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USPC is pleased to announce the extension of the eligibility period for USPC Festival Championships 2021, presented by SSG Riding Gloves. Following the postponement of the 2020 competition, leadership reviewed the standard eligibility period for competitors and approved a one-time extension for 2021. June 1, 2019 – June 22, 2021 will be the eligibility period for members wishing to attend Championships during Festival, July 19-23, 2021.

The opportunity to attend Championships is available for all members 10 years of age on Jan. 1, 2021, with a minimum D-2 certification, who meet the minimum competition eligibility requirements. A D-2 riding certification is required for all mounted disciplines and a D-2 horse management certification is required for Quiz or stable managers. Minimum competition eligibility requirements for divisions are set by each discipline and details are available [here](#).

For members who may not have standard rallies available in their regions, several disciplines offer the opportunity of an alternative eligibility process. The alternative processes available to members without rallies in their region are outlined in the Eventing, Polocrosse, Show Jumping, Tetrathlon and Western Dressage sections of the [eligibility document](#).

Recognizing the increased difficulty of currently hosting rally competitions, the Activities Department is working on recommendations for rally administration. We are reviewing the appropriate safety measures recommended by the CDC, USEF, state and local authorities. A webinar to discuss the recommendations with leadership will be coming shortly.

USPC is excited to continuing planning for 2021 and will incorporate new safety procedures to protect attendees. Pony Club is appreciative of all that our organizers, volunteers, leaders, supporters, and members have invested in planning for Festival. Preparations are already underway to ensure that USPC Festival Presented by SSG Riding Gloves will be a memorable celebration for all in 2021.