

2024 Deep South Region Qualifying Dressage Rally

February 23-25, 2024



LAGNIAPPE EQUESTRIAN CENTER

13349 Verger Rd. Folsom, LA

Hosted by: Deep South Region

RALLY OFFICIALS

Dressage Judge: Meris Greges "r"

Technical Delegate: TBA

Chief Horse Management Judge: Lara Hubner

Show Organizer: Dawn Kelley, DSR-RS

HMO: Kendall Daigle, DSR-HMO

Show Secretary: Caroline Stegeman, DSR-Secretary

The DSR Dressage Rally is SEDA recognized.

RALLY FEE: \$250 per rider
Complete Registration postmarked by February 10, 2024
LATE FEES: \$20 per entry will need to be added to entries postmarked after February 10, 2024. Also, any incomplete entries will be assessed the \$20 late fee.
ENTRY FEES: Club checks only made out to Deep South Region
SEDA SCHOOLING CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING FEE: \$10 If attempting to qualify for SEDA Schooling Championships in which the highest test for each level may qualify, please submit a separate check to SEDA
STALL DEPOSIT: \$50.00 stall deposit must be submitted per club. At the end of rally if the stall requirements are not met then this check will be kept.
REFUNDS: Any withdrawals will need to be accompanied by either a doctor's excuse or vet letter. With appropriate documentation a refund will be given minus a \$25.00 office fee and any late fee.
EXTRA SHAVINGS: \$10.00 per bag (2 bags are provided per horse)
Mail entry packets to the Show Secretary: Caroline Stegeman, 1361 Duchamp Road, Broussard, LA 70518 Cell: 337.374.1253/Email: stegeman4@aol.com

This rally will be run under the following Rules and Guidelines:

(Please refer to these resources for information not covered in this announcement)

- 2024 USPC Handbook and Rules for Dressage Competition with addendums.
- 2024 USPC Horse Management Handbook & Rules for Competitions
- 2024 USPC Annual Newsletters for Dressage and Horse Management
 - Uniform Officiation Rules for USPC Rallies
 - USPC Code of conduct for Adults and Members

DEEP SOUTH REGION FUNDRAISER

Open Schooling Dressage classes & Ride a Dressage Test Clinic will be offered at a discount to Pony Club members who are participating in the rally and would like to either enter a second horse in the open show or participate in the clinic with your rally horse. If interested, you will need to submit the Open Show/Clinic Packet in addition to your rally packet submission. Please contact Dawn Kelley for more information @
rdsrponyclub@aol.com

General Rally Information

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Pony Club members in good standing may participate. Club, DSR and national dues paid in full. • Minimum age to rally is 7 years old. • The DC is responsible for determining eligibility, class level and safety of members in his/her club. • All competitors MUST be able to SAFELY manage their horse with MINIMAL assistance.
Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consists of 3 or 4 riding members and a Stable Manager (Stable Manager optional but strongly recommended). Mixed certification teams are recommended. Each team must have a captain. • Scramble teams will be arranged as necessary. • Each team must name a team chaperone and that chaperone must sign the Chaperone Duties form. • Each Scramble member must name a chaperone and include a signed Chaperone Duties form. For scramble teams, one will be chosen from the names submitted. • Any competitor who is showing a second horse in an open class must manage their time so that their team is not adversely affected in any way.
Mounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All mounts (mares and geldings only) must be 5 years of age or older at the time of the rally and should be the rider's regular mount for Pony Club activities and/or approved by the club DC or supervisor of instruction. • Mounts must be able to be stalled for a full day and be appropriate for member to manage on the ground mounted. • Mounts may be shared by non-qualifying competitors and there can only be one shared horse per team. • LONGEING: If you know a horse will need to be longed while at rally, you must provide a qualified person for longeing (refer to current HM Handbook). Longeing will only be allowed in designated areas.
Entries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All entries must be complete & postmarked by February 10, 2024. • Incomplete entries and/or entries postmarked after February 10, 2024, will be assessed a \$20 late fee.
Coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with the 2024 Dressage Rulebook, coaching is allowed at a Dressage rally. As a region it was decided that each club must provide at least one coach for their non-qualifying division riders. Coaches for Qualifying riders are optional. • Teams may share coaches
Coggins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All horses must have proof of a negative Coggins test dated after February 26, 2023. • Please advise all competitors to come prepared with an extra copy of current negative Coggins.
DSR Show Ground Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Show Ground is identified as the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Area in and around the barns, all show arenas and warm up areas ○Area in and around the concession stand ○Anywhere a mounted or unmounted competitor is present. • Smoking Policy: Smoking is not allowed on the Show Grounds or in the presence of any members at the rally. • Dog Policy: Dogs must be leashed at all times. Dogs are NOT allowed to be kept in rally barn by rally competitors and may be requested to be removed from area by rally officials due to any safety concerns/disruptive behavior. • Motorized Vehicles: ALL motorized vehicles operated anywhere on the show ground facility must be operated by a licensed driver.
Stabling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry fee includes stabling on the grounds starting the Friday night and 2 bags of shavings. • The Dressage rally officially begins on Friday pm-see tentative schedule for more information. • Stall cards-horses in rally barn must have stall card posted at all times. Make sure stall cards are clearly readable. Cards should follow the basic format of the HM Rulebook and easy to find information <i>quickly</i> in case of emergency. • Barn fans will be permitted with approved extension cords (Refer to HM Handbook). Parents may assist with hanging of any fans and be sure you have the CHMJ approve the location and securing of extension cords. • Stalls must be inspected before leaving or risk being assessed a cleaning fee. • Stalls MUST be stripped at the end of the weekend and prior to leaving. • Tack stalls and feed stalls are provided per team and must be completely cleaned out and aisles must remain clean. • Stall assignments will be posted prior to arrival.
Members over the age of 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members over the age of 18 are considered "Seniors" for purposes of championship qualifications. • At DSR regional rallies, senior divisions are combined with juniors. • Seniors may ride on mixed teams with Junior riders OR compete as an all-senior team (no separate ribbons) • The parent/guardian and Junior competitor must give consent to competing on team with Senior competitor by completing the JR/SR Team Formation Form
Dress Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barn attire must be in accordance with the current HM Handbook. • Collared shirt is required for all competitors. • Shirts with offensive wording will not be allowed and all attire needs to be fully intact (no rips, tears, frayed hems, etc). • Appropriate footwear. Refer to current Horse Management Handbook. • USPC pin, number (pinny) and USPC Medical Card with armband or Medical Bracelet must be worn at all times while on rally grounds. • Horse inspection (refer to HM Handbook): Collared shirt, neat pants, shorts or skirts, helmet, appropriate footwear and gloves are recommended. • Mounted attire-refer to Dressage and HM handbooks for complete requirements.

