

Pony Club

Where it all begins



GAMES NEWSLETTER 2017

USPC FESTIVAL GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

For Festival Championships 2017, we have the Kentucky Horse Park to ourselves! With this additional space we will be able to accept all qualified competitors in all disciplines.

GAMES TO BE PLAYED AT 2017 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Balloon, Bending, Canadian, Carton, Five Flag, Hurdle, Mug Shuffle, Old Sock, Bottle, Stepping Stone, Sword, Windsor Castle, Litter, Hi lo, Stick Pegging Relay and Tool box

Tie breaker: 2 flag

(Please note Stick pegging will be played with the 4ft dowel).

CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRIES

Regional Supervisors are encouraged to enter full teams and individuals for Championships. The Games Secretary will place short teams and individuals on teams.

For 2017 the USPC Games Committee invites Horsemasters members certified as a C1 Flat and HM to participate in the Advanced Pairs division of Championships. Riders will be competing with other Pony Club members, age 18 and above and must qualify by participating in a games rally. The Games Committee is currently investigating on ways to incorporate D level Horsemasters in future competitions and would welcome feedback.

RS's may submit scanned copies of the Regional Rally Program as outlined in the rulebook for Championships entries. Programs should include team names, divisions (Junior, Senior or Advanced), certification level, Pony Club age, weight, pony name (include name on Coggins also if a barn name is used) and pony height. The program must be signed by the Rally Technical Delegate. *(If changes in the program were made subsequent to printing of the program, the TD should note these changes in writing on the official copy of the program and initial them.)*

2017 GAMES RULEBOOK

The rulebook did not change significantly from 2016 to 2017. You may use your 2016 rulebook and change out the new pages available on the Rulebooks page of the USPC website.

Some clarifications for the Games rulebook:

Article 4: Coaches are not allowed to approach a judge during the games competition. Questions can be directed to the TD.

5 Cone: Game clarification:

DETAIL: Five cones will be placed 24-30' apart, centered between Lines A and C, with the number one cone being closest to Line A. Four tennis balls will be placed 3 yards behind Line C (within a ring marked on the ground). One ball is given to the first rider.

On the signal to start, rider number one, carrying a ball, rides to cone two and places it on the cone. The rider then continues to the far end to pick up a ball. The rider can dismount to pick up a ball, then place the ball on the 3rd cone, but the rider and all four feet of the pony must cross Line C (either mounted or unmounted). Riders number two, three, and four will complete the course in the same manner in succession with rider number four placing the last ball on first the cone. The winning team will be the team whose rider number four is first over the finish line mounted with all five balls on all five cones.

2017 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE TEAM

- Sarah Beckwith, South Region
- Ronald Borta, Virginia Region
- Bella Curtis, Western New England Region
- Kaja Newell, Eastern Pennsylvania Region
- Henley Younts, Carolina Region
- 1st Alternate-Alyssa Fortcamp, North Central Prairie Region
- Coach-Matt Brown, Virginia Region
- Chaperone-Anne Miller, Western New York Region

2018 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE APPLICANTS

To improve our selection process, the Games Committee would like to meet with possible candidates for the 2017 Exchange at Festival Games Championships this summer to explain the process and what all is involved in being a member of the International Games Exchange. Interested individuals (players, coaches and chaperones) are asked to contact the Games Chair or Championships Secretary prior to championships.

IN CLOSING

We look forward to seeing everyone at Prince Philip Cup in April and Festival in July. The 2018 USPC Equine Symposium and Convention will be January 25th-28th in Louisville, KY. Dates for the 2017 Presidents Cup will be posted when available.

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