

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 Notes:

- A mounted rally (standard and modified) is defined as a competition including riding and Horse Management. Please see section 1 of each rulebook for further information/definition on standard and modified rallies.
- Members can earn eligibility in a variety of methods related to the availability of a rally. Any noted “OR” competition requirements listed below are contingent on a member not having access to a rally.
- Stable managers must meet the minimum age and certification requirements for the division, and while participating in a rally is highly recommended to prepare them for Championships, rally participation is not required for members to participate as stable managers.
 - Stable managers must be a D-2 HM for modified divisions and a D-3 HM for all other divisions.
- 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.
- EV1 Certification – Also known as Eventing Phase 1 (formerly known as Eventing Flat). Please check your certification on your profile to be sure it is reflected properly.
- In all disciplines (except Tetrathlon), competitors can compete up in an older age division but must still compete at the same competition level they earned eligibility.
- Previous USPC Championships competitions do not count towards future Championship eligibility.
- Championship divisions and levels may be combined based on entry numbers and approval from Vice President of Activities (VPA) and the overall organizer.
- ***As a reminder there are NO exceptions for age or certification for Championships.***
- [See eligibility verbiage definitions here.](#)

Dressage

Division		Age	Minimum Certification	Competition Requirements <i>(Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)</i>
Modified Championships Divisions	Junior Training Level	10 – 17	D-2 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	Complete a standard Dressage rally and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2. OR
	Senior Training Level	18 +		If no standard Dressage rally is available, complete a modified Dressage rally and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2. OR
	Junior First Level & Up	10 – 17		If no modified Dressage rally is available, participate in a Dressage show and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2 and participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at or above the D-2 HM certification level.
	Senior First Level & Up	18 +		
Standard Championships Divisions	Junior Training Level	12 – 17	C-1 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	Complete at a standard Dressage rally completing Tests 2, 3, and musical ride at the competition level you are entering at Championships. Earn a minimum score of 60% on Test 3. OR
	Senior Training Level	18 +		If no standard Dressage rally is available, participate in a Dressage show and earn a minimum score of 60% on Test 3 and complete a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at or above the C-1 HM certification level.
	Junior First Level & Up	12 – 17		
	Senior First Level & Up	18 +		

Eventing

Division		Age	Minimum Certification	Competition Requirements <i>(In all competitions, members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)</i>
Modified Championships Divisions	Junior Starter	10 – 17	D-2 EV/HSE	Complete a standard Eventing rally with a numerical score. OR If no standard Eventing rally is available, complete a modified Eventing rally with a numerical score.
	Senior Starter	18 +		
	Junior Beginner Novice	10 – 17		
	Senior Beginner Novice	18 +		
	Junior Novice	10 – 17		
	Senior Novice	18 +		If no Eventing rally is available, complete one USEA-recognized event at the level they plan to attend. Complete any USPC rally as a rider at a D-2 or above HM certification level and prove Vet Box knowledge.
	Junior Training	10 – 17	D-2 EV/HSE	Complete a standard Eventing rally and one USEA-recognized event, both with numerical scores. OR If no standard Eventing rally is available, complete a modified Eventing rally and one USEA-recognized event, both with numerical scores.
	Senior Training	18 +		OR If no Eventing rally is available, complete two USEA-recognized events, both with numerical scores. Complete any USPC rally as a rider at a D-2 or above HM certification level and prove Vet Box knowledge.
Standard Championships Divisions	Junior Starter	12 – 17	C-1 EV/HSE	Complete a standard Eventing rally with no more than 20 XC jumping penalty points. OR If no standard Eventing rally is available, complete a modified Eventing rally with no more than 20 XC jumping penalty points.
	Senior Starter	18 +		
	Junior Beginner Novice	12 – 17		
	Senior Beginner Novice	18 +		
	Junior Novice	12 – 17		
	Senior Novice	18 +		If no Eventing rally is available, complete a USEA-recognized event at the level they plan to attend with no more than 20 XC jumping penalty points. Complete any USPC rally as a rider at a C-1 or above HM certification level and prove Vet Box knowledge.
	Junior Training	12 – 17	C-1 EV/HSE	Complete standard Eventing rally and one USEA-recognized event with no more than 20 XC jumping penalty points. OR If no standard Eventing rally is available, complete a modified Eventing rally and one USEA-recognized event with no more than 20 XC jumping penalty points.
	Senior Training	18 +		
	Junior Modified	12 – 17		
	Senior Modified	18 +		OR If no Eventing rally is available, complete two USEA-recognized events with no more than 20 XC jumping penalty points. Complete any USPC rally as a rider at a C-1 or above HM certification level and prove Vet Box knowledge.