Lodging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A limited number of spots are available at Lagniappe for hookups. Please contact Lagniappe Equestrian Center to reserve a spot. Two spots are reserved for rally officials. Please be ready to use a generator if there are no hookups available. Local hotel accommodations are available in the surrounding areas.
Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dressage: Ribbons for Overall Team score, and HM score will be awarded to all teams in order of placing. Dressage: The "RS Mighty Fine Ride" Award will be given to the DSR team with the highest overall riding score. Stable managers: Medals will be awarded. T.I.P Awards will be awarded for Dressage. Please provide T.I.P. number on entry form.
Concessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Truck is scheduled to be onsite during the rally. Meals are not included in the entry fee. Chaperones are encouraged to pack coolers for team tack rooms.
Farrier/Vet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be on call during the rally. All services are to be paid at the time of service; payment is the responsibility of the horse owner. Phone numbers will be available in the rally office and HM office.
Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The success of every rally is dependent on volunteer support. The list of volunteers needed for this rally is included in the packet. ALL adults attending are required to volunteer for at least one position. A volunteer Briefing will be held Friday immediately after the competitor briefing. Anyone volunteering as an AHMJ should report to the CHMJ or HMO when they arrive on grounds. Volunteers may be minors; most over the age of 12 can be helpful. Use good judgement when volunteering minors as they need to function independently and in a timely manner, please note that the person is a minor on the entry.
Parents in Barn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO PARENTS ALLOWED IN THE BARN EXCEPT WHEN HELPING TO UNLOAD, LOAD or ESCORTED TOUR
End of Rally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official move out and packing up does not begin until after awards are completed. Parents, please plan accordingly for your end of rally departure; everyone has a drive and obstacles to juggle to arrive safely home after rally. We want to be fair to all and keep a safe environment for departure.
Directions to Lagniappe Equestrian Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coming from I-12 (east or west): Take Covington/Mandeville exit to US 190 toward Covington. Once through Covington take split to the left onto Hwy 25. Stay on Hwy 25 through Folsom. Once through Folsom you will see Spencer's Feed Store on the left and almost immediately the sign for Lagniappe on the right (white sign with jumping horse). Turn right onto Verger Road. Lagniappe is at the end of the road. Coming from I-59: Take Poplarville exit, Hwy 26 west towards Bogalusa. Once through Bogalusa, this hwy will turn into Hwy 10. Stay on Hwy 10 through Franklinton. Once through Franklinton take Hwy 25 south towards Folsom. Before reaching Folsom you will see the sign for Lagniappe (white sign with jumping horse) on your left. Turn left onto Verger Road. Lagniappe is at the end of the road. HINT: If you see Spencer's Feed Store on your right you have gone too far. Coming from I-55: Take Amite Exit (Hwy 16). Go east on Hwy 16. Turn right onto Route 450 South. This will dead end at Hwy 25. Turn right onto Hwy 25 towards Folsom. At about 1.5 miles, before reaching Folsom, you will see the sign for Lagniappe (White sign with jumping horse) on your left. Turn left onto Verger Road. Lagniappe is at the end of the road. HINT: If you see Spencer's Feed Store on your right you have gone too far





