

2023 TRAIL NEWSLETTER

2023 TRAIL 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

- 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 Trail competition. Attire must be safe, neat, and clean.

USPC OPEN TRAIL COMPETITION

USPC is pleased to host an Open Trail competition at Championships Central and East in 2023. See 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.

OPEN TRAIL COMPETITION 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, 2023.

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.

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 TRAIL IN SOCIAL MEDIA

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