



VIRGINIA REGION PONY CLUBS TETRATHLON RALLY 2016

(2017 USPC Championships Qualifying Rally)

September 10-11, 2016

Glenwood Park, 36800 Glenwood Park Lane, Middleburg, VA 20117 and
Warrenton Aquatic and Recreation Facility (WARF), 800 Waterloo Road, Warrenton, VA 20186

Opening/Closing Dates: **August 17/September 1/September 4**

Electronic entries must be received by **September 1**

Payment, chaperone forms, coaching forms, and Coggins must be postmarked to the Rally Secretary by **September 4**

No entries will be accepted after **September 4**

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Host Club: Misty Brae Farm Pony Club Riding Center

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Teams: 3 or 4 riders (D1 and up are invited to participate)

Entry Forms: Online www.vrponyclub.org using VRPC member's email address or "OutofRegion" code for a non-VRPC competitor. Click on Calendar, then Tetrathlon Rally – Individual. Follow directions on-screen for Individual Registration, Chaperone Form, and Payment.

Please email or mail the following documents to **the Rally Secretary**:

- **Signed** chaperone form(s)
- Payment receipt or confirmation number for online payments
- Current Coggins for each mount - **entry and Coggins names must match**
- USPC Guidelines for Coaching Tetrathlon, signed by coach(es)

Fees: Entry fee \$62 for VRPC members or \$87 for out of region. Online payment receipts must be emailed to the Rally Secretary by September 4.

Payment: Please pay entry fees online. If you must pay by check, please contact the VRPC Treasurer, Carolyn Lorenzen at cslorenzen@aol.com.

Volunteers: **A minimum of three volunteers per team entry are required.** Please designate one volunteer to work in HM. Minimum of 1 volunteer for scramble team entries.

Rules:

- USPC Handbook and Rules for Tetrathlon Competition (2016) including all addenda
- USPC Tetrathlon Annual Newsletter 2016
- USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition 2016 including all addenda
- USPC Horse Management Annual Newsletter 2016
- Uniform Officiation Rules for USPC Rallies
- USPC Uniform Chaperone Rules/Duties
- USPC Guidelines for Coaching Tetrathlon
- USPC Policy 0500 - Drugs, Alcohol & Tobacco
- USPC Policy 0525 – Veterinary Medicines and Equine Medications

Arrival:

On Saturday morning, follow the traffic signs to the designated parking areas (parking will be assigned according to Horse Management Teams). Packets can be picked up by the team captains from the rally secretary Saturday morning. DO NOT CALL FOR RIDE TIMES; they will be provided in packets at check-in.

****Tentative Schedule****

Saturday, September 10

- 7:00 – 8:30 am Arrival, registration, tack room set up, course walk
- 8:30 am Rally begins; organizer’s briefing for competitors and parents
- 9:15 am Horse Inspection (Jog) and helmet check
- 10:30 am Turnout Inspection begins
- 11:30 am Riding phase begins
- 4:30 pm HM Debrief
- 5:00 pm Awards Ceremony for Ride and HM

Sunday, September 11

- 6:30 am Competitor Briefing / Gun turn in
- 7:00 am Target shooting phase begins
- 9:00 am Running phase begins
- 11:30 am Depart for WARF
- 1:00 pm Warm up for swimming at WARF
- 1:030 pm Swimming phase begins
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Final Awards (presented at WARF)

Final schedule and ride times will be published in the rally program.

Divisions:

8 and Under	8 yrs and under	D-1 or unrated
10 and Under	10 yrs and under	D-1 Trad /HSE or above
Pre-Novice	13 yrs and under	D-1 Trad /HSE or above
*Novice	11 - 12 years old	D-3 Trad /HSE or above
*Intermediate	13 years and older	D-3 Trad /HSE or above
*Junior	13 - 16 years old	D-3 Trad /HSE or above
*Senior	16 years and older	C-1 Trad /HSE or above
Sport	All Ages/All Certifications	
Horsemasters	No age requirement	D-3 Trad /HSE or above

*Qualifying Divisions for 2017 USPC Champs

	8 & under	10 under	Pre - N	Novice	Intermed	Junior	Senior
Ride	p/xrails	18 in	2' 3"	2' 6"	2' 9"	3'	3' 3"
Run (M)	500	500	500	1000	1000	2000	3000
Swim Y/M	25	50	50	100	100	200	200
Shoot	10 M,	10 M	10 M	10 M	10 M	10 M	10 M
Strings of	2 strings	2 strings	4 strings	4 strings	4 strings	4 strings	4 strings
5 shots/3	of 5 shots,	of 5 shots,	of 5 shots,	of 5 shots,	of 5 shots,	of 5 shots,	of 5 shots,
Minutes	2 hands	2 hands	2 hands,	2 hands,	1 hand	1 hand,	1 hand,
All	Sitting	Standing	standing	standing	standing	standing	standing
Divisions	supported	supported					

In the Sport Division, competitors designate their own jump heights, swim and run distances and shooting level (**this division will not be pinned**). See entry form for more details.

ANY JUNIOR OR SENIOR UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE JUMP HEIGHT OF HIS OR HER DIVISION IS ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A POINT PENALTY AND JUMP AT A LOWER DIVISION HEIGHT (NO JUMP DOWN ALLOWED FROM NOVICE OR INTERMEDIATE).

Riding Phase:

Horse sharing: Horses may be shared, but may only be ridden three times during the Rally. Competitors are responsible for providing their own mounts or making their own arrangements to share. If entrant is sharing a horse, please indicate this on the entry form. **Please note: If a mount falls during a jumping round, the mount must be examined by the TD and a veterinarian (if available) to determine if it will be allowed to continue.** (*Tetrathlon Rule Book p.17, Article 42*)

Jump course: The jump course for qualifying divisions (Novice, Intermediate, Junior, Senior) will be in an enclosed ring that includes the slip rail and gate. The jump course for the 8 and Under, 10 and Under, and Pre-Novice divisions will be in an enclosed ring (slip rail and gate are optional and will not score either positively or negatively). Sport Division will be an enclosed ring with slip rail / gate optional.

Dress: Dress for Turnout Inspection and the riding phase must be in compliance with Pony Club standards as described in the Handbook and Rules for Tetrathlon 2016 on page 20, Article 51 (polo shirts are acceptable). Be certain to check for any addenda and newsletters on the USPC web site.

Horse Management Phase:

For the horse management phase, each competitor will be assigned to a team. Each team will set up a "tack room" in a trailer. All ponies will be tied to trailers during the horse management phase. If a pony cannot be tied, discuss this situation with the Chief HM Judge. Refer to the USPC Horse Management Handbook for required equipment for a **One-Day Rally**. Parents should note that the trailers are equivalent to the "barns", and are therefore off limits after the organizer's briefing.

Shooting Phase:

Air pistols may be shared by a maximum of three competitors. If entrant is sharing a gun, please indicate this on the entry form. Air pistols will be provided, if requested (see entry form). Pistols will be .177 calibers (4.5 mm), and either compressed air or CO2 is acceptable. Pistols should be single shot,

but multiple shot pistols may be used provided the pistol is loaded in such a manner that there will be only one pellet in the magazine at any given time.

All divisions will use the standard ISSF Approved 10-Meter Air Pistol Target shooting at a distance of 10 Meters. All strings of 5 shots are allowed 3 minutes. Reminder all competitors need a clear barrel indicator that can be placed in the barrel of the gun to show it is empty.

Safety glasses are required for the shooting phase (shooter, loader, and firing line staff). Pre-Novice, 10 and Under and 8 and Under competitors are required to have a loader for the shooting phase. Loaders are highly suggested for the other Divisions, but are not required. Please make arrangements for a loader in advance; the shooting phase is run on a very tight schedule and we cannot wait for your child to find a loader.

REMINDER: Air pistols MUST be checked in on Sunday morning when you arrive at Glenwood.

Running Phase:

Please wear appropriate running attire. Barn shoes are not acceptable to run in. Competitors will wear their pinnies during the run. Wearing of medical armbands will be at the discretion of the Running steward/ TD.

Swimming Phase:

Swimming will occur at the WARF. Please make sure to bring pool shoes with you. Barn shoes will be NOT permitted on the deck. Competitors are not required to wear their medical armbands when you swim but you must have them with you. Appropriate swimming attire is required (NO Two Piece Suits).

Championship Eligibility:

Only Novice and above may qualify for National Championships. Competitors jumping at a lower division height may qualify for National Championships. This is a **2017 Qualifying Rally** – please make sure to check age and certification restrictions and make appropriate accommodations if you wish to meet qualifying standards. See the rule book for complete explanation.

General Information:

Competitors should provide their own lunch on Saturday and Sunday. **There will NOT be concessions available on site, so please plan accordingly!** There will be a vet and farrier on call. An EMT will be on premises during the mounted phase and on call for the remainder of the rally. Remember to bring and wear your medical card and arm band.

Stabling:

For those competitors requiring overnight stabling, please contact the organizer for information on stabling at Glenwood Park.

Lodging: The closest lodging is located in either Leesburg or Chantilly (near Hwy 50/28 intersection) or bed and breakfasts in the Middleburg area.

Refund Policies: Follow VRPC policy as indicated on VRPC website.