

# EVENTING NEWSLETTER 2008



**T**his year, our USPC Eventing Championships, recognized by USEA/USEF, will be held at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, Virginia, from Thursday, July 24th through Sunday, July 27th. Move-in will start on July 23rd, with all competitors present by the official opening at noon on Thursday, July 24th. Briefings, jog outs and Opening Ceremonies will be held on July 24th. The dressage test will be on Friday, July 25th, the cross country test on Saturday July 26th, and the jumping test and Award ceremony will be on Sunday, July 27th.

**QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS** may be held as a division of a USEA-recognized Horse Trial. Qualifying Competitions must occur within the 11 months preceding the closing date of Championships. Horse Management is mandatory at all Regional Rallies, including those judged as a division of a Horse Trial. Options for USEA/USEF officials are listed as follows:

## **RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:**

Qualifying Rallies will use a USEF/USEA Eventing Technical Delegate and a USEF/USEA Eventing Judge.

(or)

Qualifying Rallies will be held in conjunction with a USEA recognized Horse Trial as a means of having proper USEF/USEA officials present.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

Qualifying Rallies will use a USEF/USEA Eventing Judge with an individual knowledgeable about Eventing rules, procedures and expectations as the Eventing Technical Delegate.

(or)

Qualifying Rallies will use a USEA/USEA Eventing Technical Delegate and a "r" Dressage Judge or a "L" Dressage Judge for the dressage phase and an individual knowledgeable of Eventing Jumping Test rules, procedures and expectations as the Judge for the Jumping Test.

In all of the above options, the USEF/USEA recognized official(s) will be present to officiate the entire competition.

## **2008 USPC RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR EVENTING**

When planning Rallies, don't forget the following publications available at the USPC Bookstore:

- 2008 USPC Rules for Eventing Rallies
- 2007 USPC Horse Management Handbook and addendum
- 2008 USPC Eventing Annual Newsletter (*this publication*)
- 2003 USPC Eventing Organizers Kit and Guide

USPC Eventing rules and procedures are based on USEF rules. USEF/USEA recognized Horse Trials at all levels and the USPC Championships are run under current USEF rules. Refer to the USEA or USEF Website for additional clarification: [www.useventing.com](http://www.useventing.com), or [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)

## **DRESSAGE TESTS FOR USPC EVENTING RALLIES**

Dressage tests for the 2008 Eventing Rally season are listed below. The arena size is stated on each test. The tests are available from the USPC Bookstore.

**D-1:** 2007 USDF Intro Test A

**D-2:** 2006 USEF Beginner Novice Test A or B

**D-3:** 2006 USEF Beginner Novice Test A or B

**BEGINNER NOVICE RALLIES:** 2006 USEF Beginner Novice Test A or B

(Note: For those who are at least Age 12, C-1 competitors, this may be a qualifying division for Championships)

**NOVICE RALLIES:** 2006 USEF Novice Eventing Test A or B

**TRAINING RALLIES:** 2006 USEF Training Eventing Test A or B

**PRELIMINARY RALLIES:** 2006 USEF Preliminary Eventing Test A or B

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## DRESSAGE TESTS FOR USPC CHAMPIONSHIPS

### BEGINNER NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

2006 USEF Beginner Novice Eventing Test B

**NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** 2006 USEF Novice Eventing Test B

**TRAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS:** 2006 USEF Training Test B

**PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS:** 2006 USEF Preliminary Eventing Test B

*(all tests will be ridden in the small arena)*

### DRESSAGE ARENA SIZE:

Small Arena – 20 meters x 40 meters

### SCORING DRESSAGE TESTS:

A complete explanation of Eventing Dressage scoring and sample tests are included in the 2008 USPC Eventing Rulebook and its Appendix 8.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DCs, RSs AND RALLY ORGANIZERS:

**PLEASE NOTE:** Training and Preliminary riders may count this Championships competition for purposes of moving up, but points for USEA year-end awards will NOT be counted since it is a closed competition. All 2008 competitors: please note the membership and horse registration requirements for your level of competition. USEA has again waived membership and horse registration requirements for Beginner Novice and Novice competitors. Training and Preliminary competitors must be USEA members and have their horses registered with USEA. Preliminary riders must also be members of USEF or pay \$20 (if a Jr.) or \$25 (if over 18) for Non-member fee.

