

2021 TETRATHLON 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 & 80* – 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 TETRATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Festival Tetrathlon 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 COMPETITION

All Tetrathlon Ride phase rounds will include the slip rail and gate for all divisions. The standard divisions will have two riding rounds and the modified divisions will have one riding round.

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 Eventing/Show Jumping 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

Compete at a standard regional Tetrathlon rally at level earning a total minimum score of 2600 for Novice and Intermediate or 2800 for Junior and Senior and a riding score of 550 for all Championship divisions.

If no standard rally is available in discipline. Participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider at the minimum HM certification the level and submit run and swim times at the distance

Modified Championships Divisions

Participate in a standard or modified Tetrathlon rally at the competition level and not be eliminated in riding round for a safety related elimination (i.e. fall of horse or rider).

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION CONT.

Modified Championships Divisions Cont.

If no standard or modified rally is available in discipline. Participate in a mounted standard or modified rally as a rider at the minimum HM certification level and submit run and swim times at the distance.

Reminders

- Pre-Novice is the lowest level of competition offered at Championships. No competitors will have the option to compete down lower than the Pre-Novice heights and distances.
- If a competitor competes down at their regional rally they must compete down and incur the penalties associated with competing down at Championships.
- To be eligible for Championships a competitor may not compete down more than one division.

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.

TETRATHLON 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.

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.

Online Rally Scoring

Check out www.ponyclubscoring.com for information on the FREE scoring program developed for USPC Tetrathlon. Technical support is always available, and contact information is on the website.

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Rally Support Contacts

Questions about organizing a Tetrathlon rally? Contact the members of the Tetrathlon Committee as listed below. If they are not available additional resources include Bonnie LaMonte, bonnie.lamonte@mousehousefarm.com, 717-548-3690 or Colin Tilzey, colin.tilzey@kennametal.com, 724-961-8292. Scoring questions? Contact Tim Herbert at the information listed in this newsletter.

2022 INTERNATIONAL TETRATHLON EXCHANGE

The 2020 International Tetrathlon Exchange hosted by The Pony Club UK was postponed from 2020 until 2022. Application criteria and details will be posted on the International Exchanges page of the website in the fall of 2021.

Support the International Tetrathlon Exchange Teams:

USPC restricted Strassburger Tetrathlon Fund is a fund specifically formed to support the activities of the International Tetrathlon Teams of USPC both when going abroad and when we are the host country.

Please consider running a fundraiser for the Strassburger fund in conjunction with your Tetrathlon Rally to help support the Tetrathlon International Exchange program. Your tax deductible donation helps build USPC Tetrathlon International Exchange. Please send your checks today to the USPC restricted Strassburger Tetrathlon Fund.

We have a SwimOutlet.com Team Store! Visit www.swimoutlet.com/uspctetrathlon/ to shop for your Tetrathlon gear! Our store is customizable; if there is something you are interested in purchasing, please let us know. Items related to running, leisure swimming, and general fitness are all available.

USPC TETRATHLON IN SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Tetrathlon in USPC on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/TetrathloninUSPC/> for more information about Tetrathlon in Pony Club.

Follow USPC International Tetrathlon on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/USPCTetrathlonTeam/> to keep up with past and future exchanges.

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