

# 2022 WESTERN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

## 2022 WESTERN TRAIL RULEBOOK

The 2022 rulebook is now available online and through Shop Pony Club. Edits and clarifications (red font) were made, and the entire rulebook was formatted in a new program. The fundamental changes are listed below:

Article 1: Changes made to the definition of a rally.

Article 10: The mount substitution process changed.

Article 12: Policy 0860 and 0860.P1 received updates.

Article 36: General Barn Attire changed, and other attire adjustments were made.

### Reminders

- All competitors at USPC competitions must wear ASTM/SEI certified helmets. Competitors may use English-style helmets, Western-style helmets or modify English-style helmets by adding a helmet cover or brim so long as the helmet's structure is not affected.
- Jeans are considered appropriate attire for the USPC Western Trail competition. Attire must be safe, neat, and clean.

## USPC WESTERN TRAIL INVITATIONAL

USPC is pleased to host an Invitational Western Trail competition at Championships East and West. See the Guidebook to Championships which will be posted in March for additional details.

### Championships West

The competition will take place at Twin Rivers Ranch in Paso Robles, CA. Limited cross-entering permitted. See the Guidebook to Championships West for specifics. Move-in Tuesday, July 5, and compete July 6 - 8.

### Championships East

The competition will take place at the Tryon International Equestrian Center. Cross-entering is not permitted. All competitors must be moved in by Thursday, July 28, and compete July 29 - 31.

## INVITATIONAL ELIGIBILITY

**Level 1:** This level is for riders who have developed essential skills and includes all three gaits (walk/jog/lope and walk/ trot/canter). Green horses or riders new to Western Trail belong in this division.

**Level 2:** This level is for riders proficient in handling obstacles and includes all three gaits.

**Level 3:** This level is for riders who are skilled in handling the obstacles and are expected to complete more challenging obstacles.

### Age

Must be 10 years old by January 1, 2022.

### Horse Management Expectations

Current or former USPC members will be judged at the current certification level. Non-USPC members will be judged at the D-2 HM level.

## WESTERN TRAIL RALLY SUPPORT

### 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 WESTERN TRAIL IN SOCIAL MEDIA

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