

2020 POLOCROSSE RULEBOOK

The 2020 rulebook is now available online and through Shop Pony Club. Minor edits (shown in red font) were made since 2019, and replacement pages are available on the rulebooks page of the website. The key changes are listed below:

- *Article 28* - Clarification about competitors also coaching other competitors.
- *Article 63* – Disqualification scoring has been updated and clarified.
- *Article 64* – Shortened team scoring has been added for short teams that lose a rider during competition (does not apply to the creation of teams).
- *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.

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.

USPC POLOCROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Festival Polocrosse 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 Guidebook to Championships and posted on the Championships Competition Information page of the USPC website.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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.

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.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION CONT

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.

APA MEMBER INVITATION TO CHAMPIONSHIPS

APA members are invited to participate in the 2020 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, 2020. For standard divisions must be a minimum of 12 years old as of January 1, 2020.
- 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 for entry forms. All entry information and payment must be submitted by noon EST on Monday June 22.

POLOCROSSE 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.

USPC POLOCROSSE IN SOCIAL MEDIA

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