DRESSAGE RALLY INFORMATION



- **Tests:** The tests and score sheets will be the 2023 versions. All riders shall ride two tests of choice, one lower and one upper (Refer to USPC Championship Requirements for tests required for qualifying). ONLY Intro level & Training 1 tests (including Intro Musical Freestyle) will be performed in a small arena. ALL levels of musical freestyle (except Intro level) shall be performed in a standard arena. USEF/USDF 2023 dressage tests can be found at [Forms & Documents \(usdf.org\)](https://www.usdf.org/forms-and-documents)
- **Calling of tests:** Non-qualifying competitors will be allowed to have their tests called without penalty. Qualifying members will receive a 2-point penalty for calling of tests. Riders are responsible for arranging for the person who will be calling for them. **NOTE: Tests may not be called at Championships, so it is highly recommended that all qualifying riders ride their test from memory.**
- **Whips:** One whip, no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including the lash may be used for all classes. However, since whips are not allowed at USPC Championships **it is highly recommended that all qualifying riders refrain from using them in Regional Competition**

2024 USPC Festival Championships

July 15-19, 2024

Kentucky Horse Park

Lexington, Ky

Divisions Offered & Competition Eligibility

Requirements by Discipline

USPC Championships is open to members 10 years of age (as of January 1, 2024), with a minimum D-2 HM certification. USPC bases competition divisions on age, certification, and discipline-specific competition. The eligibility period starts April 1, 2023, and runs through the closing date for USPC Festival Championships.

USPC Festival Championships Qualification Period

April 1, 2023 – June 23, 2024

Entry Closing Date: June 24, 2024

- Each member who desires to compete at Championships.
 - Must compete in a regional rally and be judged at the minimum Horse Management certification and same competition level in which they intent to compete at Championships.
 - Must meet the age parameters and minimum certifications for their desired competition level as listed.
- **As a reminder there are NO exceptions for age or certification for Championships.**
- Stable Managers wanting to qualify for Standard must be rated D3HM or above and be at least 12 years old as of 1-1-24.
- Competitors attempting to qualify are not eligible for “D” exceptions for attire, tack, and biting.
- All mounted competitors are qualifying as a horse and rider combination and the name on the Coggins is the one the horse must compete under. If the horse you use for rally is not the one named on your entry form, please notify the rally organizer so that this change is reflected on the score sheets.
- All mounted competitors attempting to qualify in Modified must ride Test 1 and Test 2 and earn a 55% or higher score on Test 2.

- All mounted competitors attempting to qualify for Standard Championships must ride Test 2 and Test 3 and earn a 60% or higher score on Test 3. All Standard qualifying riders (non-Modified) must also ride either a Musical Freestyle or be a partner in a Pas de Deux or Quadrille at the level qualifying.
- All qualifying riders will be ranked based on overall individual score. The top 4 qualifying riders in each division will have the opportunity to represent our region at Championships. Riders not placed in the top 4 for their division will have the opportunity to be submitted as a scramble option for their division. Stable Managers will be ranked based on each team's Horse Management placing.
- Musical Freestyle Guidelines: These will be judged however scores will not be included in rally score. Music for all musical rides need to be provided to the show secretary on a thumb-drive or by email.

Dressage				
<i>Division</i>		<i>Age</i>	<i>Minimum Certification</i>	<i>Competition Requirements</i> (Members must compete at their desired Championships competition level)
Modified Championships Divisions	Junior Training Level	10 – 17	D-2 DR/EV/Flat/HSE/WST	Complete a standard Dressage rally and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2. OR If no standard Dressage rally is available, complete a modified Dressage rally and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2. OR If no modified Dressage rally is available, participate in a Dressage show and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2 and participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at or above the D-2 HM certification level.
	Senior Training Level	18 +		
	Junior First Level & Up	10 – 17		
	Senior First Level & Up	18 +		
Standard Championships Divisions	Junior Training Level	12 – 17	C-1 DR/EV/Flat/HSE/WST	Complete at a standard Dressage rally completing Tests 2, 3, and musical ride at the competition level you are entering at Championships. Earn a minimum score of 60% on Test 3. OR If no standard Dressage rally is available, participate in a Dressage show and earn a minimum score of 60% on Test 3 and complete a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at or above the C-1 HM certification level.
	Senior Training Level	18 +		
	Junior First Level & Up	12 – 17		
	Senior First Level & Up	18 +		



Thoroughbred Incentive Program

MERIS GREGES “r” Dressage Judge

Meris Greges has a background in classical dressage and enjoys training horses from the very first ride up to the FEI levels. She has earned her USDF Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals, is a USEF “r” Dressage Judge, a US Pony Club graduate, a PATH CTRI and a USEF Bronze Level Para Dressage Coach. She has won multiple USDF Year End All Breed Awards and been featured in *The Chronicle of the Horse*, *USDF Connection*, *The Paint Horse Journal*, *Warmbloods Today* and *American Polocrosse*.

