



2020 GAMES RULEBOOK

The 2020 rulebook is now available online and through Shop Pony Club. Significant edits (shown in red font) and clean-up from the 2019 reorganization have occurred. The key changes are listed below:

- *Article 23* – Team configuration has been updated to allow for team or pairs competition.
- *Article 25* – Mount specifications and rider/mount weight parameters changed. See the article for full details.
- *Article 27* - Clarification about competitors also coaching other competitors.
- *Article 28* – Competition levels changed based on feedback from 2019. See the article for full details.
- *Article 29* – Competition divisions changed based on feedback from 2019. See the article for full details.
- *Article 30* – Competition levels changed based on feedback from 2019. See the article for full details.
- *Article 31* – Championships eligibility changed. See the article for full details.
- *Article 32* - C-3 and above certified members wishing to compete at Championships do not have to participate at a regional Games rally but must have permission from their RS.
- *Article 36* - Clarification about not permitted bits, saddlery and equipment.
- *Article 57* - Disqualification scoring has been updated and clarified.
- *Article 58* – The shortened team scoring included in the Games rulebook was incorrect and should be changed to:
 1. In extraordinary circumstances when a short team (four rider team) becomes a shortened team (three rider team) during the competition, the following team scoring will take effect.
 - A. In the event of the competitor being removed completely from the team. Ghost Horse Management scores will be determined per the Horse Management Handbook. The team will no longer be eligible for overall team awards, but will still be eligible for Horse Management awards.
 - B. In the event of the competitor no longer being able to participate in the riding portion of the competition. They shall continue to earn Horse Management scores. The team will no longer be eligible for overall team awards, but will still be eligible for Horse Management awards.
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- *Appendix IV* – The Junior/Senior Team Formation Form has been added to the rulebook.
- *Appendix V* – There is a new TD Evaluation and Report Form in the rulebook. Note that the reference to Advanced in the TD form should instead say Open.
- *Appendix IX* – A cheat sheet on Mount/Rider Weight Requirements has been added as a reference, there was a miscalculation in the reference sheet and the allowable weights listed are slightly higher than the 18% formula calculation. The higher weights as listed in Appendix IX are allowed for 2020 competition.

Please note that after publishing, there were several USPC National Policy updates approved by the USPC Board at the January 2020 meeting. The most current USPC National Policies as listed on the website always supersede any previous USPC Policy. Corrections to Section I policy references will be included in the 2021 rulebook. Guidebook to Championships and posted on the Championships Competition Information page of the USPC website.

USPC GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Festival Games Championships 2020 at the Kentucky Horse Park, July 13-17. 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

POSSIBLE GAMES TO BE PLAYED AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any of the following may be included in the standard and modified Championships competition.

Ball and Bucket, Ball and Cone, Balloon, Bending, Bottle, Canadian, Carton, Egg and Racquet, Fishing, Five Cone (Team)/ Three Cone (Pair), Five Flag (Team)/ Three Flag (Pair), Five Mug (Team), Golf Ball and Spoon, Hi-Lo, Housewife's Scurry, Hula-Hoop, Litter, Mug Shuffle, Needle and Thread, Nine Ring, Old-Sock, Pony Club, Pony Express, Postman's Chase, Potato, Pyramid, Quoits and Cones, Ring, Rope, Rubber Ducky, Spillers Pole/Pony Club Pole, Stepping-Stone, Stick PEGGING, Sword, Tack Shop, Three-Mug, Tool Box, Two-Flag, Windsor Castle, Wizard's Castle.

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

Championships Divisions

Competition will include 31 games.

Modified Championships Divisions

Competition will include 23 games.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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

Championships Divisions

Complete a standard rally at the competition level and play a minimum of eight games.

Modified Championships Divisions

Participate in a standard or modified rally at the competition level and play a minimum of eight games.

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.

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.



GAMES RALLY SUPPORT

Rally Organizer's Web Page

The Rally Organizer's page of the USPC website will be receiving a reorganization and expansion in the coming months. Keep your eyes open for the new Rally Organizer's Guide and an increased number of resource materials for organizing rallies.

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 Games. Technical support is always available, and contact information is on the website.

2021 PRINCE PHILIP CUP COMPETITION

Teams for the 2021 Prince Philip Cup Competition will be selected from the top placing Youth Open teams from the Festival Championships. The competition will occur in conjunction with the 2021 Kentucky Three-Day Event.

2020 PRESIDENT'S CUP COMPETITION

Teams for the 2020 President's Cup Competition will be selected from the top placing Junior Open teams from the Festival Championships. Location to be determined.

2020 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE TEAM

The 2020 International Mounted Games Exchange team traveling to Australia, September 21 – October 4 will be announced shortly.

2021 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2021 IMGE will be all electronic and available online by September 1. Check the USPC website for eligibility requirements and deadlines.

USPC GAMES ON 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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