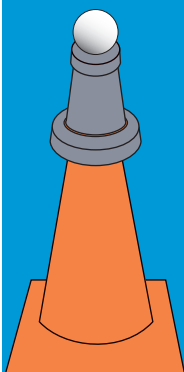


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## CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Pony Club members who wish to compete at this year's Pony Club Championships in Lexington, Virginia should qualify by the rules set forth in the USPC Games Rulebook 2006, with the following changes and clarifications:

They must qualify, as a team, at their qualifying regional rally. The winning team will be representing their region at Championships. This year, there will be a Junior Division, made up of members who competed and qualified at their regional rally with a minimum rating of D-2 and be between 10 and 13 years of age as of January 1, 2008. There will be a Senior Division, made up of members who competed and qualified at their regional rally with a minimum rating of D-3 and also be 17 years of age or less as of January 1, 2008. There will be no Advanced Division.

## ATTIRE

The rules set forth in the Annual Games Newsletter of 2007 will be continued in 2008 with the following changes and clarifications:

Articles 5 and 6 (Dress and Pinnies) in the USPC Games Handbook may still be followed. Alternatively, the team may supply Collared shirts of any pattern or color with long or short sleeves (such as polo or rugby shirts or soccer jerseys) with 6" numbers on back and front. The same shirt design must be worn at all times while on the competition grounds each day by all team members.

For Championships, each team must submit a color photo of their pinnie or shirt to the Organizer for approval, keeping in mind that there must be enough of a distinction between different team designs to allow proper differentiation by the judges. Use of a pinnie or shirt color/design is not final until approved by the Organizer.

This also marks the second and final year of this "jersey trial." It is anticipated that the jersey trial will conclude with this year's Cham-

pionships, and regional Games coordinators should bear that in mind before making an investment in any new jerseys this year.

Arm bands which include medical releases, as well as the competitor's name, region, rating, discipline, team, chaperone name, and chaperone cell phone number, will be worn at all times while on the competition grounds as set forth by the USPC Activities Council for all disciplines.

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

There will be an International Invitational this year, hosted by Australia. Because the usual Exchange was changed by its governing body to an every-other-year format, the Pony Club of Australia graciously set up an Invitational this year, and a group of seven Pony Club members were chosen (by application) as the team members and alternates for the trip to Australia.

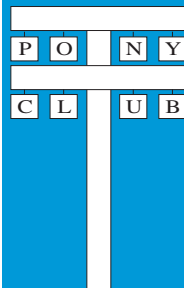
Another team for the International Exchange will be chosen for the summer of 2009. A group of seven (five team members plus two alternates), as well as a Coach and Chaperone, will be chosen. This Exchange will be hosted by Canada. Details for this selection process will be forthcoming at a later date.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Prince Philip Cup will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Kentucky, during the Rolex 3-day event in April 2008. The Organizers at Rolex have graciously allowed USPC six teams (instead of the usual four) from Championships 2007.

The President's Cup will be held at the Fair Hill International Event near Elkton, Maryland in October 2008. Four Senior teams from Championships 2008 will be invited to participate.

In both the Prince Philip Cup and the President's Cup, the teams will be judged and scored in accordance with standard Pony Club practices, which will include Horse Management.



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## GAMES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

Games for Championships 2008 will be:

- Ball & Cone
- Bending (also the warmup race)
- Balloon Race
- Bottle Race
- Canadian Race
- Five Flag Race
- Golf Ball & Spoon
- Housewife's Scurry
- Litter
- Mug Shuffle
- Needle & Thread
- Pony Express
- Potato Race
- Sack Race
- Stepping Stone Dash
- Sword Race
- Three Leg
- Windsor Castle
- TIE-BREAKER:** Ring Race

## ADDITIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR INFORMATION

Whips, bats and other comparable equipment are not used in Mounted Games, either during the competition or during warm-ups. They may be used, if needed, at jog outs.

When considering the formation of a regional games team, DCs and RSs should refer to Appendix I: "The Algorithm for the Formation of Games Teams." The paragraph on page 86 of the 2006 handbook provide the basis for choosing teams which will represent their region at Championships. Each region is encouraged to form its own regional games team; mixed interregional teams are not encouraged; however, when necessary, must be approved in advance (according to the dictates of the Handbook) and should be players from geographically adjacent regions.

RSs and DCs are also reminded that Games ponies which are certified by you in your regional application for Championships should be ponies which are fit, have been in regular service prior to Championships, and are properly conditioned to withstand three days of Championship level competition.