

## 2021 POLOCROSSE 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 & 63* – Specifics about assigning and scoring Yellow (Warning) Cards received updates and changes. 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.

## USPC POLOCROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Festival Polocrosse Championships 2021 at the Kentucky Horse Park, July 19-23. Cross-entering not permitted. Please remember there is a new registration process which requires the member to register themselves. 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.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Due to the postponement of Festival 2020, the eligibility period for Championships was extended to June 1, 2019— June 27, 2021. Recognizing the difficulty of currently hosting rallies, members without access to a rally are encouraged to apply for exceptions. No exceptions will be granted for age or certification.

A reminder that C-3/B/A certified members are not required to participate at a regional rally in order to attend Championships. To enter they must have the permission of their RS.

### Championships Divisions

Competitors must compete in a regional rally and be judged at the minimum HM level and same competition level they intent to compete at Championships.

If there is no standard Polocrosse rally available, members must compete at an APA sanctioned tournament at the equivalent level of which they intend to compete in and participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or a stable manager at the minimum certification level.

### Modified Championships Divisions

Participate in an APA play-day or tournament at minimum E grade or Junior Division and participate in a mounted modified regional rally as a rider or stable manager at the minimum certification level.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION CONT.

### Exceptions

Competition eligibility exception requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. There are no exceptions to the age or certification requirements. All competition exception requests must be submitted by the regional supervisor using the online system, [www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx](http://www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx).

### Mount Substitutions

Mount substitution requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. All mount substitution requests must be submitted by the regional supervisor using the online system, [www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx](http://www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx).

## APA MEMBER INVITATION TO CHAMPIONSHIPS

APA members are invited to participate in the 2021 Polocrosse Championships. APA members may be merged into teams with USPC members, and will compete according to the below.

- For modified divisions must be a minimum of 10 years old as of January 1, 2021. For standard divisions must be a minimum of 12 years old as of January 1, 2021.
- Must provide your own mount and tack.
- Must have played in at least 2 APA tournaments at D-grade or above in the last 12 months
- APA members in Championships judged at a C-1 certification and a D-3 certification if playing in modified Championships.

Awards will be given in these categories:

- Mounted competition teams riding plus factored HM
- Team HM awards

APA competitors should contact Erin Roland, [activitiescoordinator@ponyclub.org](mailto:activitiescoordinator@ponyclub.org) for entry forms. All entry information and payment must be submitted by noon EST on Monday June 28.

## POLOCROSSE 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).

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**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.

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