

2023 TETRATHLON NEWSLETTER

2023 TETRATHLON 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 TETRATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Championships Central and East in 2023. See the Championships Competition Resources page of the USPC website and the event websites for details. 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.

CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION

All Tetrathlon Ride phase rounds will include the slip rail and gate for all divisions. Event website for full competition details.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY

A reminder that C-3/B/A Eventing/Show Jumping 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

Compete at a standard regional Tetrathlon rally at level earning a total minimum score of 2600 for Novice and Intermediate or 2800 for Junior and Senior and a riding score of 550 for all Championship divisions.

OR

If no standard Tetrathlon rally is available, complete a mounted standard rally as a rider at or above the C-1 HM certification level and submit run and swim times at the distance. For Junior and Senior, jump a minimum of 2'3" in the riding phase.

Modified Championships Divisions

Complete a standard Tetrathlon rally jumping at least 2'3" in the riding phase.

OR

If no standard Tetrathlon rally is available, complete a modified Tetrathlon rally and jump a minimum of 2'3" in the riding phase.

OR

If no modified Tetrathlon rally is available, complete a mounted standard rally as a rider at or above the D-2 HM certification level jumping, a minimum of 2'3" in the riding phase, and submit run and swim times at the distance.

Reminders

- Pre-Novice is the lowest level of competition offered at Championships. No competitors will have the option to compete down lower than the Pre-Novice heights and distances.
- If a competitor competes down at their regional rally, they must compete down and incur the penalties associated with competing down at Championships.
- To be eligible for Championships, a competitor may not compete down more than one division.



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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.

TETRATHLON 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.

Rally Support Contacts

Questions about organizing a Tetrathlon rally? Contact the resources listed below.

2023 INTERNATIONAL TETRATHLON EXCHANGE

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

Please consider running a fundraiser for the fund in conjunction with your Tetrathlon 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.



We have a SwimOutlet.com Team Store! Visit www.swimoutlet.com/uspctetrathlon/ to shop for your Tetrathlon gear! Our store is customizable; if you are interested in purchasing, please let us know. Items related to running, leisure swimming, and general fitness are available.

USPC TETRATHLON IN SOCIAL MEDIA

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

Follow USPC International Tetrathlon on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/USPCTetrathlonTeam/> to keep up with past and futures exchanges.

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