



**VIRGINIA REGION PONY CLUBS
QUALIFYING TETRATHLON RALLY
Saturday May 5th, 2018**

**Deep Run Hunt Club
1540 Manakin Road
Manakin-Sabot, VA 23101**

Opening Date: April 10
Closing Dates: Individual – April 20 / Team registration – April 26

Important Dates:
April 20: Individual registrations must be placed online
April 26:

- Club and Center team registrations must be placed online
- Payment must be received by VRPC Treasurer
- Signed Forms (Chaperone, Coach) and Coggins received by the Rally Secretary

Organizers & Contacts during the rally:
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VRPC RS Carrie Camp (804) 937-2807 carriecamp@fairfieldfarm.com
VRPC VRS Activities Michelle Arnold (540) 270-4880 michellearnold1997@gmail.com

Host Clubs:
Misty Brae Farm Riding Center Pony Club
Deep Run Hunt Pony Club

Secretary: Steve Kapinos (703) 728-5849 flynnibus@yahoo.com
21526 Tithables Circle Ashburn, VA 20148

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

Fees: Entry fee \$82 per VRPC Competitor. Fee includes stall for Friday night if arriving Friday and use of stall Saturday. Shavings are not provided, please bring your own. If you plan to participate in Dressage rally on Sunday, be prepared to move stalls if necessary (bring extra shavings). Out-of-region competitor's fee is \$107 per rider and is on a space-available basis.

Entry Forms: Online <http://vrponyclub.org/> using VRPC member's email address or code OutofRegion for an out-of-region competitor. Click on Calendar, then Tetrathlon Rally – Individual Registration button. Follow directions on-screen for Individual Registration, Chaperone Form, Payment Information, etc.

Please scan and email (Preferred method) or U.S. mail the following documents to the Rally Secretary, Steve Kapinos 21526 Tithables Circle Ashburn Va 20148. These documents must be received by the Secretary by **April 20th**.

1. Current negative Coggins for each mount - **Entry and Coggins names must match**
2. **Signed** chaperone form(s)
3. **Signed** USPC Coaching Guidelines and Form for Eventing

Payment: **Check with your club/center on payment policy. Online payment method is preferred !!**
Riding Center members may pay independently but Club members should follow their club policy and pay ONLY IF club has directed you to do so. Otherwise forward your invoice to appropriate club contact if not. If you must mail a check, mail check and invoice to VRPC Treasurer, Steve Vorphal (7482 Argyll Court, Warrenton VA 20187).

Important Notes Regarding Invoices and Payments:

- Invoices and payment receipts are generated by the system and emailed to the member during the registration process.
- **VRPC Treasurer** (Steve Vorphal) **MUST** have all *payments* by **April 20th**.

Rules: USPC Handbook and Rules for Tetrathlom Competition 2018
USPC Tetrathlon Newsletter 2018
USPC Horse Management-Competitor Rules 2018, Part 1, all Appendices
USPC Horse Management Newsletter 2018
USPC Uniform Chaperone Rules/Duties, (Appendix B, HM Rulebook, Part 2 – Judges’ Guide)
(<https://www.ponyclub.org/Members/Rulebooks.aspx>)

Food/Lodging: Deep Run Hunt Pony Club will be doing concessions on Saturday. There are fast food services within a couple of miles.

The Innsbrook/Short Pump sections of the Richmond metro area are closest to Deep Run Hunt Club. Remember to ask for weekend rates! Book Early—we often conflict with the University of Richmond graduation. Some of the hotels in that area:

Wingate by Wyndham 804.421.1600
Hampton Inn 804.747.7777
Comfort Suites 804.217.9200
Marriott Courtyard (Westerre Pkwy) 804.346.5427
Holiday Inn Express (Mayland Drive) 804.934.9300

General:

- Competitors may arrive on Friday, between 3:00 and 7:00 pm but not later than 7:00 pm. **Friday arrivals must be indicated on the Individual Registration online. Only stalls may be set up. Equipment may be unloaded, but no tack rooms may be set up on Friday.**
- Stalls must be stripped and swept before departure
- Competitors are required to wear their Medical Armband (containing their current USPC or USEA Medical Card) or a Medical Bracelet for the duration of the rally.
- Barn appropriate footwear is required at all times
- Only the team captain or appointed designee may pick up registration packets.
- Chaperones must be available on-site for the duration of the rally

Volunteers: Minimum of three volunteers per team entry is required. One volunteer will serve as Chaperone, **in addition** to their other volunteer responsibilities.

Refunds: Follows [VRPC policy](#), as indicated on VRPC website.

Tentative Schedule TBD

Saturday, May 5th

Unlike previous years, multiple disciplines will take place at the same time

6:00 am Move in; Check in (team captains only)

8:00 am Rally opens; barns closed to non-competitors, Briefing begins

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 2018 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	25	50	50	100	100	200	200
Y/M							
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 INTERMEDIATE, 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).

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*)

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 2018 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-PreNovice, 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 a Local YMCA. 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.

This is a 2018 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.