Melissa Dabadie

Classes will be formatted according to a rider's age and certification. Riders will be asked to perform Training and First Level Dressage Test components based on their level.

Musical Ride

If a rider has received a 60% or higher at Test 3 of their level of competition; they are eligible to perform an optional musical ride. They must have performed their musical ride at a rally or Dressage show during the Championships qualification period.

All music needs to be in MP4 format and should be emailed in advance to the Dressage Manager, and ONE clearly labeled USB flash drive must be provided during soundchecks. Costumes will be allowed for Musical Freestyles, Pas de Deux, and Quadrille Freestyles. Competitors must have the approval of their RS as to the suitability of the costumes. Musicals will be scored as an individual class this year.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry, chaperone, and coaches' forms will be completed online. Musical Freestyle scores may be sent to the Dressage Secretary.

TEAM CONFIGURATION

Teams composed of 4 riders and a Stable Manager (non-riding).

DIVISIONS OFFERED

- Jr. Training Level
- Sr. Training Level
- Jr. First Level & Up
- Sr. First Level & Up

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT

- Test 2 ridden once
- Test 3 ridden twice
- Optional 4th ride—Musical or Dressage Seat Equitation

2026 TESTS

Training Level Competitors

2023 USEF/USDF Training Level Tests 2 and 3 (based on division)

First Level and Above Competitors

2023 USEF/USDF Tests 2 and 3 (based on division)

OPTIONAL 4TH RIDE:

Riders may opt to not ride, complete a Dressage Seat Equitation class, or ride a Musical. This ride will be pinned individually, separate from team awards.

Dressage Seat Equitation

A new optional group equitation class will be offered at Championships. Only the rider will be judged, however the mount can be disqualified for lameness.

DRESSAGE AWARDS

See the [Awards](#) page of the USPC website.

MUSICAL RIDES

- Training—1st–10th place individual ribbons
- First Level and Above—1st–10th place individual ribbons
- Pas de Deux (combined division, including Training and First Level & Above)—1st–10th place team ribbons
- Quadrille—1st–10th place team ribbons

DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION

- Training Classes—1st–6th place individual ribbons
- First Level Classes—1st–6th place individual ribbons

ROBERT DOVER "I LOVE PONY CLUB" PIN

This special award recognizes the first placed competitors in the Musical Kur, Pas de Deux, and Quadrille Musical divisions having more than one competitor. It is a replica of the gold "I Love Pony Club" pin that belonged to Robert Dover's mother. Mrs. Dover's original pin is on display at USPC headquarters in Lexington, Ky.

THE UPPER-LEVEL DRESSAGE AWARD

Award goes to the Second Level or above rider with the highest average score (technical and musical). The average score must exceed 58%.

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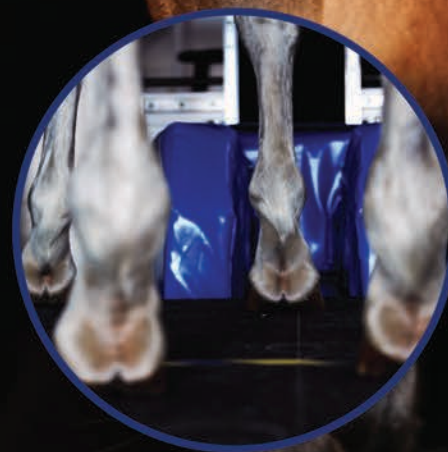
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 Karen Marcotte

USPC Technical

Delegate:

Robyn Munson

Other officials will be available on the Kentucky Summer Horse Trials USEA [omnibus page](#).

ENTRY INFORMATION

Complete Eventing entries will be submitted through the Kentucky Summer Horse Trials on [Event Entries](#).

TEAM CONFIGURATION

Teams composed of 4 riders and a Stable Manager (non-riding).

