

New York/Upper Connecticut Regional Dressage Rally

Saturday June 27, 2009

Kent School, Kent, Connecticut

Opening Date: May 4, 2009 Closing Date: June 15, 2009

Entries must be in secretary's possession by the closing date.

Late entries will not be accepted.

The fee for incomplete entries will be \$10 per incomplete item.

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Dressage Judges:

TD:

Chief HM: Sarah Adams

Teams: will be composed of 3 or 4 riders, rated D3 and up as of June 15, 2009 and a non-riding stable manager. Individual and/or partial team entries will be combined by rally organizers to form scramble teams. Entries are limited and will be registered in order of date of receipt until all riding slots are filled. Teams can consist of any mix of riding tests. One team entry form and an Individual Rally Release form per team member must be supplied for each team or partial team. Chaperone and stable manager entry needed for every club entry, partial teams will be combined and all chaperones or stable managers may not be needed.

NYUC Entry Fees:

(Standard rates)
Complete Team: \$455
Individual Rider: \$100
Stable Manager: \$55

Out of Region Entry Fees: Add \$10 to each competitor fee.

\$25 refundable stall deposit on a separate check per competitor (Stable Manager responsible for tack room area) made out to NY/UC Region. Entries must be made on a club check. Refunds after the closing date at 50% with medical note for horse or pony clubber. Another entrant from the same club may substitute with the same qualifications. Withdrawals before the closing date will be refunded minus a \$25 processing fee. A \$10 fee will be added, per item, to any incomplete entries received.

Special needs: Please make sure all special needs are noted on the team entry form. Include all learning disabilities, as well as medical; i.e., diabetes, asthma, and allergies. Also please note if written tests and/or dressage tests need to be read. Penalty points for reading dressage tests.

Horse Entry Forms: A Negative Coggins Test and Rabies Vaccination current through the dates

of competition are required for each horse, along with a veterinarians note detailing any medication that the horse is taking.

Competitors Medical Release Form: Each competitor must send an **ORIGINAL** 2009 medical release form.

Dressage Tests: Each rider will ride two dressage tests of their choice from memory. 2007 USEF or FEI tests of choice at any level from Training to Fourth Level tests will be used. Riders qualifying for Championships in Training level, First level or Second level must ride the Level 2 and 4 tests for the division. Training Level Tests 1 & 2 are recommended for D3s. Competition will be in a Standard Arena, 60 x 20 meters. Sand and grass arenas will be used.

Musical Freestyle & Pas de Deux are optional at this rally for non-qualifiers; however, National candidates **must** ride one of these tests as they will be **required for all competitors at Nationals**. Consult the spring dressage newsletter. Bring a cassette of your music labeled with your name and pony club. Include instructions for the person operating the tape player. Musicals will be the third ride of the day. If requested, a Quadrille Division will be available. It will be ridden in a small arena. There will be a limited Quadrille division available at Nationals. See the Spring Newsletter for Details.

Rally Rules: Horse management and the rally will be governed by the USPC Handbook and Rules for Dressage Competition 2009, the USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition 2007, the USPC Spring 2009 Dressage and HM Newsletters and all applicable addenda. Each team must have these rulebooks and be familiar with their contents. Attire as per rulebooks. A USPC pin and number must be worn at all times during the rally. ASTM/SEI approved helmets are required. In case of hot weather, jackets may be waived by president of the Ground Jury but shirts must have sleeves and conform to the Dressage Rules.

Medical Armbands: are required for all competitors while on rally grounds.

Unauthorized Assistance: During a rally, teamwork, horse management, good horsemanship and good sportsmanship are just as important as performance. Parents are not allowed to help coach their child during a rally. Instead, Pony Clubbers work together as a team and help each other under the supervision of the Horse Management judges. Competitors are expected to be self reliant. Assistance is available from rally officials, HM Judges and other competitors. When bodily harm is imminent, outside assistance is permissible. In cases where special needs arise; i.e. delivering lunches, coolers, medications, etc. to competitors, the chaperones shall contact the Horse Management personnel to make arrangements at the neutral zone (a designated area open to parents, chaperones, and competitors). If competitors are having problems with unsolicited advice and are fearful of incurring penalties, they should speak to the Chief Horse Management Judge.

Scoring: Scoring will be on Dressage Rides, Horse Management, and Written Tests.

Starting Times: Grounds open at 6:00am (NO SETUP BEFORE 6:00 am!!!!) Briefing at 8:00 am. Layover competitors can only set up items related to the direct care of the horse such as water buckets, stall card, and feed tub for the horse staying for layover. Other tackroom items or teammate's items can be unloaded and stacked in the designated tackroom area but NO TACKROOM SETUP is to occur until the start of rally.

