
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008 GOLD BOOK

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

	WED 7/23	THURS 7/24	FRI 7/25	SAT 7/26	SUN 7/27
AM			Formal Inspections Eventing: Dressage Phase Dressage, Games, SJ, PLX and Quiz begin Tetrathlon: Jogs	Dressage, Games PLX, SJ rides continue Eventing: XC Tetrathlon: Run Quiz continues	Dressage, Games, PLX, SJ rides continue; Tetrathlon: Ride #2; Eventing: Stadium Quiz continues
Noon	Move in may begin after 12 noon	All disciplines must be moved in by 12 noon			
PM		All Briefings, All Jogs Except Tetrathlon; Tetrathlon: Shoot	Rides Continue Quiz Continues Tetrathlon: Swim	Rides Continue Tetrathlon: Ride #1 Quiz Continues	Awards at completion of each activity
Other		7 p.m.: Opening Ceremony	3-4 p.m.: Barns open to visitors	3-4 p.m.: Barns open to visitors	

USPC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

July 24-27, 2008

VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER – LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

OPENING DATE:

Thursday, May 1, 2008

CLOSING DATE:

Monday, July 7, 2008

ENTRY PROCEDURES

- Failure to abide by the following procedures will result in the entry being refused.
- Discipline Organizers and/or Overall Organizer reserve the right to refuse any entry.

FOR ANY QUALIFYING RALLY HELD ON OR BEFORE JULY 7, 2008:

Complete entries: (see below also) All entries will be done electronically. Hard copies of paperwork that will be required (see page 4) to be mailed and **postmarked** by the closing date of July 7, 2008, to the discipline Secretary to avoid late penalties. Entries postmarked after the closing date, **and/or** incomplete entries requiring additional information, must include a non-refundable penalty of \$100 per team or \$25 per individual.

FOR ANY QUALIFYING RALLY HELD AFTER JULY 7, 2008:

- Entry reservations will be accepted for those rallies held after July 7, 2008 only. A reservation must be made online. Payment must be made by regional check, sent to the discipline secretary and postmarked by the closing date of July 7, 2008. For a reservation to be confirmed as an entry, the team member names must be entered in the entry site on the day following the rally. The complete entry packet, with all signed forms, must be sent to the Secretary overnight that same day following the rally. For withdrawn reservations, entry fees (excluding late penalties) will be returned, providing the reservation is withdrawn on the day following the qualifying rally.

ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 14, 2008.

- The Regional Supervisor must submit the completed electronic entry. The web address, log-in and passwords will be sent to the Regional Supervisor only. Payment may be made electronically online or by regional check accompanying the hard copy.

NOTE TO REGIONAL SUPERVISORS:

PLEASE CHECK ENTRY FOR ACCURACY OF AGE AND RATING LEVELS OF ALL COMPETITORS.

PLEASE CHECK EACH DISCIPLINE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON MAILING COMPLETED ENTRY PAPERWORK. MAILING LABELS WILL BE INCLUDED IN YOUR RS ENTRY MAILING.

ALL ACTIVITY AND MEDICAL RELEASES WILL BE DONE ELECTRONICALLY AND WILL NOT REQUIRE BEING MAILED.

PRINT 2 COPIES OF ALL ELECTRONIC ENTRIES; KEEP ONE FOR YOUR RECORDS, SEND ONE COPY TO THE DISCIPLINE SECRETARY WITH ALL REQUIRED PAPERWORK AS LISTED ABOVE.

- Entries will be accepted for one team, per division, per discipline, per region (Except Tetrathlon competitors, who enter as individuals). Second teams and additional individuals will be accepted as space permits, with preference given to the regions with the largest qualifying rallies.
- Qualified substitutions (refer to discipline rulebooks) may be accepted with veterinary form/medical certificate, \$25 administrative charge, subject to the discipline rules and approval of the discipline organizer. Qualified substitutions must come from the Regional Supervisor only.
- Requests for exemptions or exceptions must be presented by the RS in accordance with the guidelines posted for exemptions/exceptions on the Forms Page of the USPC Website.
- The Discipline Secretary (except in Games) will make up scramble teams as space permits from the qualified individuals as submitted by the Regional Supervisor. If two regions should choose to make their own Scramble Teams, it must be understood that all entries must be clearly marked with this notation and that all entry fees and forms from all members of that Scramble Team must be received for that team entry to be considered. If any one part of a Scramble entry should be incomplete, the Scramble team will essentially be dissolved. This will avoid a delay in placing those with complete entries on a Scramble team. The other competitors will be subject to a late fee and will be placed on a Scramble team upon payment of late fee and completion of entry, by discipline secretary, as space allows.
- Competitions will be held concurrently; qualified candidates may enter only one discipline.
- A discipline competition or division may be cancelled if less than 4 team entries are received
- **GOVERNING RULES:** Current Discipline Rulebooks and addenda, the 2007 USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition and addenda, current Coaching Guidelines and Chaperone Duties in current Rulebooks.
- **AWARDS:** See discipline pages.
- **ENTRY FEE:** Includes five nights stabling July 23-27, pin, t-shirt for each competitor, and a pin for one chaperone per team; additional pins available to scramble team chaperones.
- **CANCELLATION POLICY:** Only cancellations of an entry with a veterinary or medical certificate will receive a refund, less a \$25 administrative fee. Requests for refunds must be made in writing by the Regional Supervisor, (Email, Fax or snail mail) accompanied by the required veterinary or medical certificate, to the Discipline Secretary AND the National Office, no later than August 31, 2008.
- **NO REQUESTS FOR REFUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 31, 2008**