Meris is a lifelong horseman. Her informal riding started with gaited horses. As a teenager she was involved in 4H and US Pony Club where she took her TWH/QH cross up the levels and also competed in Eventing. She has participated in many disciplines and clinics but now focuses on Dressage. Her well-rounded background makes her a popular judge and instructor for kids, adults, gaited, western and traditional Dressage. She has been a speaker at PATH Regional meetings and local Dressage GMOs. She promotes dressage for all riders and horses.

Meris has undergraduate degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Exercise Science and also earned a MS in Biomedical Engineering. Professionally she is a project engineer for Ever Seismic, LLC and also volunteers as manager for her son’s sports teams and serves on a variety of youth athletic committees.

Meris runs Outside Aides, LLC where she instructs people and horses of all types out of her and her husband’s farm in Athens, AL, that they share with their son, five horses, three dogs and two cats.



DEEP SOUTH REGION
DRESSAGE RALLY
TENTATIVE RALLY SCHEDULE
(Subject to change depending on entries)

<u>Friday, February 23, 2024</u>	
12 pm-5:30 pm	Barns opens-move in/tack stall set up
5:30 pm	Dressage Rally Briefing Coaches Briefing to follow
6:00 pm	Volunteer Briefing
6:30 pm	Horse Inspection
7:30 pm	Barns close
<u>Saturday, February 24, 2024</u>	
6:30 am	Barns open
7:30 am	Turnout Inspections
8:00 am	Dressage Rally & Open Dressage Show begins
6:30 pm	Barns close
<u>Sunday, February 25, 2024</u>	
6:30 am	Barns open
8:00 am	Dressage Rally begins
3:00-4:00 pm	Dressage Rally Awards-possibly earlier depending on number of entries

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

THE SUCCESS OF ALL RALLIES IS DEPENDENT ON VOLUNTEER HELP

ALL PARENTS ATTENDING RALLY ARE EXPECTED TO VOLUNTEER FOR A POSITION. LISTED BELOW IS THE GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE VOLUNTEER JOBS FOR THIS RALLY. PLEASE REVIEW TO SEE WHICH POSITION YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR AND NOTIFY THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR DURING THE VOLUNTEER BRIEFING. A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION AND/OR TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED AT RALLY. YOU ARE MORE THEN WELCOME TO NOTIFY THE COORDINATOR PRIOR TO THE RALLY (SEE CONTACT INFO BELOW). PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT WE MAY NEED YOU TO DO A JOB OTHER THAN YOUR PREFERENCE AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING IF YOU ARE ASKED TO FULLFILL A DIFFERENT POSITION.

JOB	General Description of Job
RALLY JOBS	
Hospitality	Assist with providing drinks & snacks to judges/gate steward/HM office; take lunch orders for the judges to insure they get their lunch in a timely manner
Grounds Crew	Assist with setting up and breaking down arenas; assist with maintaining water supply for both riders and horses (coolers, buckets, etc) at all necessary locations (warm up, barns, arena, etc)
Scribe	Sits with judge & writes their comments on score sheets; will need one for each judge
Runner	Periodically runs score sheets from judges stand to scoring office (this can actually be a young volunteer looking for something to do)
Warm-up Steward	Oversees warm-up area for safety
Gate Steward	Coordinates competitor entry/exit from show arena, announces incoming competitor to the judge
ASSISTANT HORSE MANAGEMENT JUDGES	
(NOTE: You may sign up for only one job and are not required to spend entire weekend in the barn)	
General Duties	Assist with monitoring barn for safety during rally times per CHMJ requirements
Safety/setup	Assist with checking set up after barns are closed (will require staying on rally grounds for approx. 1 hour after barns close)
Required Equipment Checks	As directed by CHMJ, assist with checking teams for required equipment (need to be familiar with the current standards)
Turnout Inspection	Serve as judge for turnout inspections (must be familiar with standards for all rating levels); usually requires a half day commitment on the first day of rally
Safety checks	Assist with performing safety checks as needed; stations can be both at the barn and at the warmup arena
Jog Out	Assist with maintaining order during jog out; assist with getting horses to move; primarily needed for initial jog out but may be needed for any required subsequent jog outs

