

# 2023 GYMKHANA NEWSLETTER

## 2023 GYMKHANA 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.

### Reminders

#### Gymkhana Rally Attire and Saddlery

Competition attire for Gymkhana allows competitors to decide between competing in western attire/tack or english attire/tack. Competitors must compete following all western attire and tack rules or all english attire and tack rules. The mixing of western and english attire or tack is not permitted. If an Australian stock saddle is used, it can be considered either western or english, and the rest of the attire/tack must be either all western or all english.

## USPC OPEN GYMKHANA COMPETITION

USPC is pleased to host an Open Gymkhana Competition at Championships Central and East. See the Championships Event websites for additional details.

### 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 RACES AT INVITATIONAL

Barrel, Big M, Big O, Big T, Birangle, Butterfly, Cat's Cradle, Double Bowtie, Figure 8, Figure 8 Pole Cowhorse, Four Leaf Clover Barrel, Hitch and Go, Hourglass, Key, Phoenix Lights, Pole Bending, Potato, Reverse Keyhole, Single Stake (or Single Barrel), Straight Away Barrel, Tail Spin, Turn N Burn, Two Barrel Cowhorse, Wild Lark

## OPEN COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

### Divisions Offered

#### Novice

This division is for competitors capable of loping the majority of the races. Green horses or riders new to gymkhana belong in this division.

#### Intermediate

This division is for competitors who are capable of loping all races.

#### Advanced

This division is for competitors who are capable of galloping all races.

### 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.

## GYMKHANA 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 from the website or purchase from Shop Pony Club. Suggestions for the page? Please email them to [Activities@ponyclub.org](mailto:Activities@ponyclub.org).



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## 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 GYMKHANA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Gymkhana in USPC on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/GymkhanainUSPC/](https://www.facebook.com/GymkhanainUSPC/), for more information about Gymkhana in Pony Club.

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