

**UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, INC.
POLICY STATEMENT**

SUBJECT: CHAMPIONSHIPS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 4/30/95

POLICY NO: 6006

REVISED DATE: 01/27/17

I. PHILOSOPHY:

In order to provide an opportunity for Members to experience the highest challenges of teamwork, sportsmanship and horsemastership, and to encourage understanding and friendships among Members across the United States, the Board of Governors endorses Championships in various designated horse sports and Quiz.

II. POLICY STATEMENT:

The policy of the Board of Governors is that Championships shall be held in designated USPC activities.

III. AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES:

A.General

1. The term “Championship” refers to any final competition that is organized by the appropriate Activity committee. These may be national and/or regional.
2. All USPC Championships are conducted according to the specifications in the rulebooks of the disciplines and according to USPC Uniform Officiation Rules.
3. All mounted USPC Championships shall include horse management.

B. Eligibility of Competitors

1. To be eligible for a Championship, competitors must qualify at an appropriate regional or inter-regional competition as specified in the discipline rulebook and/or as specified by the Activity Committee involved and/or by the Board of Governors.

C. Selection of Dates and Sites

1. The Vice President of Activities shall consider the suitability of all proposed site(s) and date(s), and make recommendations to PAC.
2. Championships for all activities designated shall be held at the same site(s) unless specific permission for separate Championships has been recommended by the Vice President of Activities and approved by the Board of Governors.

D. An Activity Committee sponsoring a Championships does so subject to the following:

1. A Championship is the responsibility of the Overall Championships Organizer and of the Committee involved.
2. The Overall Championships Organizer must submit a budget to the Vice President of Activities for approval by the Board of Governors, as per USPC Policy #7400.
3. A Championship is planned to be self-supporting. Income is used to cover all related expenses incurred, including administration costs incurred by the National Office resulting from Championship activities.
4. Judges for Championships must be approved by the Overall Championships Organizer and the Committee for the discipline involved. In addition, Chief Horse Management Judges must be chosen from the current published Chief Horse Management Judges list and must be approved by the Overall Championships Organizer, and the organizer for that discipline.
5. Members of the USPC Activity Committee involved may officiate at their Activity's Championships according to the spirit of USPC Policy #7300. Any fee for such service or any other services will be approved by the Overall Championships Organizer and by the Vice President of Activities. Reimbursement of approved expenses is allowed according to USPC Policy # 7335.

6. A committee member who is officiating at his or her discipline's championship may not act on behalf of that committee during the championship.
7. Only Championships and approved National Rallies sponsored as such by an Activity Committee may award the USPC Championship gold, silver, and bronze medals.

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:

- A. The Vice President of Activities shall have oversight of this policy.

V. ENACTMENT:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas D. Alan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "T".

Established: _____ Date: 01/31/10
Board President