PLEASE CONTACT CAROLINE STEGEMAN TO VOLUNTEER: 337-374-1253/stegeman4@aol.com

NOTE: Volunteer assignments will be discussed during the Volunteer Briefing Fri PM

Deep South Region Dressage Rally Individual Entry Form

One copy per Team Member

Entry Fee: \$250.00 per riding competitor **Closing Date: February 10, 2024** **SEDA Qualifying Fee: \$10.00**

Entries must be postmarked by February 10th & must be complete. Any entry postmarked after the closing date must include a \$20 late fee. Any entry postmarked after February 10th will not be accepted without prior approval from the rally organizer. **An incomplete entry will be treated as a late entry & will be assessed the \$20 late fee.** Any withdrawal will need to be accompanied with a doctor's excuse. With appropriate documentation a refund will be given minus a \$25 office and late fee.

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

Pony Club _____

Competitor's Name _____

USPC Participation Age (as of 1/1/24) _____ Cert (as of 2/10/2024) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

DRESSAGE TEST OPTIONS

First Test:			Second Test:	
Musical Freestyle	Yes	No	If yes, what level	
Pas De Deux	Yes	No	If yes, what level	
Second Rider				
Quadrille:	Yes	No	If yes, what level	
Team members				

STABLE MANAGER:

SEDA Schooling Championships Qualification Declaration for SEDA Members: Yes No

Name of Horse _____ Age _____ Breed: _____
(12 month negative Coggins, February 26, 2023 or later must be submitted with entry) TIP number: _____

This horse will be shared with: _____

(NOTE: Refer to Rally Announcement for DSR rules concerning sharing of a horse)

_____ This horse will need to be longed during rally and a qualified person will be provided for longeing (parent initials) _____

Member In Good Standing Certification

This member is a Member in Good Standing of the United States Pony Clubs, Inc and of the above-named Pony Club, with all club, regional and national dues paid as of this date.

Club Officer Signature (Please state which office you hold) _____ Date _____

Volunteer Information: Request: 1 volunteer per each competitor-Everyone will be assigned a job

Name of Volunteer: _____

Cell phone#: _____

Email: _____

Required Signature/s:

Signature of Competitor _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent (for competitors below age of majority) _____ Date _____

**DEEP SOUTH REGION DRESSAGE RALLY,
OPEN SCHOOLING SHOW & CLINIC
T-SHIRT ORDER FORM**

Name: _____

Pony Club: _____

SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
Youth Small		\$20.00	
Youth Medium		\$20.00	
Youth Large		\$20.00	
Adult Small		\$20.00	
Adult Medium		\$20.00	
Adult Large		\$20.00	
Adult XL		\$20.00	
Adult XXL		\$20.00	
TOTAL			

Please send a separate check to **Deep South Region** for your t-shirt payment and mail to the address below. There will only be a limited number of extra shirts for sale at the rally, so order now.

All T-shirt orders must be received by the closing date, **February 10, 2024**.

All t-shirt order forms and payments need to be sent to:

**PK Richter
351 Maxine Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70808**



DEEP SOUTH REGION PONY CLUBS

A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUB



SPONSORSHIP FORM

Date: _____

Name of Business/Company: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Amount Due: _____ Method of Payment: Check___ Cash___

(At this time we can only accept checks or cash)

Check # _____ Please make checks payable to: **Deep South Region**

Mail To: DSR Attn: PK Richter, Treasurer 351 Maxine Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70808

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE

Regional Sponsorships (Donations to be placed in the general fund)

Gold Sponsor \$1000 **Silver Sponsor \$750** **Bronze Sponsor \$500**

Banner/Sign (to be supplied by sponsor) displayed at all regional events (Gold and Silver only)

Advertising on DSR website/DSR social media sites

Full Page ad in all event programs *

Verbal recognition at all regional events

Event Sponsorships (Donations to be placed in the fund indicated)

Available Funds (please check only one)

Qualifying Rallies (circle one) **Eventing** **Show Jumping** **Dressage** **Quiz**

USPC Championship Team

Educational Programs

Sponsorship Levels

Arena Sponsor \$500 **Ribbon Sponsor \$200** **Supporting Sponsor \$50**

Banner/Sign (to be supplied by sponsor) displayed at sponsored event (Arena & Ribbon only)

Advertising on DSR website/social media sites in association with sponsored event (Arena & Ribbon only)

Ad in program for sponsored event (Full Page for Arena & Ribbon, ½ page for Supporting)*

Verbal recognition at sponsored event

Program Ads* (Rallies Only): **Full Page \$25** **1/2 Page \$15** **Business Card \$10**

***FOR ALL PROGRAM ADS PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR AD**

Pony Club

Region

Member Code of Conduct

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork and well-behaved members. The USPC expects appropriate behavior from all members, parents and others participating in any USPC activity. Inappropriate behavior may include, but is not limited to: possession, use or distribution of any illegal drugs or alcohol; profanity, vulgar language or gestures; harassment (i.e., using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following USPC activities); failure to follow rules; cheating; and abusing a horse.

