

New York/Upper CT Regional Show Jumping Rally Sunday, June 8, 2008

Opening Date: April 16, 2008

Closing Date: May 28, 2008

Location: Kent School, Kent, Connecticut

Organizers: Lakeville (Theresa Lehn, sullimom@ntplx.net, 860-435-1475) and
Shetucket Valley (Ev Brown, fms78@aol.com, 860-886-1265) **Pony Clubs**

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Grounds Open/Suggested Arrival Time: 6:30 a.m.

Trailer Area Closed to Non-Competitors: 7:30 a.m.

Briefing: 8:00 a.m.

First Inspection followed by Jogout: 9:00 a.m.

Teams: Teams will be composed of three or four riders, rated D3 and up by May 28, 2008 and one non-riding stable manager. D2's and up may be stable managers. D3s and competitors under the age of 12 may compete in the non-qualifying divisions only. Teams may be made up to include participants in either of the qualifying or non-qualifying divisions or any combination of horses/ponies at any division level. Individual entries and partial teams will be combined by rally organizers to form scramble teams. One Team Entry form and an Individual Rally Release form must be supplied for each team or partial team. A horse manager and chaperone **MUST** be sent in with each team or partial team. **NOTE:** Because single riders and partial teams will be combined to form complete teams when possible, some stable managers and chaperones may not be needed. In that case, those fees will be returned.

Entry Fees:

If received on or before May 17, 2008 (Early Bird rates)	If received May 18, 2008 or later (Standard rates)
Complete Team: \$425	Complete Team: \$450
Individual Rider: \$95	Individual Rider: \$100
Stable Manager: \$45	Stable Manager: \$50

Refunds after the closing date at 50% of entry with medical excuse for horse or competitor. Another entrant from the same club with the same qualifications may substitute. Withdrawals before the closing date will be refunded minus a \$25.00 processing fee. A \$10.00 fee will added, per item, to any incomplete entries received.

Special Needs: Please make sure all special needs are noted on the entry forms. Include all learning disabilities, as well as medical; i.e., diabetes, asthma, and allergies. Also, please note if written tests need to be read.

Description of Competition for Qualifying Division: Three courses will be ridden. All will be normal knockdown competitions. Round 1 is designated to include the equitation phase. This round will receive 2 scores, a normal knockdown score and an Equitation Phase score. Penalty scores will be cumulated for the three courses. A jump-off will be held for competitors with clear rounds in the final course. The jump-off competition will consist of a modified course with two obstacles 3" higher than first round, these obstacles will be in the ring during designated course walks but will not be used till jump-off round.

Division	Rounds	Jump-Off
Q1 (Horse I/large pony)	2' 9" – 3' 3"	3' 6"
Q2 (Horse II)	3' 0" – 3' 6"	3' 9"
Q3 (Horse III)	3' 3" – 3' 9"	4' 0"

Anyone interested in competing at Q4 (Horse IV) level should contact organizer as this division could be added. The Gambler's Choice round is not available this year.

Description of Competition for Non-Qualifying Division: Two or three courses will be ridden. All will be normal knockdown competitions. No jump off will occur. This division is recommended for competitors new to the Show Jumping rally. It is set up to be an introduction to participating in a regional rally and riding courses. Competitors should have prior experience with courses equivalent to these heights.

Division N1: Maximum Height 2 feet 6 inches

Division N2: Maximum Height 2 feet 9 inches

Rally Rules: The rally will be run according to the USPC Rules for Show Jumping Rallies 2008 with the 2008 Show Jumping Annual Newsletter and all applicable addenda and the Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition 2007 and 2008 Spring Horse Management Newsletter. Each team must have these materials and be familiar with their contents.

Scoring: As per USPC Rules for Show Jumping Competitions 2008 with the 2008 Show Jumping Annual Newsletter and all applicable addenda.

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded through 8th place in overall score and horse management categories. Ribbons will also be awarded for Equitation.

Stabling and Tack rooms: Stalls are not available during the rally. Competitors must use their trailers and the trailering area for horses and tack rooms. NO ADULT tack room setup help is allowed.

Weather Emergency Plan: All people at the rally should be aware of the Regions Weather Emergency Plan. It is available for viewing at the regional web page under forms. Weather conditions can change quickly especially at Kent and everyone should be prepared.

Inspections: Formal Inspections will be scheduled for each rider approximately one hour before his/her first round followed by a Jogout. Prior to each entry into the schooling area, both horse and rider shall be presented for a safety check to the Ring Steward of the schooling - warm up area.

Competition Arenas: All divisions will compete in the enclosed sand ring and the enclosed grass jumper field.

Coaches: Each individual competitor and/or each team **must** be accompanied by a coach. Coaches must be declared on the entry form. Signed "Guidelines for Coaching at USPC Show Jumping Competitions" must accompany all entries.

Volunteers: Each team is required to appoint two people to volunteer as assistants for various duties throughout the day. Names must be indicated on form.

Championships: Any competitor wishing to qualify for the USPC National Show Jumping Championships in Lexington, Virginia, July 24-27, 2008 must be at least 12 years old and have at least a C1 rating. To qualify, you must not be eliminated from any course for any reason (including rules infractions in the schooling area). Championship competitors will be selected by the regional leadership. See Gold Book for more details.

Due to the early closing date for Festival entries, it is required that all paperwork is received by **May 28, 2008** which **is the closing date for this rally** in order to be judged for qualifying. See Gold Book on the National website for information regarding Festival. Competitors with National Intent must send the following forms:

- NY/UC National Championships Intent Form (with all applicable signatures)
- USPC Competitive Rally Release (both sides)
- 3 original medical release forms,
- 1 copy of current Negative Coggins Test

To the RS's Designate: **Holly Cooper, 4 Ridge Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567**

Overnight Stabling: Overnight stabling is available but limited. Competitors are responsible for supplying their own shavings and feed and for completely cleaning stall before beginning of rally. Stall fee is \$15.00; separate check made out to Kent School. See Early Arrival Form.

Directions:

From the South: Rt. 7 north to traffic light at monument in Kent (about 25 miles north of Danbury). Left onto Rt. 341, over the bridge, take immediate right onto Skiff Mountain Rd. Follow for 5 miles to top of mountain and Kent Stables will be on the right.

From the North: Rt. 7 south to traffic light in Kent at monument, take a right onto Rt. 341, follow as above. From East: Rt. 8 north from Waterbury to exit 42, left off ramp onto Rt. 118 into Litchfield, take Rt. 202 west through Bantam and past Mt. Tom Pond, right onto Rt. 341, follow into Kent at traffic light, follow as above.

From the West: Rt. 684 to Rt. 22 north, to Rt. 55 (NY), left onto Rt. 7 north to traffic light at monument in Kent, follow as above