

# Pony Club

Where it all begins



## 2021 GYMKHANA RULEBOOK

The 2021 rulebook is now available online and through Shop Pony Club. Minor edits (shown in red font) were made since 2020, and replacement pages are available on the rulebooks page of the website. The key changes are listed below:

- *Article 6* – Changes made to the Member in Good Standing Policy.
- *Article 21 & 53* – Rally discipline ground juries now have the ability to assign a Yellow (Warning) Card and potential penalties to competitors who commit disqualifiable offenses. This allows it to become a teachable moment for competitors instead of expulsion from the competition.
- *Article 27 & Appendix III* – Chaperones and Emergency Contact information was updated.
- *Article 36* – Competitor Attire wording received some clarifications and minor corrections.
- *Appendix VI* – The Coaching Form received updates.

### Reminders

#### *Gymkhana Rally Attire and Saddlery*

Competition attire for Gymkhana allows competitors to decide between competing in western attire/tack or in english attire/tack. Competitors must compete following all western attire and tack rules or all english attire and tack rules. The mixing of western and english attire or tack is not permitted. If an Australian stock saddle is used, it can be considered either western or english and the rest of the attire/tack must be either all western or all english.

## USPC GYMKHANA INVITATIONAL AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host an Invitational Gymkhana competition at Festival 2021 at the Kentucky Horse Park, July 19-23. Cross-entering not permitted. Please note a hardcopy entry process for invitational competitions. More details about the competition and registration process will be included in the Guidebook to Championships and posted on the Championships Competition Information page of the USPC website.

## POSSIBLE RACES TO BE RUN AT 2021 FESTIVAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INVITATIONAL

Barrel, Big M, Big O, Big T, Birangle, Butterfly, Cat's Cradle, Double Bowtie, Figure 8, Figure 8 Pole Cowhorse, Four Leaf Clover Barrel, Hitch and Go, Hourglass, Key, Phoenix Lights, Pole Bending, Potato, Reverse Keyhole, Single Stake (or Single Barrel), Straight Away Barrel, Tail Spin, Turn N Burn, Two Barrel Cowhorse, Wild Lark

## CHAMPIONSHIPS INVITATIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

### Divisions Offered

*Novice:* This division is for competitors who are capable of loping the majority of the races. Green horses or riders new to gymkhana belong in this division.

*Intermediate:* This division is for competitors who are capable of loping all races.

*Advanced:* This division is for competitors who are capable of galloping all races.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS INVITATIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION CONT.

*Age* - Must be 10 years old by January 1, 2021

### *Horse Management Expectations*

Current or former USPC members will be judged at the current certification level. Non USPC members will be judged at the D-2 HM level.

## GYMKHANA RALLY SUPPORT

### Rally Amid COVID-19

Rally organizers must consult and follow the guidelines outlined in the USPC Requirements and Recommendations for Mounted Rallies During COVID. The current guidelines are available on the Rally Resources & Materials page of the USPC website.

### Rally Resources & Materials Web Page

The Rally Resources & Materials page of the USPC website received a significant overhaul. You must be logged into the Pony Club website to access the page. Rally organizers are encouraged to check out the new resources in addition to the current USPC Requirements and Recommendations for rallies. The new Rally Organizer's Guide is available for download from the website, or for purchase from Shop Pony Club. Suggestions for the page? Please email them to [Activities@ponyclub.org](mailto:Activities@ponyclub.org).

### Rally Technical Delegate Reports

Regional rally organizers are reminded that Technical Delegate Reports are REQUIRED for standard rallies and requested for all rallies because they aid the discipline committees in monitoring the number of Pony Club competitors participating in the discipline across the U.S. Electronic versions of TD reports are always preferred, but hardcopy versions are also acceptable. Please make sure that your Technical Delegate is submitting the reports to the National Office.

## USPC GYMKHANA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Gymkhana in USPC on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/GymkhanainUSPC/](https://www.facebook.com/GymkhanainUSPC/), for more information about Gymkhana in Pony Club.

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