I understand that my membership and participation is under the governance of USPC and is subject to all applicable USPC By-Laws and Policies. I understand that I have access to these By-Laws and Policies, and that it is my responsibility to read them. USPC does not own or operate any Riding Cent Facility or Business. Acceptance of the application is not a guarantee of membership acceptance. As specified in the By-Laws, membership may be denied or revoked at any time, with or without cause. Should my membership be terminated or forfeited for any reason, I understand that there will be no refund of USPC membership dues.

Member Name(Print)

Signature

Date

Adult Code of Conduct

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork and well-behaved members. It expects no less from the parents, guardians, adult family members or others who volunteer for the organization. The USPC expects appropriate behavior when participating in any Pony Club activity. Inappropriate behavior may include, but not be limited to: profanity, vulgar language or gestures; harassment (for example: using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following any Pony Club activity); failure to follow rules; cheating; or abusive behavior.

I understand that USPC activities operate under the governance of National, Regional and Club By-Laws, Policies and Rulebooks. I understand that I have access to those By-Laws, Policies and Rulebooks and that it is my responsibility to read them. I agree to adhere to these By-Laws, policies, Rulebooks and this Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may, at the discretion of USPC, result in being restricted from attendance or participation in Pony Club activities.

Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

SECTION VI: Appendices

Appendix III: Chaperone and Emergency Contact Information

Team Chaperones vs. Emergency Contacts

When competitors under the age of majority (minors) participate in a rally, there will be a designated "Official Team Chaperone." In the situation of scramble teams, the official team chaperone will be appointed by the rally officials and will be so noted in the rally program. The team chaperone serves as the team contact for rally and a responsible guiding presence to prepare the team for success. Competitors who are above the age of majority (adults) participating in a rally will not have a designated chaperone but must submit the name and contact information for their emergency contact.

Team Chaperones

Time Commitment

The official team chaperone is responsible for team members during the hours of competition and on competition grounds only (from arrival on grounds until departing rally ground at beginning and end of each day of competition).

Transportation, Driving and Lodging

- Decisions to allow a competitor to drive or not, who they can or cannot ride with, who they can or cannot have in a vehicle that they are driving, where they stay at night and with whom they stay, and who is to be responsible for a competitor are all decisions that must be made by the parent/legal guardian. These decisions are not a decision of USPC, their region, club/ center, or the rally organizer. Specific arrangements must be made by and between the parent/legal guardian and the adult assuming any of these responsibilities in the absence of the parent/guardian.

Preparing Your Team for Success

- Initiate contact with all team members prior to leaving for the competition and gather cell phone numbers as appropriate. In cases of scramble team members, request contact information from the rally secretary. Share this information with team captain and/or stable manager.
- Encourage the team to have meetings prior to leaving for rally. Be sure all members of a scramble team are included in the decision-making process, either by email or phone contact, if a distance away.
- Discuss team equipment, review all rules that apply and any decisions regarding snacks, drinks, plans for meals, etc. Determine how the team members plan to provide snacks and drinks (i.e., each team member contribute a sum of money to a pot or each member is assigned specific items to bring). If each is contributing money, it must be collected before the rally. Be sure to know who is bringing cooler(s), as to avoid a trip to the local store.
- Plan arrival time at the competition site and any details such

as arrangements for ordering bedding, if needed, and who is assigned to do this (again collect money in advance if needed).

- On the first day of the rally, gather the team together before they separate for the night and make plans for the next day. Include a review of their competition schedule and how they can best work together to help each other prepare.
- Determine a regular meeting place and de-brief the team at the end of each day of competition. Take this opportunity to offer words of praise, acknowledge their accomplishments, and encourage the sense of teamwork and team building. Guide the team towards constructive criticism and steer them away from finger pointing. Have the team make plans for the next day concerning time they will arrive on the competition grounds, who will feed mounts the next morning, who will re-supply the tack room cooler with ice, drinks and snacks (get requests for drinks/ snacks) and make the plans for lunch. Be sure any plans for cooler and/or lunch delivery follow any requirements as stated in the competition entry and they understand the plan. Have the team leave with a plan for the next day in place before they go off for an evening of relaxation.

Emergency Contacts

Anyone listed as an emergency contact for a competitor should be reachable by phone for the duration of the competition. Emergency contacts do not need to be on the competition grounds, but ideally are also within driving distance of the competition in the case of an emergency.