USEF/USEA RECOGNITION

The Kentucky Summer Horse Trials is recognized by the United States Eventing Association (USEA). Refer to membership requirements as listed below for each division. For USEA membership information, visit www.useventing.com.

USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, or agent at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

SAFE SPORT STATEMENT

Reminder: All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at www.usef.org.

DIVISIONS OFFERED

Jr. Starter
 Sr. Starter
 Jr. Beginner Novice
 Sr. Beginner Novice
 Jr. Novice
 Sr. Novice
 Jr. Training
 Sr. Training
 Jr. Modified and Up
 Sr. Modified and Up

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT

- Dressage—Friday
- Show Jumping—Saturday
- Cross Country—Sunday

COMPETITION SPECIFICATIONS

All Eventing competition specifications may be found on the Kentucky Summer Horse Trials [omnibus page](#).

EVENTING AWARDS

See the [Awards](#) page of the USPC website.

MOUNTED GAMES OFFICIALS

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TBD

Chief Horse

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Technical Delegate:

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ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry, chaperone, and coaches' forms will be completed online.

TEAM CONFIGURATION:

Team formation is 4-5 members per team. Stable Managers may be mounted or unmounted. Mounted Stable Managers incur a \$100 fee, plus stabling.

DIVISIONS OFFERED

Youth Intermediate 12-14

Junior Intermediate 15-17

Senior Intermediate 18+

Youth Open 12-14

Junior Open 15-17

Senior Open 18+

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT

Competition will include 31 games.

2026 GAMES

Any of the following games may be included in the competition:

Ball and Bucket, Ball and Cone, Ball and Racket, Balloon Race, Bending Poles, Bottle Race, Canadian Race, Fishing, Five Flag, Five Mug, Hi-Lo, Housewife's Scurry, Hula Hoop, Litter, Mug Shuffle, Needle and Thread, Nine Ring, Pony Club Race, Pony Express, Postman's Chase, Pyramid, Ring Race, Robe Race, Rubber Ducky, Quoits and Cone, Spillers, Stepping Stone Race, Sword Race, Tack Shop, Two Flag, Windsor Castle, Wizard's Castle

Please note that some games may be played more than once.

PINNIES

No pinnies provided. Each team must bring one white helmet cover/band to be used by their team. Pinnie numbers assigned in order of entry, with #1 as the captain. Pinnie numbers are VERY important in Mounted Games, so please check with your team for accuracy in assigning numbers. Each team must bring their own pinnies made in accordance with the [2026 Mounted Games Rulebook](#). Photos of pinnies must be submitted to gms.secretary@ponyclub.org by June 24 for approval.

MOUNTED GAMES AWARDS

See the [Awards](#) page of the USPC website.

FRANCES E. PITTS MEMORIAL TROPHY

Given in memory of Frances E. Pitts, a member of the 1995 USPC International Mounted Games Team. Awarded to the Mounted Games player who demonstrates excellence in horsemanship, sportsmanship, and leadership during Mounted Games Championships. The winner receives an engraved julep cup.



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TBD

Chief Horse

Management Judge:

Becky Logsdon

Chief Umpire:

TBD

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry, chaperone, and coaches' forms for all competitors will be completed on the Pony Club website.

TEAM CONFIGURATION

Teams composed of 3 riders and one or two Stable Managers*. Divisions will be balanced based on the American Polocrosse Association (APA) rating scale.

APA Members members are invited to participate at the USPC Polocrosse Championships. Teams and divisions can consist of any mix of USPC members and APA members.

* It is highly recommended that each team bring two Stable Managers to Championships. Spare mounts will incur the same \$65 per night stabling fee. The first Stable Manager may be a replacement rider (if eligible) and is responsible for the extra/replacement mount. The second Stable Manager is an unmounted Stable Manager and is NOT permitted to be a replacement rider or bring an extra/replacement mount.

APA RECOGNITION

The American Polocrosse Association is sanctioning the 2026 USPC Polocrosse Championships.

