

Pony Club

Where it all begins



USPC FESTIVAL TETRATHLON 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*. In addition, the format of Tetrathlon Championships will be changing and *competition will not finish until the morning of Friday July 21st*, followed by Awards. Please plan accordingly.

The Tetrathlon Committee is committed to providing Pony Club members with information they require to compete at Championships. Competitors planning on competing at Championships must attend a qualifying Regional Tetrathlon Rally. The current Tetrathlon rules detail qualifying scores and processes. Through Facebook, and on the USPC website, Tetrathlon competition information will be available.

Championships competitors will compete as teams for Horse Management and for the George Helwig Team Award. Achievement Awards will be presented in recognition of former USPC Tetrathletes Suzanne Stettinius and Sam Sacksen who successfully and individually competed in Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games.

2017 TETRATHLON RULEBOOK

The updated 2017 Tetrathlon Rulebook is now available. All Tetrathlon Rallies will be run in accordance with the current USPC Handbook, Tetrathlon Rules, the USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Rallies. The Tetrathlon Committee recommends everyone read the entire 2017 Tetrathlon Rulebook. The rulebook did not change significantly from 2016 to 2017, and you may use your 2016 rulebook and change out the new pages available on the Rulebooks page of the USPC website. **Changes are highlighted in red**, and the rules have been clarified and organized to assist organizers and competitors alike. Some are a result of governing USPC policies and others the result of clarifications.

Tetrathlon Rally Organizers including DC's, CA's and RS's

Please send your Regional Tetrathlon Rally information to Sean Gaffney, the Committee Chair, at seangaffney@roadrunner.com and submit online at <https://www.ponyclub.org/secure/Calendars/AddEvent.aspx>, to be included on the USPC website calendar. The Tetrathlon Committee will include your Rally information in a Tetrathlon Competition Calendar for the benefit of all members. The invitational flyer should contain the Host, location, dates, schedule, website, and any other important and relevant Rally information including the Organizers contact information.

Facebook & Tetrathlon & Social Media

The USPC Tetrathlon Committee and National Office have been working together on the development of Tetrathlon throughout the United States. Our goal is to create awareness and encourage participation at the local, Regional and National level. At this time, please like, follow, and share the 'Tetrathlon in USPC' Facebook page (found [here](#)) and the International Team page, 'USPC International Tetrathlon Team' (found [here](#)) with your friends, family, and anyone else who you think may be interested in our unique discipline! Furthermore, a Calendar of Tetrathlon Activities can be shared, too, and it is located [here](#). These activities can also be found in the Events section on the 'Tetrathlon in USPC' Facebook page. Also, visit the Tetrathlon Facebook video pages including the video [here](#).

Future Tetrathlon Scoring: In 2018 Tetrathlon will be adding another 1,100 competitor points for Horse Management. This will effectively make Horse Management 20% of a Tetrathlon competitor's total score. All USPC disciplines are in the process of implementing similar Horse Management scoring percentages.

OPPORTUNITIES

[Tetrathlon International Exchange](#) is an excellent way to visit Pony Clubs in other Countries or possibly participate on a National Team during an Exchange year hosted by USPC. Plan ahead and start training now for upcoming opportunities.

Modern Pentathlon Camps opportunities are available for Pony Club Tetrathlon competitors. Contact Leslie Guzman leslieguz@gmail.com for more information.

Your Tax Deductible Donation helps build USPC Tetrathlon International Exchange. Please send your donation today to the USPC restricted Strassburger Tetrathlon Fund.

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