Awards: Ribbons for teams to 8th place in Overall Score and Horse Management. Awards also in Musicals, Pas De Deux, and Quadrille to sixth place. Trophy for teams scoring highest overall and highest in horse management. Trophy for High Musical score and High Individual Score.

Nationals: Any competitor wishing to try out for the USPC Dressage National Competition in Lexington, VA, July 23-26, 2009 must complete a Nationals Championship Intent Form. Qualifiers will ride the same test at Nationals as they qualified with. Tests of Choice for Nationals are USEF 2007 Training Level 2- 4; First Level 2-4 and Second Level and up as well as FEI Tests. National Candidates must follow age and rating requirements as stated in the Gold Book. The Stable Manager will be chosen from the candidates with intent, stable manager of the teams scoring highest in horse management or from a pool of alternate riders by the RS. Further information is available in the Spring Dressage Newsletter. Competitors with National Intent please provide shirt size on the Team Entry Form. The Region will be providing one shirt and two pins to each national competitor.

Due to the fact that the closing date for Championships entries is July 7, 2009 it is required that all possible Nationals paperwork is submitted by June 15, 2009 in order to be judged for qualifying. Successful candidates must provide checks for Nationals to the RS at the close of the Qualifying rally. See Gold Book on the National website for information regarding Championships. Several forms will be electronically submitted for 2009 Championships.

*NY/UC National Championships Intent Form

*1 copy of current Negative Coggins Test

Send the above forms to the RS, Robbie Kost, 237 Old Forge Rd, Riverton, CT 06065

Stabling: Rally horses will use stalls. One bag of shavings is included. A \$25 stall deposit will be returned after exit inspection. Temporary and permanent stalls will be used. Special requests for permanent stalls will require a vet note.

Early Arrival and Layover of Individuals and Horses: Any competitor who wishes to arrive the night before the competition may arrange to do so. Stabling for the extra night is \$25 for the stall, payable to NYUC. Housing **IS** available for early arrivals at South Kent School. Camping is permitted at Kent School. A list of available hotels for the area will be posted on the website, watch for details. Both stalls and housing at South Kent School are available for layover between Dressage and Eventing Rallies. For any of these reservations, complete the Early Arrival/Layover form with appropriate checks and send to: Holly Ely, 56 West Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035.

Drug/alcohol/tobacco Policy: The use of alcohol and other substances that can affect judgment, health, and safety is emphatically forbidden for the duration of any USPC sponsored activities. All adults attending any USPC functions are expected to exercise discretion and responsibility. Responsible adults must refrain from using alcohol or other substances that may adversely affect their judgment at any time that they are acting or may be called upon to act in a responsible position. Adult use of tobacco must conform to local laws and applicable safety regulations and should show concern for the present health habits of Pony Clubbers.

No Dogs in the Stable Area or at South Kent School! All dogs must be leashed at all times!!!

Food: A food truck concession is still under investigation. Details will be forthcoming. Water for competitors will be available at the rings during the rally.

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

Chaperones: Must be 21 or older. They must read and sign the Chaperone Duties Form. It is required that each team have a chaperone on the grounds throughout the entire rally. There is no chaperone fee, but if chaperones are planning on laying over, be sure that appropriate fees are sent in.

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.

Directions:

From South - Rt 7 North to traffic light at monument in Kent (25 miles north of Danbury). Left onto Rt 341, **go over bridge then take an immediate right onto Skiff Mountain Rd. Follow 5 miles to top of mountain; Kent School Stables will be on the right.*

From North - Rt 7 South to traffic light in Kent at monument, turn right onto Rt 341 and follow from above *

From East - Rt 8 North from Waterbury to exit 42. Take a left off the ramp and follow Rt 118 into Litchfield. Take Rt 202 West through Bantam and past Mt. Tom Pond. Turn right onto RT 341 and follow to traffic light and monument in Kent. Follow from above *

From West - Rt 681 to Rt 22 North to Rt 55 (NY). Take a left onto Rt 7 North to traffic light in Kent. Turn right onto Rt 341 and follow from above *

Directions to South Kent School - 40 Bull's Bridge Road, Kent, CT

South on Route 7: Take Route 7 South at Kent's traffic light at the monument. Continue 4 miles south to the next traffic light at Bull's Bridge Road, and turn left. The entrance to the school is about 2 miles ahead on the left.