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QUALIFYING INFORMATION

Age & Rating Requirements for USPC Championships
(Age as of January 1, 2008)

Discipline	Division	Age	Rating	Individual Cost
Eventing	Preliminary	14 yrs. or older	C-3 and up	\$345
<i>Note: There is an additional USEF non-member fee if applicable (see info on Eventing page)</i>				
	Training	13 yrs. or older	C-2 and up	\$345
	Novice	12 yrs. or older	C-2 and up	\$345
	Beginner Novice	12 yrs. or older	C-1 and up	\$345
	Stable Manager	12 yrs. or older	C-1 and up	\$0
Dressage	Training Level	12 yrs. or older	C-1 and up	\$335
	First Level & up	12 yrs. or older	C-1 and up	\$335
	Quadrille Division	12 yrs. or older	C-1 and up	\$335
	Add \$50 if fifth horse brought			
	Stable Manager	As above	C-1 and up	\$0
<i>Note: Refer to Dressage page for info on D-3 members</i>				
Games	Juniors	10-13 yrs.	D-2 and up	\$335
	Seniors	14-18 yrs.	D-3 and up	\$335
Polocrosse	Novice	12 yrs & up	D-3 and up	\$335
	Intermediate	13 yrs. & up	C-1 and up	\$335
	Advanced	14 yrs. or older	C-1 and up	\$335
	SM, no horse	As above	C-1 and up	\$0
	SM with horse	As above	C-1 and up	\$50
Quiz	Junior D	10-12 yrs.	D-2, D-3	\$175
	Senior D	13 yrs. or older	D-2, D-3	\$175
	Junior C/H-B/B	14 years and below	C-1 and up	\$175
	Senior C/H-B/B	15 years and above	C-1 and up	\$175
	B/H/H-A/A	Any age	B/H-A/H/A	\$175
Show Jumping	Reg./Modified	12 yrs. or older	C-1 and up	\$335
	Stable Manager	As above	C-1 and up	\$0
Tetrathlon	Senior	15 yrs. or older	C-1 and up	\$335
	Intermediate	12 or older	D-3 and up	\$335
	Junior	12-14 yrs.	D-3 and up	\$335
	Novice	10-11 yrs.	D-3 and up	\$335

COMPLETE ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. A copy of the electronic entry for the team.
2. Regional Check for the entry fee & applicable penalties (if not paid online) made **PAYABLE TO USPC and** mailed to the discipline Secretary along with hard copies of the paperwork required, postmarked by closing date.
3. Signed Chaperone Duties Form per team/ individual
4. 1 copy of Current Negative Coggins Test, dated within 12 months, for each horse. Name of horse on Coggins to match name on entry.
5. Signed Coaches' Guidelines Form as required for Eventing, Show Jumping and Tetrathlon.
6. Volunteer Form (see Mandatory Volunteer Requirements) – each Team/ Individual Entry
7. Games entry must also include copy of the Program from Qualifying Rally (signed by the TD) and a close-up color photo of team pinnies, front and back – do not send pinnies, please.
8. Eventing Qualifying Affidavit, where appropriate
9. All Eventing competitors must complete the USEA Horse Trials entry form; two sided, with all required membership, horse registration numbers and signatures. Parents to sign as trainer, if trainer will not be present at competition. These forms will be included in the RS mailing as well as being available online under forms.

**ALL FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY WITH ALL
REQUIRED SIGNATURES.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS: The Virginia Horse Center is located 2.5 miles from the intersection of Interstate routes I-81 and I-64 at Lexington, VA. Telephone number of show office is 540-464-2962, for important business or emergencies. Telephone number of Virginia Horse Center 540-464-2950; Fax 540-464-2999.

AIR TRAVEL: Dulles, the closest major airport, is about 2-1/2 hours by car. Roanoke Airport is within one hour of the Virginia Horse Center. Charlottesville is approximately 1-hour drive.

TRANSPORTATION OF COMPETITORS: CHAPERONES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING COMPETITORS. It is the parents' responsibility to arrange transportation of their children before, after or during the hours of competition. It is the parents' responsibility to decide if they will transport their child, allow the child to transport him/herself, or arrange directly with another person to provide transportation for their child.

VETERINARY HEALTH PAPERS: All horses must have proof of a negative Coggins test within the last 12 months. Out-of-state horses must have a current Health Certificate. Coggins and Health Certificate (out-of-state horses) must be valid for the duration of the competition and travel to and from Lexington, VA. Coggins and Health Certificate (out-of-state horses) must be presented for checking upon entry to the Virginia Horse Center. The name of horse on the Coggins must match the name of horse on the entry form. Please advise all competitors to carry a copy of current negative Coggins and Health Certificate. Animals on medication must have a veterinary certificate stating the name of medication, diagnosis, dosage, and duration for medication, and this certificate must be given to the Chief Horse Management Judge upon arrival (refer to HM Handbook 2007).

EARLY ARRIVAL/NIGHTTIME ARRIVAL, & LAYOVERS: Arrivals prior to noon on Wednesday, July 23rd will not be allowed. Those staying overnight on Sunday, July 27th, may have to change stalls to accommodate the large show moving in. There shall be no arrivals between the hours of midnight and 7:00 AM. If arrival or departure shall be necessary outside of these dates, please contact Laura Pitt directly at laura.pitt@westpharma.com or call 610-952-2364.

COMMERCIALY SHIPPED HORSES: Must have an authorized horse-knowledgeable representative to meet the van on arrival and care for horses until competitors are on the grounds. Plan to be at the barns BEFORE your horse is scheduled to arrive. Long hauls are stressful on horses. Please care for them responsibly.

