

TETRATHLON NEWSLETTER 2009



All Tetrathlon Rallies will be run in accordance with the USPC Handbook and Rules for Tetrathlon Competition 2006 and Addenda, the 2009 Annual Tetrathlon Newsletter, and the 2007 USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Rallies and Addenda.

2008-2009 Rule Changes

The Tetrathlon Committee would like to highlight and reemphasize the following changes which were introduced in 2008. These will be employed in the Tetrathlon rallies in the 2009 season:

- At the discretion of the organizer, the riding phase may consist of two rides for all divisions. Each ride will have a point value of 550 points with scoring, course design, and penalties unchanged from the single ride format. Penalty points for jumping down will be deducted from the overall combined riding score. The Gate and Slip rail features will only be required in one of the rides. Rides can be on different days of the competition with no mount being allowed more than three rides per day, junior level or above.
- Both Intermediate Girls and Boys are required to shoot one handed.
- The optimum time in the Running phase for Intermediates has changed. The new time for Intermediate Girls is 3:18. The new time for Intermediate Boys is 3:08. The distance for each remains the same at 1000K. Competitors in the Intermediate division are not eligible for overall awards at Championships.
- The shooting format for the Senior division has changed to consist of 20 shots slow-fire to be fired in 4 strings of 5 shots at 3 minutes per string. Novice, Intermediate, Junior, and Senior competitors will all follow the same format.

Tetrathlon International Exchange

- It is not too early to be training for the Tetrathlon International Exchange to be held in August 2010. The USPC will be hosting teams from England, Ireland, and Canada. Teams will consist of four Senior girls and four Senior boys.
- General Selection Criteria are as follows:
 - o Open to C-3, B, H, H-A, or A USPC members
 - o You must be at least 16 years of age (as of January 1, 2010)

- o You must have a strong background in riding borrowed horses, Eventing at the Training level and Show Jumping at 3'6".
- o Please check the link for International Exchanges at the USPC website (<http://www.ie.ponyclub.org/Tetrathlon.htm>)

Clinics and Camps

Please monitor the Tetrathlon website at: (<http://tetrathlon.ponyclub.org/>) for information about Tetrathlon clinics or camps in your area this season.

Attention 2009 Regional Rally Organizers

Please send any information about your 2009 rally to Tetrathlon Committee Chair, Joach Saksen, at: saksen@zoominternet.net.

- Please include:
 - o Rally name
 - o Location
 - o Dates
 - o Organizer name, email address, and phone number
 - o Website information if applicable

Eastern and Western Championships

Novice, Intermediate, Junior and Senior divisions will be offered at the United States Pony Club Eastern Championships 2009, July 23rd to the 26th at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA.

The United States Pony Club Pacific Coast Inter-Regional Championships 2009 will be held from August 10-16, 2009 at Donida Farm in Auburn, WA. Novice, Intermediate, Junior, and Senior divisions will be offered starting on August 14, 2009.