Mounted Games				
Division		Age	Minimum Certification	Competition Requirements (Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level, and play a minimum of six games)
Modified Championships Divisions	Youth Intermediate	10 – 14	D-2 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	Complete six games at the competition level at a standard Mounted Games rally.
	Junior Intermediate	15 – 17		OR If no standard Mounted Games rally is available in discipline, complete six games at the competition level at a modified Mounted Games rally.
	Senior Intermediate	18 +		OR If no modified Mounted Games rally is available, complete six games at the level at a Mounted Games competition and complete a mounted standard rally as a rider at a D-2 or above HM certification level.
Standard Championships Divisions	Youth Intermediate	12 – 14	C-1 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	Complete six games at the competition level at a standard Mounted Games rally.
	Junior Intermediate	15 – 17		OR If no Mounted Games rally is available, complete six games at a Mounted Games competition at the competition level and complete a mounted standard rally as a rider at a C-1 or above HM certification level.
	Senior Intermediate	18 +		
	Youth Open	12 – 14		
	Junior Open	15 – 17		
	Senior Open	18 +		

Polocrosse				
Division		Age	Minimum Certification	Competition Requirements (Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)
Modified Championships Divisions	D Grade	10 +	D-2 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	Complete a standard Polocrosse rally.
	C Grade	10 +		OR If no standard Polocrosse rally is available, complete a modified Polocrosse rally. OR If no modified Polocrosse rally is available, complete in an APA-sanctioned tournament or play day and complete a mounted rally as a rider or stable manager at a D-2 or above certification level.
Standard Championships Divisions	D Grade	12 +	C-1 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	Complete a standard Polocrosse rally.
	C Grade	12 +		OR If no standard Polocrosse rally is available, complete an APA-sanctioned tournament or play day and complete a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at a C-1 or above HM certification level.
	A/B Grade	12 +		

Quiz

Division		Age	Minimum Certification	Competition Requirements <i>(Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)</i>
Modified Championships Divisions	Novice D	10 – 11	D-2 HM	Complete a standard Quiz rally.
	Junior D	12 – 17		OR
	Senior D	18 +		If no standard Quiz rally is available, complete a modified Quiz rally.
	Novice C	10 – 11	C-1 HM	OR If no modified Quiz rally is available, complete an equine-knowledge based competition and participate in an unmounted club or center lesson.
Standard Championships Divisions	Junior D	12 – 17	D-3 HM	Complete a standard Quiz rally.
	Senior D	18 +		OR
	Junior C & Up	12 – 17	C-1 HM	If no standard Quiz rally is available, complete an equine-knowledge based competition and participate in an unmounted club or center lesson.
	Senior C & Up	18 +		