AUTOMOBILES, TRAILERS, & PARKING: Parking will be permitted in designated areas only. No vehicles are allowed in the barn areas except as allowed by show management for loading/unloading. All aisles and roadways around barns must be kept open pursuant to fire regulations. Only licensed vehicles with licensed operators will be permitted on the lower VA Horse Center roadways. No vehicles are permitted on any part of the upper facility. Motorcycles and four wheelers are not permitted.

Golf carts will be provided for Officials only. All golf cart drivers must have valid drivers license.

STABLING: Stabling, plus a team tack room, is included in the entry fee. Stabling covers up to 5 nights from 12 noon on Wednesday, July 23th until 8 am on Monday, July 28th (*those staying on the evening of July 27th may have to change stalls to accommodate the large show moving in*). Feed rooms may be in trailers. Each team must plan ahead to have one trailer to be parked in a designated area. Stalls are 10x12 cinder block construction of 3 walls with mesh screen fronts; therefore, screw eyes may not be used. The stall fronts are strong wire mesh, from which double-ended snaps or twine may be hung. For tack rooms, you will need to be creative with rope, chain, and/or duct tape. Height of stall walls is 7'10" and thickness of cinder block walls is 5-7/8 inches (info for hanging brackets, etc.) Fans may be used, but must be installed safely. Electrical extension cords must be twelve (12) gauge, three (3) wire and prong negative ground type. Smoking is not permitted in or around the barns. All stalls must be stripped upon departure.

DOGS: Dogs should be left at home. No dogs are allowed in the barns or in the indoor arenas. Dogs are allowed on the premises provided they are leashed at all times. Dogs must be on a short leash and never left unattended. NO PETS are allowed in the coliseum or in any office at any time. Competitors are not allowed to have any animal in the barn area except their competition horse. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved in writing by the Championships Organizer PRIOR to the move-in date.

HORSE MANAGEMENT: USPC Horse Management Rules will be in effect from arrival to departure for ALL participants. Please carefully review the 2007 HM Handbook and addenda to refresh your memory. Here are some important reminders:

- Use of pagers, cell phones by competitors during the competition hours will not be permitted. Refrigerators, plug in coolers, etc. are not allowed.
- All tack must be left in tack rooms for the duration of the competition. ONLY Pony Club members may do tack room set up.
- Pony Club members must wear approved footwear when in the barn area. Riding sneakers with a heel are acceptable.

- Appropriate attire is expected while the Pony Club member is on the grounds. Shirts (with sleeves) that cover the torso must be worn by participants at all times while on the grounds, both while mounted and unmounted. Bathing suit or tank tops are never acceptable attire.
- Longeing and “hacking” will be permitted only in designated areas. You MUST get permission from your discipline’s Chief HM Judge prior to longeing or hacking, failure to do so could result in elimination. Each competitor must have a responsible adult with them when hacking. Hacking shall be defined as warm up on the flat and shall be for the purpose of exercising the mount, not for the purpose of practice. While mounted, everyone must wear approved ASTM-SEI helmets, long pants, shirts as noted above and approved footwear. Riding sneakers with a heel are acceptable.
- Braiding is governed by the discipline rulebook. As of this date, braiding is being permitted at all levels and in all disciplines except Games. Braiding requires the use of common sense. Standing on any object can be unsafe if the object is not on solid level ground. At no time should Braiding take precedence over regular barn chores and Braiding shall not be accepted as an excuse for failing to complete any other tasks.
 - All braids must be removed immediately after the last ride of the day and before any turn back inspection.
- To stand on an object while braiding, the object must:
 1. Have no holes which may catch the legs of the mount.
 2. Be strong enough to hold the competitor’s weight
 3. Afford stability
 4. Mounting Blocks and milk crates are acceptable if on solid level ground.
 5. No pails or buckets shall be acceptable.
- Keep bathing of horses to a minimum. Not only does it waste water, but it creates lines in the washing areas. Use a bucket and sponge whenever possible. Never leave your horse alone in the wash rack.
- At the conclusion of the competition, stalls must be stripped and checked.

STALL CARDS: EVERY stall must have a completed card, readily visible on the stall before leaving a horse in that stall. Refer to HM Handbook 2007 and addenda for required information. Remember that Horse Insurance information, if applicable, must be listed on the back of the card and should include phone number of insurance company and all other pertinent information.

HAY/BEDDING: Stalls may be bedded with shavings or straw. No sawdust, peanut hulls or paper allowed. Bedding may be purchased on the grounds: Straw approx. \$6/bale; Shavings approx. \$6/bag.

MANURE DISPOSAL: All manure and used shavings removed from stalls or trailers must be placed in the manure pits located at the end of each barn, not in trash cans. Empty shaving bags must be placed in the area between the manure pits and the barn walls, not in trash cans.

MEDICAL WASTE: Medical waste (needles and syringes and other medical supplies) must not be discarded in stalls, manure pits or trash cans. Special containers are provided in each barn for the disposal of medical waste materials.

JOGS: Horses must be shown in bridle. Neat, appropriate attire, and approved ASTM-SEI helmets and proper footwear are required for handlers; gloves are advised. Make sure competitors are familiar with acceptable attire for jogs, as stated in the current HM Handbook and addenda.

FARRIER/VETERINARIAN: A farrier and vet will be on-site or on-call for the duration of the event. All fees are the responsibility of the competitor, and must be paid before departure.

