

Pony Club

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2019 GAMES RULEBOOK

The new, completely reorganized 2019 Games rulebook is now available online. There have been extensive changes to the 2019 Games Rulebook. Be sure to read completely the new Rulebook and this Newsletter. Members and leaders will enjoy a streamlined structure and uniform presentation throughout every rulebook. Key changes to the Games rulebook include:

- Regional rallies redefined.
- Updates to competition divisions.
- Updates to competition attire requirements (all competition attire is now available in the discipline rulebook).
- Expanded Championships opportunities and updated eligibility requirements.

Regional Rallies Redefined

With the expanded opportunities for Championships participation, an update to rally terminology was needed. As a reminder, regions may hold more than one rally per discipline, per year as necessary with the approval of the RS.

Standard Rallies – Always the preferred type of rally. Standard rallies specifically follow all the rules outlined in the discipline rulebooks including utilizing a chief horse management judge from the approved CHMJ list on the USPC website, and any other specified licensed officials.

Modified Rallies - Modified rallies do not specifically follow the discipline rulebooks and generally occur because of limited resources. While attendance of a modified rally makes some members eligible for the modified Championships divisions, it does not meet the minimum eligibility requirements for other divisions.

Competitors aiming for the standard divisions of Championships must compete precisely per the rulebook at the standard regional rally and at Championships. Competitors aiming for the modified divisions of Championships may have rule (attire, saddlery, etc.) allowances at the regional rally, but must be prepared to follow the rulebook exactly at Championships.

Updates to Games Competition Divisions

Changes to the Games competition divisions occurred following the production of the 2019 Games rulebook. The new competition divisions are as follows:

- Junior Team—Up to 17 years of age
- Senior Pairs—18 years of age and above
- Advanced Pairs—18 years of age and above

Divisions offered at Championships will be included in the Championships portion of this newsletter. With the updated divisions please disregard all references to the Novice division in the 2019 Games rulebook.

Rally Attire

Depending on the activity, different attire expectations exist. Competition attire requirements have been updated to follow common Games show attire. With these changes, D attire exceptions no longer specifically apply. Turnout and competition attire requirements are based on the competitors' intent to earn eligibility for Championships. Competitors seeking Championships eligibility must turnout and compete in appropriate competition attire. Any competitors not seeking Championships eligibility may turnout and compete in appropriate competition attire or in basic riding attire as outlined in the Games rulebook.

Rulebook Attire Correction

Please note in Article 35—Competitor Attire, 4. Competition Attire for Games, *Helmet*, the following sentence was accidentally omitted at the end of the paragraph:

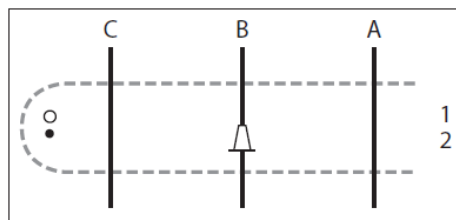
White helmets must be marked by colored tape/other marking to distinguish them from the white cover/band.

Please note in Article 35—Competitor Attire, 4. Competition Attire for Games, Not Permitted, pants with belt loops should be stricken. Pants WITH belt loops are permitted during Games play competition.

Please note in Article 35—Competitor Attire, 5. Basic Riding Attire for Games; D-2 and up, Permitted, *Half-chaps*-Any type/color. was accidentally omitted. Half-chaps of any type and color are permitted for members competing in basic riding attire.

Please note in Article 51—Games for Senior and Advanced Divisions, Page 43, Quoits & Cones, the image is incorrect. It should have been the image below.

SENIOR AND ADVANCED QUOITS & CONE



USPC GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Championships East and Central in 2019. Please note a new registration process for Championships 2019. 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 East

Cross-entering not permitted. All competitors must be moved in by Thursday, July 25th and will compete July 26th-28th.

Championships Central

Cross-entering permitted. See the Guidebook to Championships Central for specifics. Move in Monday, August 5th and compete August 6th-7th.

Championships Divisions

Junior Team 12-17 years of age, minimum C-1 DR/EV/Flat/HSE
Advanced Pairs 18 years of age and up, minimum C-1 DR/EV/Flat/HSE. Competition will include up to 25 games based on the number of competitors and time available.

Modified Championships Divisions

Junior Team 10-17 years of age, minimum D-2 DR/EV/Flat/HSE
Senior Pairs 18 years of age and up, minimum D-2 DR/EV/Flat/HSE. Competition will include up to 20 games based on the number of competitors and time available.

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POSSIBLE GAMES TO BE PLAYED AT BOTH 2019 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ball and Bucket	Mug Shuffle
Ball and Cone	Needle and Thread
Ball and Racquet	Pony Club Race
Balloon	Quoits and Cone
Bending	Rubber Ducky
Bottle	Stepping Stone
Canadian	Stick Pegging Race
Five Flag	Sword
Five Mug	Three Mug
Hi-Lo	Two Flag
Hula Hoop	Windsor Castle
Litter Race	Tie breaker: Ball & Cone

Please note that some games may be played more than once.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A reminder that B/A 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 standard Games rally at the competition level.

Modified Championships Divisions

Competitors must participate in a standard or modified Games rally at the competition level.

Exceptions

Competition eligibility exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis, and there are no exceptions to the age or certification requirements. All competition exception requests must come from the Regional Supervisor to the Games Committee Chair. If an RS has a member that they believe will need an exception, it is recommended that the RS contact the Chair as early as possible for guidance as to the materials needed for different circumstances.

Some clarifications for the Games rulebook:

Tiebreakers: When after the last game, there is a riding score tie, a tie breaker race will be run to determine placing. This race will not be scored, but used only to rate teams' finishes. When there is an overall tie (including HM and riding scores), higher riding scores will determine placing.

Technical Delegates (TD): The committee recommends that rally organizers utilize current or former members of the Games committee, past coaches, or chaperones for the International Mounted Games Exchange, past team members of the IMGE team, and members of past Games championship teams who have remained active in USPC as Technical Delegates for rallies. The recommended age for a TD is 25 years or older.

GAMES RALLY SUPPORT

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.

Electronic TD reports, scoring programs, and other rally support documentation can be found by logging into the USPC website and then going to Parents/Volunteers/Resources/Rally Organizers.

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

2019 PRESIDENT'S CUP COMPETITION

Teams for the 2019 President's Cup Competition will be selected from the top placing Junior Championships teams from Championships Central and East. Location to be determined.

2020 PRINCE PHILIP CUP COMPETITION

Teams for the 2020 Prince Philip Cup Competition will be selected from the top placing Junior Modified Championships teams from Championships Central and East. The competition will occur in conjunction with the 2020 Kentucky Three-Day Event.

2019 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE TEAM

- Leana Bruno, Carolina Region
- Brynn DeLong, South Region
- Brianna Philipp, Northwest Region
- Natalie Tanski, Sunshine Region
- Kali Walker, Sunshine Region
- Team Manager: Allison Thomas, Sunshine Region
- Team Coach: TBD

2020 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE APPLICANTS

Applications for the 2020 IMGE will be all electronic and available online by September 1. Check the USPC website for eligibility deadlines.

USPC GAMES IN SOCIAL MEDIA

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

Follow USPC International Mounted Games Exchange on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/USPCIMGE/> to keep up with this year's and future exchanges.

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