

TETRATHLON NEWSLETTER 2008



All Tetrathlon Rallies will be run in accordance with the USPC Handbook and Rules for Tetrathlon Competition 2006 and Addenda, the 2008 Annual Tetrathlon Newsletter, and the 2007 USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Rallies and Addenda.

The Tetrathlon Committee has made the following changes and clarifications for 2008:

1. At the Championships level, in order for a competitor to better demonstrate his/her judgement and ability as a horseman, it is the option of the Organizer to ask for the riding phase to consist of two rides for all divisions. Each ride will have a point value of 550 points with scoring, course design, and penalties unchanged from the single ride format. Penalty points for jumping down will be deducted from the overall combined riding score. The Gate and Slip rail features will only be required in one of the rides. Rides will be on different days of the competition with no mount being allowed more than three rides per day.
2. Both Intermediate Girls and Boys are required to shoot one handed.
3. The optimum time in the Running phase for Intermediates has changed. The new time for Intermediate Girls is 3:18. The new time for Intermediate Boys is 3:08. The distance for each remains the same at 1000K. Competitors in the Intermediate division are not eligible for overall awards at Championships.
4. The shooting format for the Senior division has changed to consist of 20 shots slowfire to be fired in 4 strings of 5 shots at 3 minutes per string. Novice, Intermediate, Junior, and Seniors will all follow the same format.

Novice, Intermediate, Junior and Senior divisions will be offered at the United States Pony Club Championships 2008, July 24th to the 27th at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA.