

Midwest Region Games Rally Registration

September 20 & 21, 2008

Longview Horse Park

The Midwest Region Qualifying Games Rally will be held on Sunday, September 21, 2008 at the Longview Horse Park, Grandview, MO. On Saturday, September 20, 2008, a Clinic and Scramble will be held for all interested games players.

Registration Deadline: September 5, 2008. Entries will be accepted after that date until September 12, 2008 but will carry a \$25 late fee per team.

Entries are to be mailed to: Wendy Parent
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Any questions, call Wendy at (785) 764-2472 or email: wparent@ku.edu

GAMES RALLY

Enclosed are the *Games Rally Entry Form* and *Competitor's Championship Intent Form*.

Games Entry: Please indicate for each team the club name, team name, division, and pinny color. Entry fees are as follows (includes stabling & tack room):

\$85.00 per participant for Junior/Senior/Advanced Games
\$65.00 per participant for Rising Star (walk/trot)

Eligibility: Junior, Senior, and Advanced teams shall consist of 4 or 5 members. Rising Stars teams shall have 2 or 4 members depending on number of participants. Stable Friendlies will be assigned to Rising Star teams. Incomplete Rising Star, Junior, Senior, and Advanced club teams will be combined to make whole regional teams. Since Games is divided by age rather than rating, the divisional age qualifications are:

Junior: pony clubbers 10 - 12 as of January 1, 2009
Senior: pony clubbers 13 – 15 as of January 1, 2009
Advanced: pony clubbers 16 – 18 as of January 1, 2009

To be eligible for Championships, a Junior must be a D-2, a Senior must be a D-3, and an Advanced must be a C-1. (Note:** It is important for anyone qualifying for Championships to compete at rally at the level, including age and rating, they will be competing at Championships.)

Note: For Advanced and Senior teams, at least one member must meet the age requirement; other team members may be younger.

As this is a qualifying rally for Championships 2009, all Games rules, equipment, tack, requirements, etc. will be enforced. Check the Games Rulebook 2006 for required and appropriate equipment. (**Note: A new 2009 Games Rulebook will be in effect for 2009 Championships.)

Required Forms: negative Coggins within one year, a 30-day equine health certificate if coming from outside Missouri, Competitor's Activity & Equine Release Form, USPC Medical Information & Release Form, Uniform Chaperone Agreement.

Governing Rules: USPC Complete Guide & Rules for Games Competition, 2006
USPC Horse Management Handbook & Rules for Competition, 2007

Pinnies: Each team will be responsible for providing pinnies. Pattern for the pinnies can be found in the *USPC Handbook and Rules for Games Competitions 2006*. Be creative! Let your imaginations soar! Pinnies from previous years are more than welcome to be recycled! Pinnies must have a number on both front and back. Each team must provide a white helmet cover or white band for each team's last rider.

Housing: The Super 8, 15201 South 71 Highway (816) 331-0300 is quite close to the horse park. Other accommodations can be found at: Best Western South (816) 765-4100; Belton Inn (816) 331-6300; Econo Lodge (816) 322-1222; Comfort Inn (816) 524-8181; Fairfield Inn (913) 381-5700.

Pony clubbers may camp out at the park. Water and bathrooms with a shower are available, as well as limited electrical outlets.

Food: Sack lunches are to be provided for competitors. Lunches will be available for purchase by observers, parents, etc.

T-Shirts: *T-shirts are available through pre-order from Horse and Hound Pony Club. The cost is \$13 for youth and \$15 for adult size shirts. Order forms are attached. Purchases must be made by September 5th.*

Arrival & Departure: Horse and equipment drop off by parents must be completed by 6 PM on Saturday. Teams may begin setting up Tack Rooms as soon as they arrive and receive their registration packets. Participants may begin to arrive after 2 PM on Friday.

Games To Be Played: A total of 10 - 12 games will be played by **Junior/Senior/Advanced** teams. **Rising Stars** will play 6 games. These are some of the Games that will be played at Championships. **Games for Junior/Senior/Advanced:** Balloon, Bending, Five Flag, Hi-Lo Race, Hula Hoop, Litter, Mug Shuffle, Stepping Stones, Sword Race, Windsor Castle. Rising Star teams will play a total of 6 games. **Games for Rising Stars:** Bending, Hi-Lo Race, Mug Shuffle, Stepping Stone, Sword Race, Five Flag. See **Games** rulebook for rules of each game.

<i>Tentative Schedule:</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	Barns Close	6:00 PM
		Competitor/Volunteer Briefing	6:00 PM
		Equipment Check	6:30 PM
	<i>Sunday</i>	Jog Out and Weights & Measures	8:00 AM

(Order of Jog Out: Advanced, Senior, Junior, Advanced Teams should be tacked up before the Jog in preparation for Formal Inspection)

Formal Inspection for Advanced Begins	8:30 AM
Advanced Games Begin	9:00 AM
Formal Inspection for Juniors Begins	10:00 AM
Junior Games Begin	10:30 AM
Lunch	12:00 Noon
Formal Inspection for Seniors Begins	12:30 PM
Senior Games Begin	1:00 PM
Formal Inspection for Rising Stars Begins	2:00 PM
Rising Stars Games Begin	2:30 PM
Begin Tack Room Breakdown	3:00 PM
Awards	3:30 PM

Parent Volunteer Lane & Line Judges: As in the past, all parents will help as line and lane judges. At least one parent volunteer is required for each participating team.

Games Attire: Jodphurs with black or brown jodphur (or paddock) boots and white collared shirt with sleeves. Garters are optional. Breeches and tall boots are acceptable.

Pony or Horse? If a pony clubber wishes to participate in the Games Rally, but does not have a pony, s/he may enter with their regular pony club mount. Size of mount is **not** restricted to ponies. Horses (as well as donkeys and mules) are welcome to come and play!

Other questions?: Contact the organizer or refer to the **Games** rulebook.

CLINIC

Enclosed is the Clinic Registration Information.

A clinic will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. We will start at 9:00 with safety inspections and some unmounted tips about games followed by mounted instruction. All ages and skills are invited to attend.

The cost of the clinic is \$25.00. If someone would like to participate in the clinic and games rally on Sunday, the discounted combined cost will be \$100. For those who participate in the clinic but not the rally and would like a stall, an additional fee of \$35.00 will be added to cover stabling.

SCRAMBLE

Enclosed is the Scramble Registration Form.

A Scramble will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This is a fun competition that is open to any pony clubbers who are participating in the Games Rally and/or Clinic. Teams in each division will be determined by drawing names out of a hat. The divisions will be as follows:

Novice - for riders who are beginning or new to games (most Junior riders and some experienced Walk/Trot riders fall into this category)

Masters - fast and furious fun and games (most Senior and Advanced riders are in this category)

Divisions may be combined or modified depending upon the number of entries. One round of approximately 10 - 12 games will be played for each Division. An awards ceremony will be held following the competition.

Registration Checklist

- _____ T-shirt Order Form (**due Sept. 5th from Horse & Hound**)
- _____ Midwest Region Games Rally Entry Form
- _____ USPC Games Championships 2009 Intent
- _____ Activity & Rally Release 2008 (includes Competitor Activity/Rally Release & Information Form and Equine Release Form)
- _____ Medical Release Form 2008
- _____ Chaperone Agreement
- _____ Negative Coggins (dated September 21, 2007 or later)
- _____ 30-day Equine Health Certificate (if traveling from outside Missouri)
- _____ Games Clinic Registration Information
- _____ Scramble Registration Form
- _____ Checks made to Midwest Region Pony Club
(\$25.00 Clinic only, \$85.00 Rally only, \$100.00 for Clinic & Rally, \$35.00 for additional stalls)