FIRST AID: EMT's will be on the grounds daily. Emergency Medical Technicians are to be used for emergencies only.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT: USPC has contracted with Emergency medical personnel for the duration of competition. These individuals are all appropriately certified and experienced in "pre-hospital" care. We ask that those persons having a medical background who are present at the site of an accident or incident identify themselves as such to the EMT's and then step aside and let them do their job. They will appreciate this and will ask for assistance if needed.

Those injured in competition who require Emergency room evaluation will not be allowed to return to competition unless there is written documentation from the treating physician that clearly states they are fit to return to competition. In those situations that a parent or legal guardian should decline medical treatment for their charge, the organizer(s) reserves the right to deny continued participation in the competition of said competitor.

VOLUNTEERS (Mandatory Requirement): Each team must have 2-4 volunteers to work a portion of the Championships. The Regional Supervisor must submit a Volunteer Form as provided in entry packet for each team or individual entry. Additional volunteers may sign up at the discipline briefing or in the Show Office. Volunteer positions must be filled before the competition can begin.

WEATHER: As Virginia can be very hot and humid at this time of year, please make sure competitors and horses are prepared for these conditions. Chaperones should be prepared to furnish team with plenty of appropriate liquids, fruit, etc., and check each day to see that sufficient liquid is being consumed. Competitors are expected to have an ample supply of water and, if necessary, electrolytes for mounts.

NEUTRAL ZONE: This area is for chaperones/parents to leave limited items (i.e., medication, clothing, food, drink, etc.) for competitors. Preplanning is necessary because the Neutral Zone is not a delivery service. A message board will be available for permissible types of communication and may be used for communication with the competitors in emergencies. It may also be used as the official meeting place. A representative from Horse Management will be available in the Neutral Zone to answer parent/adult questions for the duration of Championships.

INFORMATION: Information will be available in the Neutral Zone and at the Show Office on the grounds. Show office phone: 540-464-2962. This number is to be used for important communications only and is not to be used as a messenger service.

PROGRAMS: Programs will be provided for chaperones, competitors, and coaches. Visitors may purchase a program in the Information/Neutral Zone.

PRINTED MATERIALS: Posters, flyers and other printed materials shall not be stapled on any building. They may be posted on designated bulletin boards only.

CHAMPIONSHIPS TRADE FAIR: The USPC Bookstore, official event photographers, and other vendors will be located at the Trade Fair in the indoor arena. For exhibitor information, contact nancy@ponyclub.org.

FOOD & CONCESSIONS: Food will be available on the grounds from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

HOUSING INFORMATION: A list of lodging may be found on the USPC web site www.ponyclub.org, under the link for USPC Championships 2008. You may also request a lodging pamphlet from the Lexington Visitor Bureau at 540-463-3777 or visit their web site at www.lexingtonvirginia.com.

CAMPSITES: 90 Campsites are available at the VHC. Contact the VHC for Campsite Rates and reservations. There are other campgrounds in the area. For more information, contact the Lexington Visitor Bureau at 540-463-3777 or visit their web site at www.lexingtonvirginia.com.

HORSE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR: There will be a Horse Management Judging Seminar conducted by the USPC Horse Management Committee on the dates of July 24-26; refer to information at the end of this publication.

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SEND ENTRIES TO SECRETARY

ENTRY FEES: \$1340 per 4 rider team and SM; Quadrille Division add \$50 if bringing 5th horse (the name of 5th horse to be entered on the entry form in the row with team SM name; copy of current negative Coggins, signed equine release form must accompany entry). \$335 per riding member. Non-riding SM is mandatory. Entry fee includes stabling, t-shirt and pin for competitors and pin for team chaperone. Regions are encouraged to send individuals or partial teams to place on scramble teams.

ENTRIES/SUBSTITUTIONS & QUALIFICATIONS: Refer to the 2006 USPC Handbook and Rules for Dressage Competition and Addenda, and 2008 Dressage Annual Newsletter. Teams must qualify at a Regional Rally by the same tests that will be ridden at Championships. There will be a Quadrille Division for teams of 4 riding members provided there are at least three entries in this division. Refer to rulebook and USPC Dressage Annual Newsletter 2008 for more information. Quadrille teams may bring a 5th horse to be used as a substitute in the event of lameness. **The closing date for the Quadrille Teams is June 7.** A/H-A members are invited to compete as a member of a regional or scramble team. A/H-A members are not required to compete at the regional qualifying rally but must have the permission and approval of the RS of their region. They must ride the Dressage tests as listed below.

Scramble teams of riders at Second level or above will be formed from entries submitted to the Secretary. These teams will compete in the 1st level and above division

LEVELS OFFERED:

Training Level Teams: riding Training Level tests 2 and 4

First Level and above Teams: riding First Level, Second Level, Third or Fourth Level

Quadrille Teams will be offered if three teams are entered

Option 1. Riding the USDF 2007 "Basic" & "Training" Level tests or

Option 2. Riding the USDF 2007 "Training" & "First" Level tests.

MOVE IN DATE: May arrive after noon on Wednesday, July 23, 2008. Must arrive by noon Thursday, July 24, 2008.

DRESSAGE TESTS:

Ride 1: Lower Test

Ride 2: Higher Test

Ride 3: repeat lower level Test

Ride 4: Musical Freestyle or Pas de Deux, (2007 Pas de Deux score sheets)

Music: For all musical rides, clearly label tapes or CD and bring duplicates.

Costumes: Costumes will be allowed for Pas de Deux division. Pony Club approved helmets, footwear, saddle and bridle are required. Competitors must have the approval of their RS as to the suitability of the costumes.

