

Pony Club

Where it all begins



USPC FESTIVAL SHOW JUMPING 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.

At Championships, the Introductory Division will include a two-stride combination of two verticals (*this is an update of Section V, Appendix 1, Part 1a of the 2017 Show Jumping Rulebook*). It is recommended that the 2-stride combination be measured at 33' - 34'. Other measurements may be used as necessary when considering arena size, footing, weather conditions, etc.

The 2-stride combination will be used during the last two rounds at Championships and therefore it is recommended that it be used during the last round in any Qualifying Regional Rallies.

Time Taken will be scored in all rounds in the Introductory Division at Championships and Qualifying Rallies. When possible Time Taken will be announced for rider's education.

REGIONAL QUALIFYING RALLIES AND PREPARING FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Show Jumping Committee recommends that Regions organize SJ clinics to prepare for Championships as well as for SJ Specialty Certifications. Riding with confidence, staying balanced around the turns, and maintaining rhythm are all vital to perform safely and successfully. Clinics are a great place to learn and practice these riding skills. Please contact the SJ Committee for resources, clinic formats, etc.

Qualifying rallies need to have appropriate technical Show Jumping courses, and all horse/rider combinations must qualify riding a minimum of three (3) rounds. One round must have an equitation score. Please note that one round of Championships will be scored both as an equitation round and as a jumper round. The committee recommends including a round of Take Your Own Line (TYOL), as this format will be included at Championships 2017, except in the Introductory Division. Championships will have five (5) rounds of competition.

Qualifications for Show Jumping require that rider/horse combinations have no more than 12 jumping faults over three qualifying rounds at their Qualifying Rally. (*Time faults are not included. Article 1.1.11*)

All Championships entries must include the Steward's report and the score sheets indicating three (3) rounds for qualifiers. Rallies utilizing electronic scoring are encouraged to forward the finalized rally scores to the SJ Secretary by email at the end of the rally.

Each team must have a minimum of one coach. All coaches are required to attend the coaches briefing. We recommend that when selecting coaches for rallies and Championships, that the coach be very familiar with the rulebook and competition format.

If a Regional Qualifying Rally has more than three (3) rounds, the rally organizer must designate the qualifying rounds in either the Rally Program or at the Official rally briefing. These must be noted on the Championships entry information sent to the SJ secretary.

USEF PONY FINALS NEWS

Since 2002, the USPC Show Jumping Committee has supported a team that represents USPC at the National Pony Jumper Championships at the USEF Pony Finals, held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington KY. The 2016 team enjoyed good results at the competition. As you may have heard, "you are either winning or learning" – this year there was a lot of learning and everyone finished the week with a lot more confidence. There are three nights of competition – the Individual Phase 1 takes place on the first night – on the second night team members ride two rounds for the Team competition and finish with the Individual Finals on the last night.

The 2016 USPC Pony Jumper Team members included:

- Lexie DiPasqua, from the Eastern Pennsylvania Region riding Capezio
- Genevieve Munson, from the Midwest Region riding Bluebelle
- Megan De Michele, from the Virginia Region riding Gracie Lou
- Keely Bechtol, from the Midsouth Region riding Larkin's Magic

We are starting on the "ROAD TO 2017 PONY FINALS" and we are calling all Pony Jumpers who want to come along for the "RIDE". Any members interested in representing USPC at the 2017 Pony finals please contact Erin Woodall, activities@ponyclub.org, 859-559-0650 or Richard Lamb (Coach/Chef d'Equipe), Richard.b.lamb9@gmail.com, 828-817-1163. More information about the competition and the declaration are available here (<https://www.ponyclub.org/Members/Disciplines/ShowJumping/Opportunities.aspx>).

***** INTERESTED MEMBERS MUST DECLARE FOR THE USPC TEAM BY MARCH 15, 2017 *****

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