

**UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS
POLICY STATEMENT**

SUBJECT: Dual Membership

EFFECTIVE DATE: 5/22/06

POLICY NO: 1003

REVISED: 10/26/16

I. PHILOSOPHY:

In order to enable USP Members to participate more fully in USPC functions, and to encourage Clubs and Riding Centers to cooperate and share activities, the Board of Governors recognizes that a policy on dual membership is necessary.

II. POLICY STATEMENT:

The policy of the Board of Governors is that Members may hold membership in more than one Registered Club and/or Riding Center Program in USPC.

III. AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES:

A. USPC is divided into geographic regions with each Registered Club and Riding Center Program being assigned to a Region. It is expected that the Member will belong to a Registered Club or Riding Center Program within the region they reside. There may be circumstances that make membership in more than one Registered Club and/or Riding Center Program of the USPC necessary. These circumstances may include, but are not limited to, school residency, multiple family residencies and vacation homes.

B. Members may belong to two different Club(s) and/or Riding Center(s) within USPC provided:

1. The Club or Riding Center and Region through which national dues are paid are the Club or Riding Center and Region of record.
2. In situations in which both Club(s) and/or Riding Center(s) are in the same Region, the membership must have the permission of both District Commissioner(s) (DC) and/or Center Administrator(s) (CA) and the recognition of the Regional Supervisor (RS).
3. In such cases, Members will be responsible for paying local dues to both Club(s) and/or Riding Center(s) as determined by each of these Clubs/Centers.

Regional dues shall be paid through the Club or Riding Center of record.

4. In situations in which the Club(s) and/or Riding Center(s) are in two different Regions, the Member must receive the permission of both DC(s) and/or CA(s) and the recognition of the two RSs. In such cases, the member will be responsible for paying local dues to both Club(s) and / or Riding Center(s) at the discretion of these Clubs and or Riding Centers and Regional dues to both Regions at the discretion of those Regions.

C. Eligibility for certifications shall be determined by the Club DC or Riding Center CA of record for all local level certifications and by the RS of the Region of record for all national level certifications.

D. Participation in rallies and qualifying for Championships:

1. Participation in non-qualifying rally divisions in either Region is permitted with the approval of the Club DC or Riding Center CA in the Region holding the non-qualifying rally.
2. Permission to participate in qualifying rallies or divisions and USPC Championships shall be determined by the RS of the Region of record.

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:

A. The DC, CA and RS shall have the responsibility for this policy.

B. The Vice President of Regional Administration shall have oversight of this policy.

V. ENACTMENT:



Established: _____ Date: 5/19/12

Board President