**REGIONAL SUPERVISORS:** Please note that each riding competitor MUST fill out, completely, including all signatures on the back, a USEA entry (not required for team Stable Manager). This form is **in addition** to the Gold Book Championships Team entry form. The USEA entry will be included in the RS mailing. The USPC forms must be sent to the Eventing Championships secretary and the USPC office electronically, with hard copies of all forms (complete with signatures) sent to the Eventing Championships secretary as well. Age of competitors at all Rallies is as of January 1st of the current year. Requirements in the USPC 2008 Eventing Rulebook are considered MINIMUM for all levels of Rally participation.

## PROTECTIVE VEST AND MEDICAL ARM BAND RULES FOR USPC RALLIES:



Protective vests are not required at this time for USPC Rallies, nor does USPC require the medical armband, mandatory in jumping phases of all USEA/ USEF registered Horse Trials. However, when an Eventing Rally is part of a USEA Horse Trial, vests and medical armbands will be required by the organizers for participating Pony Club members. Pony Club Rallies

must provide emergency medical personnel and equipment, and at least one copy of each participating Pony Club member's Emergency Medical Release must be on the Rally grounds. Protective vests and armbands **WILL BE REQUIRED** for participation at Championships 2008. Armbands will be worn at all times while on grounds at Championships.

## INFORMATION ABOUT TECHNICAL DELEGATES FOR RALLIES:

Technical Delegates for all Rallies need to return the TD forms to the USPC National Office. The completed TD reports are available to complete online and serve as documentation that a Regional Qualifying Rally meets the USPC requirements for a Qualifying Eventing Rally.

## QUALIFYING AFFIDAVITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRIES:

Please note that in 2008, properly signed Qualification Affidavits or a copy of the official score record of the Horse Trial from the USEA website are required for each qualifying Rally and Horse Trial being reported for qualification purposes as verification of successful fulfillment of the Horse Trials part of the qualification. A copy of the required form, two (2) affidavits per page (which may be duplicated) is included at the end of this Newsletter. It is suggested that a copy of the affidavit form be given to Pony Club members at the beginning of the year, and that they carry copies with them to all Eventing Rallies and Horse Trials to be signed by the respective Secretaries. Proof of qualification is required for each Rally or Event and must be included in your final team entry packet.

## 2008 USPC CHAMPIONSHIPS:

2008 USPC Championships will again be recognized by USEA/USEF. Please note the rules and regulations to follow for being a member of a Championships team. A Championships at any level is just that: *a Championship*. One must qualify for Championships competition and be experienced in a discipline in order to compete successfully. The USPC Eventing Committee hopes that all competitors will be prepared to cope with the rigors of **CHAMPIONSHIPS COURSES**. These courses make safety an important issue.

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In order to gain the experience necessary to meet these demands – particularly in the cross country courses – Pony Club members need to be active in the Eventing world as well as in Pony Club.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL TEAM MEMBERS:

### BEGINNER NOVICE LEVEL

1. At least 12 years old as of January 1, 2008
2. Rated C-1 or higher on the closing date of the qualifying Rally
3. Qualify as a horse/rider combination
4. USEA/USEF Membership waived at Beginner Novice for USPC Championships
5. USEA Horse registration waived at Beginner Novice for USPC Championships
6. Each rider must completely fill out a USEA entry and include all rider, parent and trainer signatures. Trainer to sign only if attending the competition. If no trainer, then parent signs as trainer. Horse/rider combination MUST have completed, without elimination in any phase, a USPC Beginner Novice-Rally AND a USEA-recognized (or comparable\*) horse trial at the Beginner Novice level or above, within 11 months preceding the closing date of the 2008 Beginner Novice Championship. At least one of these two competitions must have no cross-country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties.\* *“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.*

### NOVICE LEVEL:

1. At least 12 years old as of January 1, 2008
2. Rated C-2 or higher on the closing date of the qualifying Rally
3. Qualify as a horse/rider combination
4. USEA/USEF Membership waived at Novice for USPC Championships
5. USEA Horse registration waived at Novice for USPC Championships
6. Each rider must completely fill out a USEA entry and include all rider, parent and trainer signatures. Trainer to sign only if attending the competition. If no trainer, then parent signs as trainer. Horse/rider combination MUST have completed, without elimination in any phase, a USPC

Novice Rally AND a USEA-recognized (or comparable\*) horse trial at the Novice level or above, within 11 months preceding the closing date of the 2008 Novice Championships. At least one of these two competitions must have no cross-country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties.

