

## 2026 USPC Championships Divisions Offered & Competition Eligibility Requirements by Discipline



USPC Championships is open to members 10 years of age (as of January 1, 2026), with a minimum D-2 HM certification. USPC bases competition divisions on age, certification, and discipline-specific competition. The eligibility period starts January 1, 2025, and runs through the closing date for USPC Festival Championships.

### ***USPC Festival Championships Qualification Period:***

***January 1, 2025 – June 22, 2026***

***Entry Closing Date: June 22, 2026***

### ***Additional Eligibility Notes:***

- ***There are NO exceptions for age or certification for Championships.***
- Members must be marked eligible by their RS in the discipline(s) that they are eligible for before they are able to register for Championships.
- Certified C-3, B, and A members wishing to compete at Championships do not have to participate at a regional rally but must have permission of their RS.
- Stable managers must meet the minimum age and certification requirements for Championships. Participating in a rally is not required to attend Championships, although it is highly recommended.
- Previous USPC Championships competitions do not count towards future Championship eligibility.

### ***General Definitions:***

- **Mounted Rally** – A USPC competition including riding and Horse Management. Please see section 1 of each rulebook for further information/definition on rallies.
- **Complete** – Finish the competition on a numerical score (i.e. 88.0, not E)
- **Compete at or above a \_\_\_\_ HM Certification Level** – The competitor must participate in the rally at the designated certification level, earn the certification and have it documented with in the member database before they can be marked eligible to participate in Championships.
- **If No \_\_\_\_ Rally Is Available** – If the RS determines a member does not have access to a specific discipline rally, they may earn eligibility using the alternative process outlined in the discipline rulebooks.
- **Prove Vet Box Knowledge** – Competitor has participated in an Eventing rally, or long format competition which requires a vet box at the end of cross-country. Or a CHMJ from the current CHMJ list on the USPC, has worked with the competitor and feels comfortable signing off on their ability to properly work the vet box.
- **Equine-Knowledge Based Competition** – A competition where participants demonstrate their knowledge of horses and horse care. Examples include 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Competitions, FFA Horse Judging, etc.

Dressage			
<i>Division</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Minimum Certification</i>	<i>Competition Requirements</i> (Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)
Junior Training Level	10 – 17	D-2 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	<p>Complete a Dressage rally, completing Tests 2 and 3 at the competition level you are entering at Championships. Earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 3.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>If no Dressage rally is available, participate in a Dressage show and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 3 and complete a mounted rally as a rider or stable manager at or above the D-2 HM certification level.</p>
Senior Training Level	18 +		
Junior First Level & Up	10 – 17		
Senior First Level & Up	18 +		

Eventing			
<i>Division</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Minimum Certification</i>	<i>Competition Requirements</i> (Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)
Junior Starter	10 – 17	D-2 EV/HSE	<p>Complete an Eventing rally with a numerical score.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>If no Eventing rally is available, complete one USEA-recognized event at the level they plan to attend. Complete a mounted rally as a rider at a D-2 or above HM certification level and prove Vet Box knowledge.</p>
Senior Starter	18 +		
Junior Beginner Novice	10 – 17		
Senior Beginner Novice	18 +		
Junior Novice	10 – 17		
Senior Novice	18 +		
Junior Training	10 – 17	D-2 EV/HSE	<p>Complete an Eventing rally and one USEA-recognized event with no more than 20 XC jumping penalty points.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>If no Eventing rally is available, complete two USEA-recognized events with no more than 20 XC jumping penalty points. Complete a mounted rally as a rider at a D-2 or above HM certification level and prove Vet Box knowledge.</p>
Senior Training	18 +		
Junior Modified	10 – 17		
Senior Modified	18 +		

Mounted Games			
<i>Division</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Minimum Certification</i>	<i>Competition Requirements</i> (Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)
Youth Intermediate	10 – 14	D-2 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	<p>Complete six games at the competition level at a Mounted Games rally.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>If no Mounted Games rally is available, complete six games at the level at a Mounted Games competition and complete a mounted rally as a rider at a D-2 or above HM certification level.</p>
Junior Intermediate	15 – 17		
Senior Intermediate	18 +		
Youth Open	10 – 14		
Junior Open	15 – 17		
Senior Open	18 +		

Polocrosse			
<i>Division</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Minimum Certification</i>	<i>Competition Requirements</i> (Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)
E Grade	10 +	D-2 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	Complete a Polocrosse rally.
D Grade			<b>OR</b>
C Grade			If no Polocrosse rally is available, complete in an APA-sanctioned tournament or play day, or complete 2 competition chukkas in front of an APA Umpire, and complete a mounted rally as a rider or stable manager at a D-2 or above certification level.
A/B Grade			

Quiz			
<i>Division</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Minimum Certification</i>	<i>Competition Requirements</i> (Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)
Novice D	10 – 11	D-2 HM	Complete a Quiz rally.
Junior D	12 – 17		
Senior D	18 +		
Novice C	10 – 11	C-1 HM	<b>OR</b>  If no Quiz rally is available, complete an equine-knowledge based competition and participate in an unmounted club or center lesson.
Junior C & Up	12 – 17		
Senior C & Up	18 +		

Show Jumping			
<i>Division</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Minimum Certification</i>	<i>Competition Requirements</i> (Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level. Only jumping penalties (rails, refusals, etc.) count towards the maximum penalties listed below.)
Junior .65m Jumpers	10 – 17	D-2 EV/HSE	Complete a standard Show Jumping rally with a minimum of 2 rounds showing a numerical score and 16 or fewer total jumping faults.
Senior .65m Jumpers	18 +		
Junior .75m Jumpers	10 – 17		
Senior .75m Jumpers	18 +		
Junior .85m Jumpers	10 – 17		
Senior .85m Jumpers	18 +		
Junior Advanced (includes: .95m Pony, .95m, 1.05m, and 1.15 m Jumpers)	10 – 17		
Senior Advanced (includes: .95m Pony, .95m, 1.05m, and 1.15 m Jumpers)	18 +		

## Tetrathlon

<b>Division</b> <i>(Female and Male)</i>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Minimum Certification</b>	<b>Competition Requirements</b> <i>(Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level, <b>except as below*</b>)</i>
Pre-Novice	10 – 11	D-2 EV/HSE	Complete a Tetrathlon rally, earning a minimum score of 550 in the riding phase. Competitors must jump at least 2'0 in the riding phase.  <b>OR</b>  If no Tetrathlon rally is available, complete a mounted rally as a rider at or above the D-2 HM certification level and submit run and swim times at the distance.
Novice	12 – 13		
Intermediate	14 – 15		
Junior	16 – 17		
Senior	18 – 34		
Master	35 +		

***\*Note for Tetrathlon Championships Eligibility in All Divisions:***

Competitors that age into a new division as of January 1 of the Championships year may compete in either their current division or the new age division at the qualifying rally, but must compete with their new division (age group) at Championships.

## Western Dressage

<b>Division</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Minimum Certification</b>	<b>Competition Requirements</b> <i>(Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)</i>
Junior Basic Level	10 – 17	D-2 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	Complete a Western Dressage rally completing Tests 2 and 3 at the competition level you are entering at Championships. Earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 3.  <b>OR</b>  If no Western Dressage rally is available, participate in a WDAA-recognized show and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 3 and participate in a mounted rally as a rider or stable manager at or above the D-2 HM certification level.
Senior Basic Level	18 +		
Junior Level 1 & Up	10 – 17		
Senior Level 1 & Up	18 +		