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Chaperone Form

To be completed by the chaperone and turned in with the rally entry for USPC members below the age of majority.

Chaperone duties shall include:

1. The primary function of the "Official Team Chaperone" is to ensure that there is a contact person for every USPC member below the age of majority, on the grounds for the duration of the competition.
2. While multiple Chaperone Forms may be turned in for a single team, only one person will be designated the Official Team Chaperone. If the Official Team Chaperone must leave the grounds during the competition, they must delegate the team chaperone duties to another responsible adult, making it clear that they are to respond to rally officials and any team members in your absence.
3. Be present and available to rally officials and all team members for the duration of the competition.
4. Being in contact with parents/guardians for all team members during competition hours.
5. Being in contact with all team members and their parents/ guardians outside of competition hours.
6. Have copy of and be familiar with the current discipline rulebook and the current Horse Management Handbook. Rulebooks available for download from www.ponyclub.org.
7. Be aware that USPC members are required to wear a current, up to date USPC medical card/bracelet on their arm at all USPC activities.
8. Be familiar with the effects of heat and humidity and the potential risk for heat related illness. Take an active role in helping to keep all team members well hydrated and take every opportunity to encourage water breaks.
9. Uphold USPC Substances and Weapons Policy which prohibits the inappropriate or illegal use of any substance, including but not limited to drugs or alcohol, by anyone participating in any manner. Weapons of any kind are forbidden. Refer to About/About the Organization/By-Laws, Policies and Resolutions on www.ponyclub.org for the full policy statement.
10. Remember that administration of medications is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian.

I have read and understand the duties of a chaperone as listed above.

Chaperone for the following team or individual(s)

Name of Chaperone: _____

Signature: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Date: _____

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Emergency Contact Form

for USPC Members Above the Age of Majority

The age of majority is the threshold of adulthood in law. As USPC members above the age of majority are adults in the eyes of the law and therefore responsible for themselves; USPC does not require a "chaperone" for these members at competitions. USPC does require that members above the age of majority submit Emergency Contact information for each competition. Age of majority varies per state.

USPC Member: _____ Current Age: _____ State of Residence: _____

Competition Name: _____ Competition Date: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Relationship to Competitor: _____

Emergency Contact Home Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact Cell Phone Number: _____

An additional Emergency Contact can be included, but is not required.

Secondary Emergency Contact Name: _____

Secondary Emergency Contact Relationship to Competitor: _____

Secondary Emergency Contact Home Phone Number: _____

Secondary Emergency Contact Cell Phone Number: _____

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Appendix IV: Junior/Senior Team Formation

PERMISSION FOR JUNIOR COMPETITORS TO PARTICIPATE IN A RALLY ON A TEAM WITH SENIOR COMPETITORS

When merging a member under the age of 18 on a team with member(s) 18 years of age or older, written permission should be obtained by the person configuring the team. This form can be used for written permission, but other methods (email, etc.) are also acceptable. Written permission should be maintained with the rally entry paperwork.

This agreement acknowledges that _____ and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) agree to
(Name of Participant)
the participant's placement onto a rally team with:

(Name of Senior Participant)

(Name of Senior Participant)

(Name of Senior Participant)

(Name of Senior Participant)

at _____ rally.
(name of rally)

PARTICIPANT NAME *(Print)*: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME *(Print)*: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

*PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME *(Print)*: _____

*PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Note: Combining junior and senior teams into one division is not the same as combining junior and senior members onto one team. Junior competitors can always compete up a division as a senior to fill out a team. Senior competitors can never compete down to a junior division. Before combining junior and senior aged competitors on the same team, rally organizers must obtain the permission of the junior competitor and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s).

*Second parent/guardian signature if applicable.

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Appendix VI: Dressage Coaching Guidelines Form

Each coach should have a copy and a signed copy submitted with entries. Photocopy as necessary.

Penalties for violating these coaching guidelines will be assessed by the discipline ground jury and/or overall ground jury under the rules governing unauthorized assistance. Any coach not adhering to the rules set forth below may be removed from their position for the duration of the phase and/or competition.

Coaches are recommended for Dressage rallies and Championships. There may be one or more coaches per team; the organizer or ring steward may limit the number of coaches in a warm-up area at any given time.

Agreement

By signing this form, you:

- Agree to be familiar with and observe all USPC By-Laws, Policies and competition rules.
- Agree to be governed by Horse Management guidelines as expected of competitors, including appropriate attire, footwear and conduct.
- Agree to adhere to the USPC Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Policies in all your actions and decisions.
- Agree to conduct yourself in a fair and courteous manner.