### TRAINING LEVEL:

1. At least 13 years old as of January 1, 2008
2. Rated C-2 or higher on the closing date of the qualifying Rally
3. Qualify as a horse/rider combination
4. Rider must be current USEA member and supply number
5. Horse must be currently registered with USEA and provide number
6. Each rider must completely fill out a USEA entry and include all rider, parent and trainer signatures. Trainer to sign only if attending the competition. If no trainer, then parent signs as trainer. Horse/rider combination MUST have completed, without elimination in any phase, a USPC Training Rally AND a USEF/USEA -recognized (or comparable\*) horse trial at the Training level or above, within 11 months preceding the closing date of the 2008 Training Championships. At least one of these two competitions must have no cross-country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties.

### PRELIMINARY LEVEL:

1. At least 14 years old as of January 1, 2008
2. Rated C-3 or higher on the closing date of the qualifying Rally
3. Qualify as a horse/rider combination
4. Rider must be current USEA member and supply number
5. Horse must be currently registered with USEA and provide number
6. Rider must be current USEF Member **OR** pay the USEF \$20.00 (Jr.) or \$25.00 (Regular, if over 18) Non-member fee
7. Each rider must completely fill out a USEA entry and include all rider, parent and trainer signatures. Trainer to sign only if attending the competition. If no trainer, then parent signs as trainer. Horse/rider combination MUST have completed, without elimination in any phase, a USPC Preliminary Rally AND a USEF/ USEA-recognized horse trial at the Preliminary level or above or two (2) USEF/USEA-recognized Horse Trials at the Preliminary level or above Horse Trials, within 11 months preceding the closing date of the 2008 Preliminary Championships. At least one of these two competitions must have no cross-country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties.

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## QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE H-A /A COMPETITORS

1. Rated H-A or A on the closing date of Championships
2. Qualify as a horse/rider combination
3. RS approval
4. Qualification Affidavit or a copy of the official score record of the Horse Trial from the USEA website must accompany entry. Horse/Rider combination MUST have completed, without elimination in any phase, two (2) USEA/USEF-recognized Horse Trials at the level of competition or higher within 11 months preceding the closing date of the 2008 Eventing Championships. At least one of these competitions must have no cross-country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties. Horse/Rider combination will be entered at the level they qualify.

## SUBSTITUTE HORSE REQUIREMENTS

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.

## STABLE MANAGER REQUIREMENTS

Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and Preliminary Championships Team Stable Managers must be rated C-1 or higher. Age requirements remain the same for the appropriate level of competition.

## EVENTING AWARDS AT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

**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: Ribbon, Gold Medal and a Plate; 2nd-3rd: Ribbon, Silver & Bronze Medal, remainder ribbons

**HORSE MANAGEMENT FOR EACH DIVISION** – 1st: Ribbon, Pemstein Cup; remainder through 10th place, ribbons

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

## ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY – WITH A REGIONAL CHECK

– must be received by the stated deadline. Entries must be sent in by the closing date for the electronic entry information and date of postmark for the entire packet which will include all signed USPC and USEA entry forms, one for each team member (no USEA form needed for Stable Manager), and two (2) signed affidavits for all riding members of the team. We encourage RSs to send in complete 4- man teams with a Stable Manager or the Secretary reserves the right to combine entries to make complete teams.

### REMINDERS:

\* **Whips MAY NOT** be carried in the dressage phase of USPC Championships.

• With USPC Championships being recognized by USEA/USEF, we fall under the USEF drug rulings. Everyone should take time to review the drug testing procedure and also become knowledgeable of what drugs/supplements are allowed and not allowed at USEF Horse Trials. For questions, contact USEF at 1-800-MED-AHSA.

### USPC EVENTING COMMITTEE CHAIR:

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## QUALIFICATION AFFIDAVIT

For each competition, complete either SECTION I or SECTION II

Level: \_\_\_ Beginner Novice \_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_ Training \_\_\_ Preliminary (check one)

COMPLETE ONE SECTION ONLY

### SECTION I – USPC Rally:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_

USPC Regional Rally \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION II – USEA Horse Trial:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_

USEA Horse Trial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE ALL

As RS/V-RS of the \_\_\_\_\_ Region, I attest that the above-mentioned rider/horse combination has qualified in compliance with the USPC Eventing Annual Newsletter.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ RS/V-RS Name \_\_\_\_\_  
RS/V-RS (please print)

The above-named rider/horse combination has completed the above-mentioned competition without elimination in any phase and with \_\_\_\_\_ cross-country jumping penalties.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_, or Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
USEA Horse Trial Secretary USPC Rally Technical Delegate \_\_\_\_\_  
OR Chief Judge \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

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USEA Horse Trial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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