Contact the Polocrosse Manager if there are limited qualification options in your area.

DIVISIONS OFFERED

- E Grade
- D Grade
- C Grade
- A/B Grade

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT

The competition will be an APA-sanctioned tournament played over 2 or more days depending on number of entries. The overall winner will be the team that wins the highest number of games, combined with the Horse Management score.

Chukkas will be 6 minutes. The number of chukkas played will be based on the number of teams entered.

PINNIES/JERSEYS

Each team will be required to bring their own team shirts or pinnies with player position numbers.

POLOCROSSE AWARDS

See the [Awards](#) page of the USPC website.

THE AMERICAN POLOCROSSE AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SPORTSMANSHIP

This award will be given to the USPC Polocrosse competitor (including Stable Managers) whose actions and behavior best exemplify excellent sportsmanship during the USPC Championships competition in the championship division. APA will award the recipient with an APA pin and one year's paid membership to the APA. Selection will be made by the chief umpire, CHMJ, and the TD.

THE CADILLAC MEMORIAL TROPHY

This award is given by the Diemer Family in memory of their great Polocrosse mare, Cadillac. Along with the honor of being named, the best horse in a Standard division is awarded a leather halter with the nameplate "Best Horse." Selection will be made by the umpires based on fitness, agility, and responsiveness of the mount.



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Barn Phase CHMJ:

Krista Degitz

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT:

- 2 Barn rounds
- 2 Classroom rounds (10 questions)
- 10 Mega-Room tables
- 10 Stations
- Written Test

QUIZ AWARDS

See the [Awards](#) page of the USPC website.

TOP-PLACING INDIVIDUALS

1st–10th individuals in all divisions.

ENTRY INFORMATION

All entries and chaperone forms will be completed online.

TEAM CONFIGURATION:

Teams composed of 3 or 4 competitors.

DIVISIONS OFFERED

Novice D

Jr. D

Sr. D

Novice C

Jr. C & Up

Sr. C & Up

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Stewards:

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 TBD

Chief Horse

Management Judge:
 Laurie Chapman-Bosco

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT

0.65m and 0.75m Jumper

Friday—Two knockdown rounds

Saturday—One equitation round, and one knockdown round

Sunday—One knockdown round

0.85 and Higher

Friday—Two knockdown rounds

Saturday—Two-phase round

Sunday—One knockdown round with a jump-off

SHOW JUMPING AWARDS

See the [Awards](#) page of the USPC website.

'FIVE CLEAR ROUNDS' RIBBONS

Clear-round ribbons awarded to all riders who complete five clear rounds during the competition.

EQUITATION RIBBONS

1st–6th in all divisions (only for scores 60 and higher).

ENTRY INFORMATION

All entries, chaperone, and coaches' forms will be completed online.

Please email pony measurement cards to the Show Jumping Manager and Secretary if entering the 0.95m Pony Jumpers. Ponies without a measurement card will be measured at the competition.

TEAM CONFIGURATION

Teams composed of 4 mounted competitors and a Stable Manager (non-riding).

DIVISIONS OFFERED

Jr. 0.65m Jumpers

Sr. 0.65m Jumpers

Jr. 0.75m Jumpers

Sr. 0.75m Jumpers

Jr. 0.85m Jumpers

Sr. 0.85m Jumpers

Jr. Advanced

(includes 0.95m, 0.95m Pony, 1.05m, and 1.15m Jumpers)

Sr. Advanced

(includes 0.95m, 0.95m Pony, 1.05m, and 1.15m Jumpers)

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Course Designer:

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Riding Judge:

Maggie Wright

Technical Delegate:

TBD

ENTRY INFORMATION

All entries, chaperone, and coaches' forms will be completed online.

TEAM CONFIGURATION

Teams composed of 4 mounted competitors and a Stable Manager.

DIVISIONS OFFERED

(Male and Female offered for all divisions.)

