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Field of Four Games Teams Ready to Compete for the 2019 Prince Philip Cup at Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event

April 22, 2019 (Lexington, KY) - The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. will once again hold the Prince Philip Cup Mounted Games competition at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. The 2019 Prince Philip Cup Games sponsored by Hero Kids Foundation will mark the competition's 19th consecutive year it will be hosted during the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event. The event will feature four teams from across the country.



The tentative competition schedule is:

Friday, April 26th

12:30 p.m. Prince Philip Cup Games Round 1, Walnut Ring

Saturday, April 27th

8:30 a.m. Prince Philip Cup Games Round 2, Walnut Ring

Sunday, April 28th

11:30 a.m. Presentation of Awards, Rolex Stadium

Mounted Games is a series of relay races on horseback, where the riders must perform different skills while riding at speed. These riders perform skills that require them to use hand-eye coordination, strength and speed - all while working as a team to complete each relay. Some games require them to dismount and pick an object off of the ground and then vault back on to the pony. Other games require weaving through poles or running alongside the pony. The goal of mounted games is to provide and teach games that will enhance riding skills, physical coordination, and self-confidence. To qualify for the Prince Philip

Cup Games competition, each team must have achieved top honors at the USPC Championships the previous summer. The teams competing this year are:

DELMARVA REGION- TIDEWATERBLUE CRABS

Kelley Abell riding Isaac
Michael Baugh riding Apollo
Tegan Carey riding Stripey
Donald Ruths riding Gizmo
Yasmin Wells riding Judy

CAPITAL/MARYLAND REGIONS- THUNDERHOOVES

Mackenzie Hicks riding Gracie
Ella Jensen riding Greystone Gwen Daaghn
Brooke Keiser riding Hershey Kiss
Kate Keiser riding Legally Blond
Kate Benjamin riding Jellybean

MIDWEST REGION- IT'S A GAMES THING

Michaela Frye riding Curious George
Alyssa Kendrick riding Apollo
Alaina Morrissey riding Fancy That
Peyton Wiseman riding Tucker

OLD DOMINION/SUNSHINE/WHITE MOUNTAIN REGIONS- STARSTRUCK

Hannah Sutton riding Porkchop
Hailey Zaun riding Daddy's Fury
Madison Zaun riding Sunflower Power
Shakira Marquis riding Misbehavin'
Reese Pike riding Fury

The competition was originally sponsored by HRH Prince Philip, due to his interest in supporting equestrian competition for youth that did not necessarily require a fancy or expensive mount. The original competition was an exhibition held at the National Horse Show, then later moved to the Washington International Horse Show. In 2000, EEL, the organizing group of the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event, offered to host the Prince Philip Cup competition as a competition/exhibition during the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event.

About Pony Club - The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (Pony Club) was founded in 1954 as a nonprofit national youth organization to teach riding and horsemanship through a formal educational program. There are approximately 9,000 Pony Club members in over 600 clubs and riding centers throughout the country. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including several of our Olympic team members, business professionals, government leaders and career military officers, have roots in Pony Club. Members range in age, as Pony Club now offers educational opportunities to a growing number of adults. Ponyclub.org