Coaches Must

- Check in as requested and attend any official coaches' briefings.
- Be familiar with, understand and comply with the current USPC discipline and Horse Management rules.
- Be aware of the welfare of mount and rider.
- Wear identification as provided by the organizer/secretary during the competition times.
- Follow all discipline coach parameters outlined in the discipline rulebook.
- Assist competitors in learning and understanding all rules pertinent to the competition.
- Help any Pony Club competitor who asks for help or who is present without a coach.

Coaches Must Not

- Enter the barn except during authorized visiting times.
- Interfere with the immediate care of the mount under penalty of elimination of the competitor.
- Coach in a manner that interferes with the warm-up of other competitors.
- Be the organizer, and member of the organizing committee or any other official of the competition.
- Be a team chaperone.
- Be a regional supervisor at a regional competition.

Coaching Duties

- Warming-up competitors for competition in the designated warm-up areas only.
- In addition, a coach may lead a competitor's mount into the arena area.
- Coaches may observe but not participate in (unless requested), soundness checks or horse inspections.
- Meet with the team to discuss ride times, planning and how to best utilize the coach within the team.

Communications between Coaches and Competitors

- Coaches may communicate with the competitors during the official briefing and any subsequent briefings as required by the organizer and in the warm-up area prior to and following the competitor's ride.
- Coaches may accompany competitors during their ride, arena inspection, course walks or any other subsequent times competition areas are open for warm-up, during which they may give advice and coach.

Competitors who wish to Coach while Competing

Championships competitors who are 18 years of age as of January 1 of the competition year may coach other members recognizing that:

- No scheduling changes will be made to accommodate coaching /riding times.
- Care of mount and other competitor responsibilities take precedence over coaching.

All phase coaches must sign that they have read this sheet:

I _____ have read and agree to follow the USPC Dressage Rulebook and above guidelines for coaching.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please list the competitors/teams you are coaching:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

TO ALL DC's

Complete packets have been sent to all DC's and it is the DC's responsibility to ensure that this information is passed on to all their club members. All necessary forms have been attached to this packet with the hope that this will help you get your entries back to us by the deadline. This packet will also be posted on the DSR Facebook page and DSR Website.

Prior to sending your completed club package, **PLEASE** double-check that it is complete. ***Due to the tremendous amount of time that is spent chasing down missing information, incomplete packets will be assessed the late fee charge of \$20 per incomplete individual entry and/or for each missing required team form. Since it is the DC's responsibility to ensure that all required paperwork is included in their club packet, any late fees will be the responsibility of the club.***

Club Packet must Include:

A. Per Competitor

1. INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM(S) *(with original signatures)*
2. PHOTOCOPY OF 12 MONTH CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2023 OR LATER
3. CODE OF CONDUCT FORM (Both parent/guardian and PC member must sign)
4. COMPLETED EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM ABOVE YOUR STATE'S AGE OF MAJORITY
5. JR/SR TEAM FORMATION FORM (If applicable)

B. Per Club

1. DEEP SOUTH REGIONAL DRESSAGE TEAM ENTRY FORM
2. UNIFORM CHAPERONE RULES/DUTIES *1 per team, 1 per scramble competitor and please specify which team*
3. GUIDELINES FOR COACHING AT USPC RALLIES *1 per club coach &/or rider as required*
4. CHECK FROM YOUR CLUB FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF ENTRY FEES WRITTEN TO **Deep South Region** *No personal checks will be accepted for rally fees.*
5. SEDA QUALIFYING FEES SEPARATE PAYMENT TO SEDA, IF APPLICABLE

If you have a member who would like to participate as a stable manager, please let us know and we will try to place them on a team at no cost.

MAIL COMPLETED CLUB PACKETS & PAYMENTS TO:

Deep South Region C/O

Caroline Stegeman

1361 Duchamp Road

Broussard, LA 70518

Email: stegeman4@aol.com Cell-337-374-1253

If you have any questions concerning the information in this packet, please contact Dawn Kelley at rsdsrponyclub@aol.com

We look forward to seeing you all at what we hope will be another great rally!!!!

DEEP SOUTH REGION 2024 DRESSAGE RALLY TEAM ENTRY FORM

CLUB:

Rider's Name	Capt	Age (as of 1/1/24)	Cert (As of 2/10/24)	Name of Horse (Age)	Sharing Horse	1st Test	2nd Test	Musical Freestyle	Pas De deux
								What Level	

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5				STABLE MANAGER		CHAPERONE			

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5				STABLE MANAGER		CHAPERONE			

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				()	N/A				
				()	N/A				

QUADRILLE: NAMES

1				()					
2				()					
3				()					
4				()					

Total Number of Riders _____ X \$250.00 (per rider) = _____
 Total Number of Riders _____ X \$20.00 late fee = _____
 Total Number of SEDA Qualifying Fee: _____ X \$10.00 /ride= _____
 Please submit a separate check to SEDA for highest test of each level qualifying ride.

Total Club Payment