

2023 MOUNTED GAMES NEWSLETTER

2023 MOUNTED GAMES RULEBOOK

The 2023 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 5: Updates to participation in a rally.

Article 12: Changes to the Veterinary Care and Medications policy and discontinuation of the vet note.

Article 15: Updates to the Protective Headgear Policy.

Article 21: Changes to the assignment of Yellow (Warning) Cards.

Article 23: Changes to the team configuration to allow for the designation of a mounted or unmounted stable manager.

Article 25: The option of including a stable manager on a team.

Article 26: The option of a 4 rider team bringing a stable manager and a spare mount.

Article 31: The availability of an alternative eligibility path for members who do not have access to a Mounted Games rally.

Article 35: The option for members to wear numbered polos instead of pinnies for Mounted Games competition.

Article 41: Adjustments to the specifications for a Mounted Games competition arena.

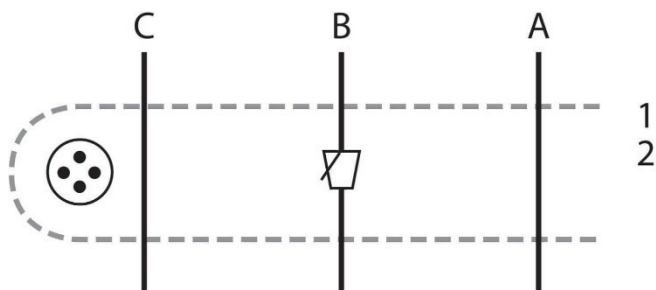
Article 50: Information about the rotation of players.

Article 51: Details about mount substitutions.

Article 52: Non-riding stable manager duties.

Rulebook Correction

Article 56: The image with the ball and Bucket Race is incorrect. The correct image is listed below.



USPC MOUNTED GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Championships Central and East in 2023. See the Championships Competition Resources page of the USPC website for additional eligibility information. Information about Championships will be posted on the event website in March.

Championships Central

The competition will occur at the National Equestrian Center in St. Louis, MO. Limited cross-entering permitted. See the USPC Championships Central event website for specifics. Move-in Monday, June 5, and compete on June 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 27, and compete July 28 - 30.

Championships is offered in two locations as a service to our membership. Members who meet the eligibility requirements are more than welcome to participate in either (or both) locations in the same or different disciplines.

POSSIBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS GAMES

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

The competition will include 31 games.

Modified Championships Divisions

The competition will include 23 games.



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CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY

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

Championships Divisions

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

OR

If no Mounted Games Rally is available, complete six games at the level at the Mounted Games competition and complete a mounted standard rally as a rider at a C-1 or above HM Certification level.

Modified Championships Divisions

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

OR

If no modified Mounted Games rally is available, complete six games at the level at a Mounted Games competition and complete a mounted standard rally as a rider at a D-2 or above HM 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. The RS must submit all competition exception requests 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 RS using the online system, www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx.

MOUNTED GAMES RALLY SUPPORT

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. The Rally Organizer's Guide is available for download or 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.

2023 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

The USPC restricted International Exchange and Special Opportunities Fund supports the International Exchanges and Special Opportunities within Pony Club.

Please consider running a fundraiser for the fund in conjunction with your Games Rally to help support the International Exchange program. Your tax-deductible donation helps USPC members in this once in a lifetime opportunity. Please make your donation online [here](#), or mail a check to USPC International Exchanges, 4041 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511, made out to USPC International Exchange Fund.

PRINCE PHILIP CUP INVITATIONAL

Teams for the Prince Philip Cup Competition will be invited from the top placing Youth Open teams from the 2023 USPC Championships Central and East. Location to be determined.

PRESIDENT'S CUP INVITATIONAL

Teams for the President's Cup Competition will be invited from the top placing Junior Open teams from the 2023 USPC Championships Central and East. Location to be determined.

USPC MOUNTED GAMES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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