Pre-Novice 10–11

Novice 12–13

Intermediate 14–15

Junior 16–17

Senior 18–34

Master 35+

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT

- Friday—Ride 1 and Shooting phase
- Saturday—Ride 2 and Swimming phase
- Sunday—Running phase

PHASE LOCATIONS

The riding, running, and shooting phases will take place on site.

The swimming phase will take place off site, and it is the responsibility of the competitor and/or parent/guardian(s) to arrange for competitor transportation to the site.

HORSES

Competitors are to bring their own mount or share a suitable mount. The competitor must inform the Secretary of all horse-sharing arrangements. There will not be a pool of horses available, nor will the organizer arrange horse matching. Those who, out of necessity, are riding unfamiliar mounts will have an opportunity to ride that horse before a panel consisting of the Manager, Riding Steward, and TD to ensure suitability. In the event a combination is unsuitable, every effort will be made to find that competitor a suitable mount. Please indicate on your entry if you are willing to share your horse or pistol.

TETRATHLON AWARDS

See the [Awards](#) page of the USPC website.

EQUITATION AWARD

Recognizes one boy and one girl with the highest equitation scores across all divisions.

GEORGE HELWIG TEAM AWARD

Presented to the team with the three highest individual scores, regardless of divisions, for each phase added together, plus Horse Management scores.

GERIANN HENDERSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

This award is presented to the Tetrathlon competitor who displays exceptional inclusiveness and unconditional support of teammates and competitors alike. The winner is chosen by a selection committee.

PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES

Certifies phase scores and overall total scores for all competitors.

PERFECT SCORE CERTIFICATES

Awarded to all competitors meeting the criteria.

SACKSEN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is presented to the male competitor with the highest overall score in the highest offered division for the competition.

STETTINIUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is presented to the female competitor with the highest overall score in the highest offered division for the competition.

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Judges:

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TBD

Chief Horse

Management Judge:

Melissa Dabadie

Technical Delegate:

Robyn Munson

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry, chaperone, and coaches' forms will be completed online.

TEAM CONFIGURATION

Teams composed of 4 riders and a Stable Manager (non-riding).

DIVISIONS OFFERED

Jr. Basic Level

Sr. Basic Level

Jr. Level 1 & Up

Sr. Level 1 & Up

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT

- Test 2 ridden once
- Test 3 ridden twice
- Optional 4th ride

2026 TESTS

Basic Level

2022 WDAA Tests 2 and 3

Level 1 & Up

2022 WDAA Tests 2 and 3

OPTIONAL 4TH RIDE

Riders may opt to not ride, complete a Dressage Seat Equitation class, or a Musical Freestyle. This ride will be pinned individually, separate from team awards.

Dressage Seat Equitation

A new optional group equitation class will be offered at Championships. Only the rider will be judged, however the mount can be disqualified for lameness. Classes will be formatted according to a rider's age and certification. Riders will be asked to perform

Basic and Level 1 Western Dressage Test components based on their level.

Musical Ride

If a rider has received a 60% or higher at Test 3 of their level of competition; they are eligible to perform an optional musical ride. They must have performed their musical ride at a rally or Dressage/Western Dressage show during the Championships qualification period.

All music needs to be in MP4 format and will be emailed in advance to the Western Dressage Manager, and ONE clearly labeled USB flash drive must be provided during soundchecks. Costumes will be allowed for Musical Freestyles, Pas de Deux, and Quadrille Freestyles. Competitors must have the approval of their RS as to the suitability of the costumes. Musicals will be scored as an individual class this year.

WESTERN DRESSAGE AWARDS

See the [Awards](#) page of the USPC website.

MUSICAL FREESTYLES

Basic—1st–10th place individual ribbons

Level 1 & Up—1st–10th individual ribbons

DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION

Basic Classes—1st–6th place individual ribbons

Level 1 Classes—1st–6th place individual ribbons

2027 USPC CONVENTION



Pony Club Connection

The USPC Convention is the only time of year when the entirety of Pony Club comes together, which means that alongside the fun, we connect about the future of Pony Club.