AWARDS:**Overall Team:**

Training division: 1st-10th place ribbons; Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

First Level and above: 1-10th place ribbons; Gold, Silver and Bronze medals

Quadrille: 1-10th place ribbons (if entries warrant); Gold, Silver and Bronze medals

Musical Freestyles:

Training Musical Kur: 1st-10th place ribbons individuals

Training Pas de Deux: 1st-10th place ribbons, if entries warrant

First Level and Above Musical Kur: 1st-10th place ribbons individuals

First Level and Above Pas de Deux: 1st-10th place ribbons, if entries warrant

Quadrille: 1st-10th place ribbons, if entries warrant

Horse Management:

Training: 1st-10th place ribbons

First and above: 1st-10th place ribbons; this division will include Quadrille teams

The Dover "I Love Pony Club" pin. This special award is for 1st place competitors in the Musical Kur, Pas de Deux and Quadrille Musical divisions. This is a replica of the gold "I Love Pony Club" pin that belonged to Robert Dover's mother. The original pin has been donated to USPC and is on display at USPC headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky.

GOVERNING RULES:

Discipline Rulebook and all addenda and Discipline Annual Newsletter

Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition 2007 and all addenda

Horse Management Annual 2008 Newsletter

EVENTING

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SEND ENTRIES TO SECRETARY

Note: Secretary requests that any entries postmarked on the closing date be sent Express Mail and that any/all Express Mail be sent with the signature waiver signed. Requiring signature for delivery can delay receipt of entry for several days. Thank you for consideration in this matter.

ENTRY FEES: BEGINNER NOVICE, NOVICE AND TRAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS: \$1380 per 4 rider/1SM team; \$345/individual riding member; PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS \$345/individual riding member (see info for additional fee under Preliminary level qualification criteria below). Number of Preliminary riders per team to be determined by Organizing Committee. There is no extra charge for SM at any level, non-riding SM is mandatory. Entry fee includes stabling, t-shirt and pin for competitors and pin for team chaperone. Regions are encouraged to send individuals or partial teams to place on scramble teams. If the entry is large, it may be necessary to restrict the competition numbers by holding a draw for teams after the closing date.

USPC Eventing Championships are recognized by USEA and Preliminary Level is recognized by USEF. Each competitor must fill out an individual USEA Eventing entry form, which will be included in the Championships Entry packet sent to all Regional Supervisors and posted on the USPC website. Refer to membership requirements as listed below for each division. For USEA membership information, go to their website at www.useventing.com

LEVELS OFFERED:

Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, and Preliminary Championships

ENTRIES/SUBSTITUTIONS & QUALIFICATION CRITERIA: Please refer to Age/Rating Requirements for USPC Championships 2008 listed earlier in this Gold Book, in the 2008 Eventing Rulebook and Addenda and in the Eventing Annual Newsletter.

All levels must have completed, without elimination in any phase, a qualifying USPC rally at the level at which they wish to compete and a USEF/USEA recognized (or comparable*) Horse Trial at the level which they wish to compete within 11 months previous to this year's Championships' closing date. One of these competitions must have no cross country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties. H-A or A competitors are invited to compete with the permission of the RS and verification of scores from two USEF/USEA recognized (or comparable*) Horse Trials at the level at which they

wish to compete at the same standard as listed above for all other levels of competition.

* *“Comparable” means an unrecognized Horse Trial held at the site of a sanctioned Horse Trial, where the construction and dimensions of the cross-country fences have been approved by a USEF/USEA-licensed Eventing Technical Delegate or Eventing Judge. This MUST be approved by the USPC Eventing Committee Chair and the VP of Activities.*

Since qualification for Championships is based on the horse and rider combination, any substitution of a horse for championships must meet the same requirements expected of the original horse and rider entry with a valid reason for the change and approval of the RS. A substitution request must be approved by and submitted through the member’s Regional Supervisor to the Eventing Committee Chair and VP of Activities.

A properly signed Qualifying Affidavit for each qualifying rally and either a qualifying affidavit or copies of the official score record from the USEA website for recognized horse trials must be included along with a USEA entry form for each rider completely filled out, including all rider, parent and trainer signatures. Trainer is to sign only if attending the competition. If the trainer will not be attending, the parent signs as trainer for each riding member of the team for the team entry to be considered complete.

USEA AND USEF MEMBERSHIP AND FEE INFORMATION:

Beginner Novice, and Novice USEA/USEF membership and fees, as well as non-membership fees, have been waived by USEA/USEF; no horse registration number is required at these levels. Training level competitors must be a current USEA member and have a current USEA horse registration number. Membership in USEF is not required. Preliminary level competitors must be a current USEA member and have a current USEA horse registration number. They must also be a member of USEF OR pay the junior non-member fee of \$20 if under age 18 or \$25 if over age 18 (to be collected by secretary at the time of packet pick- up at Championships).

MOVE-IN DATE: May arrive after 12 noon on Wednesday, July 23rd; must arrive by 12 noon, Thursday July 24th, 2008.

DRESSAGE TESTS:

Beginner Novice Championship: USEF 2006 Beginner Novice Test B

Novice Championship: USEF 2006 Novice Test B

Training Championship: USEF 2006 Training Test B

Preliminary Championship: USEF 2006 Preliminary Test B

All tests will be ridden in a small arena.

CROSS COUNTRY: All courses will be of championship level over varied terrain.

Course Designer: Brian Ross

AWARDS:

Rachel Pemstein Memorial Award: Rachel Pemstein, DVM, was an avid Pony Club supporter who volunteered much of her time and veterinary expertise at rallies and championships. Sadly, she passed away in 2000 after a long illness. The Rachel Pemstein award, an engraved Julep Cup, is presented to each member of the winning Horse Management Team, in each Division, at Championships.

