

2024 TRAIL NEWSLETTER

2024 TRAIL RULEBOOK

The 2024 rulebook is now available online and through Shop Pony Club. Edits and clarifications are noted in red font. No significant changes were made.

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

USPC OPEN TRAIL COMPETITION

Information about the Open Gymkhana Competition, hosted at USPC Festival, will be posted on the event website.

Eligibility Information

Age: Must be 10 years old as of January 1, 2024.

Horse Management Expectations: Current or former USPC members will be judged at the current certification level. Non-USPC members will be judged at the D-2 HM level.

Divisions Offered

Level 1: This level is for riders who have developed essential skills and includes all three gaits (walk/jog/lope and walk/trot/canter). Green horses or riders new to Trail belong in this division.

Level 2: This level is for riders proficient in handling obstacles and includes all three gaits.

Level 3: This level is for riders who are skilled in handling the obstacles and are expected to complete more challenging obstacles.

USPC 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 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 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.

USPC TRAIL 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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