

Pony Club

Where it all begins



2019 GYMKHANA RULEBOOK

USPC welcomes Gymkhana as a competitive discipline and the brand new 2019 Rulebook is now available. Be sure to read completely the new Rulebook and this Newsletter. Questions about Gymkhana rallies can be referred to Dalles Lee, the Gymkhana committee chair whose contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter. Please see the below as a reminder of key changes to all USPC rallies for 2019 which include:

- Regional rallies redefined.
- Updates to competition attire requirements (all competition attire is now available in the discipline rulebook).
- Expanded Championships opportunities and updated eligibility requirements.

Regional Rallies Redefined

With the expanded opportunities for Championships participation, an update to rally terminology was needed. As a reminder, regions may hold more than one rally per discipline, per year as necessary with the approval of the RS.

Standard Rallies – Always the preferred type of rally. Standard rallies specifically follow all the rules outlined in the discipline rulebooks including utilizing a chief horse management judge from the approved CHMJ list on the USPC website, and any other specified licensed officials.

Modified Rallies - Modified rallies do not specifically follow the discipline rulebooks and generally occur because of limited resources. While attendance of a modified rally makes some members eligible for the modified Championships divisions, it does not meet the minimum eligibility requirements for other divisions.

Competitors aiming for the all divisions of Championships must compete precisely per the rulebook at the standard regional rally and at Championships.

Rally Attire

Depending on the activity, different attire expectations exist. Turnout and competition attire requirements are based on the competitors' intent to earn eligibility for Championships. Competitors seeking Championships eligibility must turnout and compete in appropriate competition attire. Any competitors not seeking Championships eligibility may turnout and compete in appropriate competition attire or in basic riding attire as outlined in the Gymkhana rulebook.

Gymkhana Rally Attire and Saddlery

Competition attire for Gymkhana allows competitors to decide between competing in western attire/tack or in english attire/tack. Competitors must compete following all western attire and tack rules or all english attire and tack rules. The mixing of western and english attire or tack is not permitted. If an Australian stock saddle is used, it can be considered either western or english and the rest of the attire/tack must be either all western or all english.

USPC GYMKHANA INVITATIONAL AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host an Invitational Gymkhana competition at both Championships East and Central in 2019. Please note a hardcopy entry process for invitational competitions. More details about the competition and registration process will be included in the Guidebook to Championships and posted on the Championships Competition Information page of the USPC website.

Championships East

Cross-entering not permitted. All competitors must be moved in by Thursday, July 25th and will compete July 26th-28th.

Championships Central

Cross-entering permitted. See the Guidebook to Championships Central for specifics. Move in Monday, August 5th and compete August 6th-7th.

POSSIBLE RACES TO BE RUN AT BOTH 2019 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Barrel	Hitch and Go
Big M	Key
Big O	Pole Bending
Big T	Quadrangle
Birangle	Single Stake (or Single Barrel)
Butterfly	Speed Ball
Crazy Triangle	Straight Away Barrel
Double Bowtie	Turn N Burn
Figure 8	Two Barrel Cowhorse
Figure 8 Pole Cowhorse	Why

CHAMPIONSHIPS INVITATIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Age

Must be 10 years old by January 1, 2019.

Horse Management Expectations

Current or former USPC members will be judges at the current certification level. Non USPC members will be judged at the D-2 HM level.

Divisions Offered

Novice: This division is for competitors who are capable of loping the majority of the races. Green horses or riders new to gymkhana belong in this division.

Intermediate: This division is for competitors who are capable of loping all races.

Advanced: This division is for competitors who are capable of galloping all races.

GYMKHANA RALLY SUPPORT

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.

Electronic TD reports, scoring programs, and other rally support documentation can be found by logging into the USPC website and then going to Parents/Volunteers/Resources/Rally Organizers.

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