

VIRGINIA REGION PONY CLUBS HORSELESS RALLY

Sunday, March 10, 2023

Morven Park International Equestrian Center
41580 Sunday Morning Lane
Leesburg, VA 20176



- Opening Date:** February 1
- Closing Date:** February 29 - Individual Registrations must be placed online
- Late entry accepted if room allows with a \$15 late fee
- March 4 - Team/Scrambler Registrations must be placed online by DC/CA/Rally Coordinator
- Organizers:** Jo Hunt ponyjohunt@gmail.com 540-219-1304
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- Host Club:** Blu Ridge Hunt Pony Club & VRPC
- Secretary:** Michelle Arnold michellearnold1997@gmail.com
- Contacts During Rally:** Jo Hunt 540-219-1304
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- Teams:** 3 or 4 “riders” with a C Advisor (required)
- Fees:** VRPC Member “Rider”: \$22
Out of Region “Rider”: \$22
Non-Member “Rider”: \$22
No charge for C advisors
- Entry Forms:** Online at <http://vrponyclub.org/> Click on Calendar, to March 10 Horseless Rally
- VRPC member** – Be sure to log in using VRPC member’s email address BEFORE clicking the register button.
- Non VRPC member** - use code OutofRegion
- Non USPC participant** - use code NonUSPCmember
- Follow directions on-screen for Individual Registration, Chaperone Form, Payment Information, etc.
- Please complete the following on the [VRPC Website under Forms](#):
- USPC Chaperone Form (one per Team or group of scramblers)
 - Morven Park Hold Harmless
 - USPC Non-Member Release, if participant is not a USPC member
- Please scan and upload the above forms during registration process. If you have issues uploading, please work with your club’s Rally Coordinator. All documents must be received by the Secretary by March 4th.
- Payment:** Online payment is required! Check with your club/center on payment policy. 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...

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 Vorpahl) MUST have all payments by March 4th. If not received on time, a 20% late fee will be assessed.

Attire: Polo shirt, khakis or riding pants, belt, medical armband or bracelet, Pony Club pin, and barn-appropriate footwear. All competitors will receive a helmet fit check during turnout inspections.

Rules: 2023 USDF Introductory Level Test A
USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competitions, 2024

Lunch: Lunch will be available for pre-order during individual registration or you may bring your own.
Pizza - pepperoni or cheese (2 slices), chips, clementine & water \$9.00

General:

- Competitors are required to wear approved medical bracelet or completed USPC Medical Form in their medical armbands for the duration of the rally.
- Only the team captain or appointed designee may pick up registration packets.
- Each team must have one inanimate “horse” (award for most original).
- Open to non-Pony Club members! Invite your friends to see what a rally is like, but remember they must register to participate.
- Non-Pony Club members, please complete the USPC Non-Member Release as well as the Morven Park Hold Harmless Release.
- Dogs should be left at home and will not be allowed to “roam” the grounds. No dogs near competitors, barns or rings. All must be on leash.

Volunteers: Minimum of two volunteers in addition to one chaperone per team entry is required. Minimum of one volunteer per two scramble entries is required.

Refunds: Follows VRPC policy, as indicated on VRPC website.

Tentative Schedule

9:45am – Rally Opens/Tack Room set up

10:50 – Barns Close / HM Briefing Starts

11:15 – Turnouts begin/helmet checks (All team members bring helmet to inspection)

11:30 – Dressage rides begin – go directly to Show Jumping after Dressage

1:30– Pizza lunch (if ordered pizza, there will be a ticket in Team packets. Please present ticket to receive pizza lunch) ***Per HM instructions**, teams possibly may begin cleaning up to go home

2:00 – Awards and go home

Additional Information:

The purpose of this rally is to provide an opportunity for those members new to rallying to be exposed to the rally atmosphere without having to worry about the horse. This is a non-competitive, educational rally. There will be an award for the team with the most original horse and participation awards for all. In addition, there will be educational opportunities for families new to Pony Club to learn about the Pony Club way.

Teams will consist of 3 or 4 'Riders' with a C Advisor. Tack rooms will be set up in stalls in the barn. Teams will set up one complete tack room each, as if all 'riders' were riding and had horses onsite. Teams will also set up one stall (**NO** bedding) for the inanimate horse, as if this were a two-day (overnight) rally – don't forget a Stall Card for your horse! Teams are not required to bring hay or feed items that would be placed in a feed room. A sample feed room will be set-up for purposes of training Assistant Horse Management Judges (AHMJ's) and for participants' information. Competitors should bring chairs for their tack stalls, if possible.

One 'rider' is to have correct riding attire and tack (everything but the horse). for the Turnout Inspection. One team member (the highest HM certification) will be judged for Turnout inspection. The participant dressing for Turnout Inspection should wear proper attire for the member's certification level at a dressage, eventing, or show jumping rally. The member will also present one complete set of tack to be inspected. The Turnout Inspection Form can be found in the 2023 Horse Management Rulebook, Appendix D-5, starting on page 63. All team members will attend the inspection with their teammate and should **bring their helmets** for a Helmet Safety Check in conjunction with the Turnout Inspection.

The most recent Horse Management Handbook is required and any one of the discipline rulebooks. The Required Equipment Lists are included in the Horse Management Handbook. Please note the Horse Management Newsletter along with all USPC rulebooks can be found on the USPC website at <https://www.ponyclub.org/Members/Rulebooks.aspx>

Teams are required to have the following equipment (2 teams may share this equipment for Horseless Rally):

- Equine First Aid Kit
- Human First Aid Kit
- Utility Kit
- Tack Cleaning Kit
- Tack Room Equipment
- Extra Equipment

Each Team must have **one of each of the following:**

- Grooming Kit
- Individual Equipment
- Stall Equipment

As each team will not have a separate feed stall, the Cleaning Equipment and Feeding Equipment are not required at this rally.

Ride times will be assigned and distributed at the initial briefing. Participants should be prepared to 'ride' the dressage test and the stadium jumping round on foot and to salute the judges as appropriate. The dressage test to be performed will be 2023 USDF Introductory Level Test A. The test may be found at the following website: [2023 USDF Intro Test A](#) The stadium course will be posted onsite the day of the rally.