Frank Bierman Award for Excellence in Eventing: Awarded annually, by Frank Bierman, facilities manager at Virginia Horse Center, this award goes to the Training Level competitor that has a clean cross country ride closest to optimum time and whose horse has an acceptable recovery rate. The recipient will receive an engraved Jefferson cup as well as having their name added to the perpetual trophy on display at the USPC headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky.

Joy Post Bennett Memorial Trophy: The Joy Post Bennett Memorial Trophy was established in 2006 upon the death of long-time volunteer Joy Bennett of Louisville, KY. The award was funded by her family. The award will be given each year at Championships East and West to the highest placing overall Novice Eventing Team for ten consecutive years and individual julep cups will be purchased each year to be given to the team members. At the end of the ten-year period, the perpetual trophy will remain in the USPC National Office.

The Draft Cross Breeders and Owners Association Award: The top scoring DCBOA rider (riding a DCBOA registered horse) in the each level (Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and Preliminary) of Eventing at the Pony Club National Championships will be recognized the form of a plaque. Horses and Riders must both be registered with the DCBOA. Registration and Membership information may be found on the DCBOA website: <http://draftcrossbreedersandowners.com>

Overall for Each Division: 1st-10th place ribbons; Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals.

Horse Management for Each Division: 1-10th place ribbons; Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

USEA individual Ribbons

As a USEA/USEF recognized horse trial, ribbons will be given to individuals in 1st – 8th place in each division.

GOVERNING RULES:

2008 Discipline Rulebook and all addenda and Discipline Annual Newsletter
Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition 2007 and all addenda
Horse Management Annual Newsletter

COACHING: Refer to USPC Rules for Eventing 2008, Appendix 9.

GAMES

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ENTRY FEE: \$1675 per team of five riding members or \$335 per member for short teams for Junior and Senior Games Championships. Entry fee includes stabling, t-shirt and pin for competitors and pin for team chaperone. Stabling may be in portable stalls.

ENTRIES/SUBSTITUTIONS & QUALIFICATIONS: Refer to USPC Rules for Games Rallies, 2006. Each team must bring one white helmet cover to be used by their team. No white bands.

Pinny numbers are assigned in order of entry, with #1 as the Captain. Pinny numbers are VERY important in Games so RSs please check with your team for accuracy in assigning numbers. Each team must bring their own pinnies with 6" numbers on back and front. DO NOT SHIP THEM to Secretary. No pinnies will be provided. Each team must send a good COLOR close up back and front PHOTO of the team pinnies with the team entry. If not, the entry will be incomplete and subject to the \$25 fine.

RSs must ensure that young competitors are capable of caring for their ponies by themselves and handling all the responsibilities and duties of attending a Championships rally on their own.

Review the USPC Games Rulebook 2006 and the 2008 Games Annual Newsletter for review of the procedure for substitution of ponies.

LEVELS OFFERED: Junior and Senior Games Championships.

MOVE-IN DATE: May arrive after noon on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2008; must arrive by noon, Thursday, July 24th, 2008.

AWARDS:

Overall Team, each division: 1st-10th place ribbons; Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Horse Management Teams, each division: 1st-10th place ribbons.

Frances Pitts Memorial Trophy: will be awarded to the Games player who demonstrates excellent horsemanship, sportsmanship, and leadership. This trophy is given in memory of Frances Pitts, a member of the 1995 USPC International Games Team.

GOVERNING RULES:

Discipline Rulebook and all addenda and Discipline Annual Newsletter
Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition 2007 and all addenda
Horse Management Annual 2008 Newsletter

POLOCROSSE

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ENTRY FEES: \$1005 per team of 3 riding members, \$50 for SM with Horse, no fee for SM without horse. \$335 per riding member for individuals. Entry fee includes stabling, t-shirt and pin for competitors and pin for team chapereone.

ENTRIES/SUBSTITUTIONS & QUALIFICATIONS: Refer to USPC Rules for Polocrosse 2008. The recommendation of the RS is required. Must compete in a regional qualifying rally. If the team SM is going to be a "Replacement Rider," s/he must meet the same qualifications. If the team SM is not going to be a "Replacement Rider" s/he must be a C-1 but does not have to attend a qualifying rally. It is recommended that the Stable Manager bring own horse; this will be the only allowed substitution horse. Four-man teams are required (scratch players will be accommodated if teammates are available. All information and Equine Release and copy of current negative Coggins must be submitted with entry for the extra horse.

MOVE-IN: May arrive after 12 noon on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2008; must arrive by 12 noon on Thursday, July 24th, 2008.

LEVELS/COMPETITION FORMAT:

Advanced Horse: 14 years and a C-1 or up. Must ride a mount 14.2H or larger.

Advanced Pony: 14 years and a C-1 or up. Must ride a mount under 14.2H

Intermediate Horse: 13 years and a C-1 or up. Must ride mount 14. 2H or larger

Intermediate Pony: 13 years and a C-1 or up. Must ride a mount under 14.2 H.

Novice: 12 years and a D-3 or up. On any size mount.

The competition will be a round-robin format played over 2 or more days. The overall winner will be the team that wins the highest number of chukkas, combined with the Horse Management score. Horse Management will also receive awards. Each team will be required to bring own team shirts or pinnies with playing position numbers.

AWARDS:

Overall Team, each division: 1st-10th place ribbons; Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Horse Management Teams, each division: 1st-10th place ribbons.

"Best Horse" awarded in each division. The Umpires will make the selection based on fitness, agility and responsiveness.

