

2024 POLOCROSSE NEWSLETTER

2024 POLOCROSSE RULEBOOK

The 2024 rulebook is now available online and through Shop Pony Club. Edits and clarifications are noted in red font. Significant changes are listed below:

Article 23: Changes to player definitions.

Article 29: Changes to the competition level names.

- E Grade (was Walk/Trot)
- D Grade (was Novice)
- C Grade (was Intermediate)
- A/B Grade (was Advanced)

Article 36: Update to competition attire.

Article 37: Clarification of competition equipment.

Article 40: Clarification of competition schedule.

Article 41: Update to field specification.

Article 44: Changes to the execution and judging of games.

Article 45: Changes and clarification to playing of game.

Article 46: Clarifications on how to score a goal, and changes to the goal scoring area.

Article 47: Changes to missed goals.

Article 48: New article regarding restart after missed goal.

Article 49: New article regarding crossing the 30-yard line.

Article 50: New article regarding riding through the goal posts.

Article 51: Changes to guidelines for balls out of bounds.

Article 52: Changes to riding off the field.

Article 53: Clarifications and changes to crossing and right of way.

Article 54: Updates to carrying the ball.

Article 55: Changes to hitting and swinging at an opponent's racket.

Article 67: Updates to team scoring.

USPC FESTIVAL

The USPC Festival is a two-in-one event with Championships at the beginning of the week and Education following.

Championships: July 15 – 19

Education: July 20 – 22

FESTIVAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Information about Championships will be posted on the event website.

Championships Eligibility

Members who wish to compete at the USPC Festival Championships must meet the age, certification, and competition eligibility requirements as outlined in the rulebooks and in the 2024 Competitor Eligibility Document, found on the Championships Competition Resources page, <https://www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx>.

Eligibility Exceptions

Competition eligibility exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis. There are no exceptions to the age or certification requirements.

The RS **must** submit all competition exception requests using the online system, <https://www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx>. Only submissions submitted by the RS will be considered.

Mount Substitutions

Mount substitution requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Per Article 10 in USPC rulebooks, all mount substitutions must be submitted no later than 5 days prior to Championships move-in.

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FESTIVAL EDUCATION

USPC Festival Education is open to all USPC members, leaders, and friends. Mounted clinics are offered in various disciplines including: Dressage, Show Jumping, Cross-Country, distance riding, horsemanship and more. Mounted clinics will be available to audit.

Also offered at Festival Education is D-Camp and a large variety of unmounted clinics.

More information for USPC Festival Education can be found online at <https://www.ponyclub.org/Events/Festival/Default.aspx>.

REGIONAL RALLY SUPPORT

Rally Resources & Materials Web Page

You must be logged into the USPC website to access the Rally Resources and Materials web page. The Rally Organizer's Guide is available for download online or purchase from Shop Pony Club.

Rally Technical Delegate Reports

Regional rally organizers are reminded that Technical Delegate (TD) Reports are **REQUIRED** for standard rallies and requested for all rallies.

Electronic versions of TD reports are always preferred, but hardcopy versions are also acceptable. Please make sure that your TD is submitting the reports.

POLOCROSSE RESOURCES

The USPC Activities Committees can provide support to leaders, members, and volunteers. Current contact information for them can be found on the Activities Committee page of the USPC website, <https://www.ponyclub.org/About/ActContactList.aspx>.

Competitions Committee

The Competitions Committee oversees rally participation and support, rulebooks, and Championships eligibility.

Discipline Education

The Discipline Education Committee oversees discipline pages on the USPC website, educational handbooks, and educational opportunities.

Special Opportunities

The Special Opportunities Committee oversees participation and organizing groups for international exchanges, invitationals, and other special opportunities.

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