

2023 POLOCROSSE NEWSLETTER

2023 POLOCROSSE 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.

USPC POLOCROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Polocrosse at the 2023 USPC Championships East. See the Championships East website for additional information.

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.

USPC Championships is also offered in St. Louis, MO, June 5-11. Members who meet eligibility requirements in the disciplines offered are more than welcome to participate at either (or both) locations.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY

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

Championships Divisions

Competitors must compete in a regional rally and be judged at the minimum HM level and same competition level they intend to compete at Championships.

If there is no standard Polocrosse rally available, members must compete at an APA sanctioned tournament at the equivalent level. 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. 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.

APA MEMBER INVITATION TO CHAMPIONSHIPS

APA members are invited to participate in the 2022 Polocrosse Championships. According to the below, APA members may be merged into teams with USPC members and compete.

- For modified divisions must be a minimum of 10 years old as of January 1, 2022. Standard divisions must be a minimum of 12 years old as of January 1, 2022.
- Must provide your 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, July 3.



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POLOCROSSE 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.

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

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

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