Show Jumping

Division		Age	Minimum Certification	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.)</i>
Modified Championships Divisions	Junior .75m Jumpers	10 – 17	D-2 EV/HSE	Complete a standard Show Jumping rally with a minimum of 2 rounds showing a numerical score and 24 or fewer total jumping faults.
	Senior .75m Jumpers	18 +		OR
	Junior .85m Jumpers	10 – 17		If no standard Show Jumping rally is available, complete a modified Show Jumping rally with a minimum of 2 rounds with numerical scores and 24 or fewer total jumping faults.
	Senior .85m Jumpers	18 +		OR If no modified SJ rally is available, complete two rounds at the USPC competition level height with a numerical score and 24 or fewer total jumping faults. Also, complete a mounted standard rally as a rider at the D-2 or above HM certification level.
Standard Championships Divisions	Junior .75m Jumpers	12 – 17	C-1 EV/HSE	Complete a standard Show Jumping rally with a minimum of 3 rounds showing a numerical score and 12 or fewer total jumping faults.
	Senior .75m Jumpers	18 +		
	Junior .85m Jumpers	12 – 17		OR If no standard SJ rally is available, complete three rounds at the USPC competition level height with a numerical score and 12 or fewer total jumping faults. Also, participate in a mounted standard rally as a rider at the C-1 or above HM certification level.
	Senior .85m Jumpers	18 +		
	Junior Advanced (includes: .95m Pony, .95m, 1.05m, and 1.15 m Jumpers)	12 – 17		
	Senior Advanced (includes: .95m Pony, .95m, 1.05m, and 1.15 m Jumpers)	18 +		

Tetrathlon				
Division (Female and Male)		Age	Minimum Certification	Competition Requirements (Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)
Modified Championships Divisions	Pre-Novice	10 – 11	D-2 EV/HSE	Complete a standard Tetrathlon rally jumping at least 2'3" in the riding phase. OR If no standard Tetrathlon rally is available, complete a modified Tetrathlon rally and jump a minimum of 2'3" in the riding phase.
	Novice	12 – 13		OR If no modified Tetrathlon rally is available, complete a mounted standard rally as a rider at or above the D-2 HM certification level jumping a minimum of 2'3" in the riding phase, and submit run and swim times at the distance.
	Intermediate	14 – 15		
	Junior	16 – 17		
	Senior	18 +		
Standard Championships Divisions	Novice	12 – 13	C-1 EV/HSE	Complete a standard Tetrathlon rally, earning a total minimum score of 2600 and a minimum score of 550 in the riding phase. OR If no standard Tetrathlon rally is available, complete a mounted standard rally as a rider at or above the C-1 HM certification the level and submit run and swim times at the distance.
	Intermediate	14 – 15		
	Junior	16 – 17	C-1 EV/HSE	Complete a standard Tetrathlon rally, earning a total minimum score of 2800 and a minimum score of 550 in the riding phase. OR If no standard Tetrathlon rally is available, complete a mounted standard rally as a rider at or above the C-1 HM certification level, jumping a minimum of 2'3" in the riding phase, and submit run and swim times at the distance.
	Senior	18 +		

Note for Championships Eligibility in all Tetrathlon Divisions:

If seeking Championships eligibility, **competitors may ride down no more than one level** and must take the appropriate penalties. If a competitor earns eligibility for Championships by riding down at the regional rally, that competitor must ride down at Championships as well. The minimum jump height for Championships is the Pre-Novice height of 2'3". **Pre-Novice competitors seeking Championships eligibility may not ride down and earn Championships eligibility.**

Western Dressage

Division		Age	Minimum Certification	Competition Requirements <i>(Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)</i>
Modified Championships Divisions	Junior Basic Level	10 – 17	D-2 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	Complete a standard Western Dressage rally and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2.
	Senior Basic Level	18 +		OR
	Junior Level 1 & Up	10 – 17		If no standard Western Dressage rally is available, complete a modified Western Dressage rally and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2.
	Senior Level 1 & Up	18 +		OR If no Western Dressage rally is available, participate in a WDAA-recognized show and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2 and participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at or above the D-2 HM certification level.
Standard Championships Divisions	Junior Basic Level	12 – 17	C-1 DR/EV/EV1/HSE/WST	Complete Tests 2, 3, and musical ride at a standard Western Dressage rally. Earn a minimum score of 60% on Test 3.
	Senior Basic Level	18 +		OR
	Junior Level 1 & Up	12 – 17		If no standard Western Dressage rally is available, participate in a WDAA-recognized show and earn a minimum score of 60% on Test 3 and complete a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at or above the C-1 HM certification level.
	Senior Level 1 & Up	18 +		