American Polocrosse Association Award for Exemplary Sportsmanship: This award is presented to competitors whose actions and behavior best exemplifies

excellent sportsmanship both on and off the field, chosen by the head APA umpire during the USPC Championships.

GOVERNING RULES:

Discipline Rulebook and all addenda and Discipline Annual Newsletter
Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition 2007 and all addenda
Horse Management Annual 2008 Newsletter

QUIZ

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ENTRY FEE: \$700 team of four members or \$175 per individual for short teams. Entry fee includes t-shirt and pin for competitors, and pin for team Chaperone. Regions are encouraged to send individuals or partial teams to place on scramble teams.

ENTRIES/SUBSTITUTIONS & QUALIFICATIONS: Refer to USPC Quiz Rule Book, 2007

LEVELS OFFERED: Junior D, Senior D, Junior C/H-B/B, Senior C/H-B/B, B/H/HA/A

MOVE IN DATE: May move in after 12 noon on Wednesday, July 23th; must be moved in by noon on Thursday, July 24, 2008.

SPECIAL NOTE: Competitors must wear appropriate footwear during rounds held in the barn area. Volunteers with 2007 Quiz Rulebook in hand, are required to attend the briefing tentatively scheduled at 2:00 PM, check schedules on arrival to the Virginia Horse Center.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS: Parents who have agreed to volunteer will be asked to work either full or half days. Specific assignments will be given out on a first come first serve basis in the registration area. Volunteers who would like to work in the barn need to bring proper footwear.

PACKET PICK UP FOR QUIZ: All Quiz packets will be handed out on Quiz Hill which is located near the entrance to the coliseum. Packets will be ready for pick up at 12 noon on Wednesday, July 23rd.

GOVERNING RULES:

USPC Quiz Rulebook, 2007 and Addenda and Discipline Annual Newsletter
USPC 2007 Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition and Addenda
Horse Management Annual 2008 Newsletter

SHOW JUMPING

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SEND ENTRY TO SECRETARY

ENTRY FEE: \$1340/4 rider team and SM; \$335 per individual. Non-riding SM is mandatory. Entry fees include stabling, t-shirt and pins for competitors and pin for team chaperone. Regions are encouraged to send individuals or partial teams to place on scramble teams.

ENTRIES/SUBSTITUTIONS & QUALIFICATIONS: To qualify, the same horse/rider or pony/rider combination must have competed at the same level at their regional or inter-regional Show Jumping Rally and may not have been eliminated from any course for any reason (including any rule or technical infractions in competition arena or schooling area). Competitors must be at least 12 years old and have at least a C-1 rating. Large ponies ridden by B- or A-rated riders may compete at the Horse II level, but they must be able to handle the distances specified for horses. H-A/A competitors are invited to compete with the permission of the RS; there are no other requirements for qualifying for the H-A/A.

MOVE-IN DATE: May arrive after 12 noon Wednesday, July 23rd; must arrive by 12 noon on Thursday, July 24th, 2008.

LEVELS OFFERED:

Heights	Rounds	Jump Off
Modified Division: Large Pony/Horse I/Any Combination of: Lg Pony/Horse I		
	2'9"-3'3"	3'6"

Regular Division: Horse II, III, IV

Any Combination of:

Horse II	3'-3'6"	3'9"
Horse III	3'3"-3'9"	4'0"
Horse IV	3'6"-4'0"	4'3"

EQUITATION ROUND: Equitation will be judged in the second jumping round for all competitors. The third round will be a "Take your own line" for competitors at all levels.

AWARDS:

Overall Team, each division: 1st-10th place ribbons; Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Horse Management Teams, each division: 1st-10th place ribbons.

Five 'clear round' ribbons: given to all who meet this criteria

Equitation ribbons, each division: 1-10th place

Vieva Perrin Memorial Award for Horsemanship: this trophy is given in memory of one of the founders of Somerset Hills Pony Club and is awarded annually to the rider in the Regular Division who best exemplifies the classical principles of horsemanship and “the American jumping style”.

Pair of spurs: presented to each competitor in the H3 division

Belt buckle: presented to each competitor in the H4 division

GOVERNING RULES:

2008 Discipline Rulebook and all addenda and Discipline Annual Newsletter

Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition 2007 and all addenda

Horse Management Annual 2008 Newsletter

COACHING INFO: Refer to USPC Rules for Show Jumping Competition 2008

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ENTRY FEE: \$335 per individual competitor. Entry fee includes stabling, t-shirt and pin for competitors, pin for chaperone.

ENTRIES/SUBSTITUTIONS: Refer to 2006 USPC Rules for Tetrathlon. Novice level is for age 10 & 11 and strong D-3s or above.

RSs must ensure that ALL competitors are qualified and safe to compete at their designated level and that young competitors are capable of caring for their mounts by themselves and handling all responsibilities and duties of attending a Championships rally on their own.

MOVE-IN DATE: May arrive after 12 noon on Wednesday, July 23rd; must arrive by 12 noon on Thursday, July 24th, 2008.

LEVELS OFFERED:

Novice Girls, Novice Boys

Intermediate Girls, Intermediate Boys

Junior Girls, Junior Boys

Senior Girls, Senior Boys

QUALIFICATIONS: To compete in the Championship Divisions, each competitor must have competed in a Regional Tetrathlon Rally and qualified as stated in the current 2006 Tetrathlon Rulebook. Read Article 30 carefully to understand qualifying in the Riding Phase when taking the 200 point penalty for “riding down” one

level. If the regional rally is held after the closing date, or there is no competition in the region, please contact the Organizer.

