

**VIRGINIA REGION PONY CLUBS HORSELESS RALLY**  
**Sunday, March 13, 2021**

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



- Opening Date:** February 3  
**Closing Date:** March 2 - Individual Registrations must be placed online  
March 5 - Team/Scrambler Registrations must be placed online by DC/CA/Rally Coordinator
- Organizers:** Aldona Petraitis [petrait@verizon.net](mailto:petrait@verizon.net) 703-727-6469
- Host Club:** Loudoun Hunt Pony Club & Middleburg Orange County Pony Club
- Secretary:** Aldona Petraitis [petrait@verizon.net](mailto:petrait@verizon.net) 703-727-6469
- Contacts During Rally:** Aldona Petraitis 703-727-6469  
Carrie Camp 804-937-2807
- 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 13 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 required  
Please scan and upload the above forms during registration. If unable to upload for any reason, please submit to the Rally Secretary, Aldona Petraitis, at [petrait@verizon.net](mailto:petrait@verizon.net). The document must be received by the Secretary by March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Payment:** Online payment method is preferred!! 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 if not. If you must mail a check, mail check *and* invoice to VRPC Treasurer, Steve Vorpahl, 7482 Argyll Ct. 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 Vorpahl) MUST have all payments by March 5th. 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:** 2019 USDF Introductory Level Test A  
USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competitions, 2022

**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 \$7.00

**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.

**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**

**10:00 a.m.** Check in, welcome, and rally briefing  
**10:30 a.m.** Set up tack room, stall with Horse Management oversight  
**11:30 a.m.** Turnout inspections (one “rider” per team) and team helmet checks  
Parent information meeting in the Gallery, “What is a Rally”  
**12:00 p.m.** Dressage and stadium “rides” with on-going Horse Management review  
Parents watch riders compete on foot.  
**2:00 p.m.** Final briefing and awards

### **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 (required). 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 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 2022 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 <http://www.ponyclub.org/?page=rulebooks>.

### **Teams are required to have the following equipment:**

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

Teams must have at least **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 2019 USDF Introductory Level Test A. The test may be found at the following website: [https://www.usdf.org/docs/showflash/web/tests/2019/Intro\\_Test\\_A.pdf?t=2/11/2021%20:41:45%20PM](https://www.usdf.org/docs/showflash/web/tests/2019/Intro_Test_A.pdf?t=2/11/2021%20:41:45%20PM). The stadium course will be posted onsite the day of the rally.