All are Welcome

The event is open to the general public and includes extensive hands-on educational opportunities and the ability to connect with equine professionals from around the country.

Educational and Fun

With the Anatomy Room, Horse Management Room, and dozens of educational workshops featuring a wide variety of topics, attendees are sure to learn a lot about our equine partners and sports.



January 28–31, 2027
Madison Marriott West | Madison, Wis.

GYMKHANA OFFICIALS

Manager: SueAnn McClelland gy.organizer@ponyclub.org	Secretary: Loralye Page lp@ponyclub.org
Chief Judge: TBD	Chief Horse Management Judge: Catie Itschner
Technical Delegate: TBD	

2026 RACES

Any of the following races may be included in the competition:
 Barrel, Big M, Big O, Big T, Birangle, Butterfly, Cat's Cradle, Double Bowtie, Figure 8, Figure 8 Pole Cowhorse, Four-Leaf Clover Barrel, Hitch and Go, Hourglass, Key, Phoenix Lights, Pole Bending, Potato, Reverse Keyhole, Single Stake (or Single Barrel), Straight Away Barrel, Tail Spin, Turn N Burn, Two Barrel Cowhorse, Wild Lark
Please note that some races may be run more than once.

GYMKHANA AWARDS

See the [Awards](#) page of the USPC website.

OVERALL AWARDS

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the overall winning team and placing ribbons to 1st-10th.

HORSE MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Teams will receive Horse Management awards. First-place Horse Management teams will receive the Margo Leithead Cornerstone Award for Excellence in Horse Management.



ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry, chaperone and coaches' forms will be completed on the Pony Club website.

Entry Fees

Mounted Competitors	\$385
Office Fee	\$15
Stabling	\$65/night
Unmounted Stable Managers	\$0

Stabling includes a team tack and feed stall.

TEAM CONFIGURATION

Teams composed of 4 riders and a Stable Manager (non-riding).

DIVISIONS OFFERED

- Jr. Novice
- Sr. Novice
- Jr. Intermediate
- Sr. Intermediate
- Jr. Advanced
- Sr. Advanced

GOVERNING RULES

Gymkhana will be run in accordance with the 2026 USPC Gymkhana Rulebook, the Horse Management Handbook and Competition Rules, and annual newsletters as posted on the [Discipline Competition Resources](#) page of the Pony Club website.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT

Open Competition: Up to 20 races over three days.

TRAIL OFFICIALS

Manager:

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Loralye Page

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Chief Judge:

TBD

Chief Horse

Management Judge:

Catie Itschner

Technical Delegate:

TBD

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry, chaperone, and coaches' forms will be completed on the Pony Club website.

Entry Fees

Mounted Invitational Competitors	\$385
Office Fee	\$15
Stabling	\$65/night
Unmounted Stable Managers	\$0

Stabling includes a team tack and feed stall.

TEAM CONFIGURATION

Teams composed of 4 riders and a Stable Manager (non-riding).

DIVISIONS OFFERED

- Jr. Level 1
- Sr. Level 1
- Jr. Level 2
- Sr. Level 2
- Jr. Level 3
- Sr. Level 3

GOVERNING RULES

Trail will be run in accordance with the 2026 USPC Trail Rulebook, the Horse Management Handbook and Competition Rules, and annual newsletters as posted on the [Discipline Competition Resources](#) page of the Pony Club website.

GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION FORMAT

Invitational: Up to five rounds of competition per the [2026 USPC Trail Rulebook](#) over three days.

TRAIL AWARDS

See the [Awards](#) page of the USPC website.

OVERALL AWARDS

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the overall winning team and placing ribbons to 1st–10th.

HORSE MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Teams will receive Horse Management awards. First-place Horse Management teams will receive the Margo Leithead Cornerstone Award for Excellence in Horse Management.





See you there!