RIDING PHASE: The riding phase consists of two jumping rounds. The first riding course will be a slightly modified course from one of the SJ rounds, so expect a technically challenging course. The track will include a slip rail to be taken down, negotiated and replaced and a gate to be opened, negotiated, closed and secured while mounted. The second round will also be a shared course designed by either SJ or Eventing. It will not include a slip rail and gate.

SWIM PHASE: The swimming will take place at a college in Lexington. It is the parents' responsibility to arrange for competitor transportation to this site.

SHOOTING PHASE: The shooting phase will take place at Washington & Lee. It is the parents' responsibility to arrange for competitor transportation to this site.

SHARING HORSES: Competitors are encouraged to bring their own mounts, but they may share a suitable mount. Competitors must inform the RS and DC of all horse sharing arrangements. There will not be a pool of horses available, nor will the Organizer arrange horse matching. Anyone, who out of necessity is riding a borrowed mount, must ride that horse before a panel consisting of the Organizer, Riding Steward and TD to insure suitability. In the event this combination is determined to be unsuitable, every effort will be made to allow the competitor and his/her family to find a suitable mount. Additionally, if a horse is spun by the vet prior to the beginning of the riding phase, similar steps will be taken to allow the competitor/s to find a substitute mount. Please mark on Competitor Information Form if you are willing to share your mount.

AWARDS:

Participation Certificates for ALL competitors certifying phase scores and overall total score will be printed onsite between the last inquiry period and the beginning of the Awards Ceremony.

Phase Ribbons for First thru Third in each Phase (ride, run, shoot and swim).

Overall Individual: 1st-6th place ribbons; Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

The Strassburger Award: Annually to the high scoring Senior Boy at USPC Tetrathlon Championships and is donated by the Strassburger family.

Kim Dunlap Artana Award: Awarded annually to the high scoring Senior Girl at USPC Tetrathlon Championships and is donated by the Tetrathlon committee.

Equitation Award: This is awarded to the Senior rider with the best equitation score.

GOVERNING RULES:

2006 Tetrathlon Rulebook and all addenda and 2008 Tetrathlon Annual Newsletter Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Rallies 2007 and all Addenda Horse Management Annual 2008 Newsletter

The Tetrathlon website <http://tetrathlon.ponyclub.org/> will provide the latest corrections and updates. All competitors are encouraged to periodically review the website "Championships News" for late breaking news and information.

HORSE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR 2008

OPENING DATE: MAY 1, 2008

CLOSING DATE: JULY 7, 2008

The Horse Management Committee will be holding a 2-1/2 day Horse Management seminar during USPC Championships in Lexington, Virginia.

Audience: Prospective or beginning HM judges who would like to improve their skills, HMOs, club and regional leaders, club and regional instructors, interested parents and adults and active Pony Club members who are rated C-3 or up and at least 18 years of age. This seminar will be led by Leanne Barnett, Chief HM Judge.

Objective: To strengthen regional and club horse management programs through a greater understanding of how Horse Management works at rallies and relates to everyday care of the horse. The seminar will assist instructors in becoming more proficient at teaching horse care through the different rating levels and will help HM Judges be more effective teachers at rallies. Seminar participants will leave with a better understanding of the reasons behind HM Judging at rallies and be better prepared to take this information back to your clubs and regions.

Course Content: Participants will have an opportunity to observe and actively participate in all aspects of Horse Management judging, including equipment checks, stable checks, safety checks, formal inspections, evaluations of competitor and mounts at the vet box on cross country day, have the first hand experience of feeling the difference between dry leather and well-conditioned leather, observe what a really clean mane and tail look and feel like, and see how the Pony Club standards are applied at the different rating levels. There will be discussions with various individuals from each discipline, and some time will be devoted to sharing ideas for teaching Horse Management at the club and regional levels. Topics to be covered include: Horse Management Judging Philosophy; Judging competitors to their rating level; forms used during competition; formal inspections by rating; first jogs, first check; required equipment checks; inquiries/protests; turn backs; feed considerations; conflict resolution; stall cards and cooling out procedures.

What to bring: Participants are required to wear appropriate attire and footwear for work in the barns and around horses (please refer to Rule HM 18 - amplification, page 29 of the 2007 HM Handbook for explanations). Bring your own copy of the current 2007 HM Handbook, which can be downloaded from the USPC website, and a notepad and pen. Sunglasses, a hat and sun-screen would be helpful in the hot Virginia weather and you might want to bring bug spray!

Dates of Seminar: Thursday, July 24, 1-4 PM, Friday and Saturday July 25-26, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m..

FEE: \$80.00 per person for the entire seminar; lunch will be included on Friday and Saturday. Please make checks payable to USPC HM Seminar.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Martin, USPC Instruction Assistant, 859-254-7669, pat@ponyclub.org

HORSE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please check one:

I am interested in becoming a Horse Management Judge

I am currently a Horse Management Judge and want to further my education

I am currently a Horse Management Judge and wish to become a CHMJ

I am a Regional Instructional Coordinator

I am a club instructor

I am interested in learning more about the Horse Management program

Background: Pony Club experience, past and present

Pony Club graduate? No Yes, if yes, year _____ rating _____ club _____

RS DC RIC HMO National Examiner Other (explain) _____

Horse Management Judge: # years _____ Levels (D-1 - A) _____

List Disciplines: _____

What do you expect to get out of this seminar? (Use additional page if necessary).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send entry, postmarked by July 7, 2008, including check payable to USPC Horse Management Seminar in the amount of \$80, to: Pat Martin, USPC, Inc., 4041 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, Kentucky 40511.

(Please use one form per registrant)