

**NEW YORK/UPPER CONNECTICUT REGIONAL
EVENTING RALLY
June 28-29, 2009
Kent School, Kent, Ct**

Opening Date: Open Now (No Entries Accepted Before)
Closing Date: June 15, 2009 (No Entries Accepted After)
 (Entries must be RECEIVED by this date - NOT postmarked by.)

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Chief Overall Judge: Louisa Cox "R"
Dressage Judge: Kari Allen "L"
Technical Delegate: Ray Dennis
Chief Horse Management Judge: Sarah Adams

Team Levels: Beginner Novice, Novice, Training

Teams: Teams will be composed of 3 or 4 riders, rated C1 and up by June 15th and one non-riding horse manager. D2's and up may be horse managers. One Team Entry form and an Individual Rally Release form per team member 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 horse managers and chaperones may not be needed. In that case, those fees will be returned.

Entry Fees:

NYUC & Metro Region	Outside of NYUC Region (Club has not joined the job rotation)
Rider: \$220	Rider: \$270
Stable Manager: \$80	Stable Manager: \$100
Chaperone: \$50	Chaperone: \$60

\$25.00 refundable stall/room deposit on a separate check per competitor, including HM's, made out to NY/UC Region. 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 individual, to any incomplete entries received. Late entries will NOT be accepted.

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 and/or dressage tests need to be read (penalty points added).

Horse Entry Forms: A current Negative Coggins Test and 2009 Rabies Vaccination are required for each horse, along with a veterinarians note detailing any medication that the horse is taking. There is NO FAX at Kent School at the day of the rally.

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

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

Rally Rules: The rally will be run according to the USPC Rules for Eventing Rallies 2008 and the Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition 2007 with Eventing Newsletter 2009, Horse Management Newsletter 2009 and all applicable addenda. Each team must have these materials and be familiar with their contents.

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.

Dressage Tests:

Beginner Novice: 2006 USEF Beginner Novice Test B

Novice: 2006 USEF Novice Test B

Training: 2006 USEF Training Test B

ALL TESTS WILL BE RIDDEN IN THE SMALL SIZE ARENA, 40 x 20 meters

Jog-Outs: Jog-outs will be done in boots/britches or khaki pants/paddock boots.

Scoring: As per USPC 2008 Eventing Rally Rules.

Awards: Ribbons for teams to 8th place overall for each division. Regional Medals for team scoring highest overall Training Level and a trophy for Beginner Novice, Novice and Training. Ribbons for each division to 8th place for Horse Management with a trophy for each division for the team scoring highest. A conditioning award will be given for the best-conditioned horse in each division at the rally. Attire for the Awards Ceremony will be announced at Day 2 Briefing.

Parade of Teams: Be sure to bring club banners for the concluding ceremonies. Horse managers may also be expected to be smartly dressed for awards so bring your breeches, ratcatchers, jackets, boots and helmets.

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Any competitors wishing to try out for the USPC Eventing Championships at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, Virginia, from Thursday, July 23rd through Sunday, July 26th must complete a Nationals Championship Intent Form. Preliminary, Training, Novice and Beginner Novice Levels will be offered at Championships. All ages and ratings requirements for Championships are as of January 1, 2009 and as stated in the Gold Book.

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. 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 Eventing 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 6, 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

The USPC Eventing Championships provides for Beginner Novice level and above this year, please be aware of the qualifications as follows:

Training - Horse/rider combination MUST have completed, without elimination in any phase, a USPC Training (or higher) Rally AND a USEF/USEA-recognized (or comparable*) horse trial at the Training level or above, within 11 months following the

prior years Training Championships. At least one of these two competitions must have no cross-country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties. Training level competitors must be a current USEA member and have a current USEA horse registration number. USEF membership is not required.

Novice- Horse/rider combination MUST have completed, without elimination in any phase, a USPC Novice (or higher) Rally AND a USEF/USEA-recognized (or comparable*) horse trial at the Novice level or above, within 11 months following the prior years Novice Championships. At least one of these two competitions must have no cross-country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties. USEA membership has been waived. NO horse reg. # is required.

Beginner Novice - Horse/rider combination MUST have completed, without elimination in any phase, a USPC Beginner Novice (or higher) Rally AND a USEF/USEA-recognized (or comparable*) horse trial at the Beginner Novice level or above, within 11 months following the prior years Beginner Novice Championships. At least one of these two competitions must have no cross-country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties. USEA membership has been waived. NO horse reg. # is required.

*COMPARABLE means an unrecognized or schooling horse trial held on the site of a recently sanctioned horse trial OR where the cross-country course has been approved by an USEF/USEA licensed Technical Delegate or Eventing judge. These exceptions require RS approval. Qualifying Affidavits are in the Eventing Spring Newsletter

Meals: TBD – Information to follow.

Fence Judges: We will need 2 adult fence judges per team for the cross-country phase on Monday, June 30th, from 7:45 a.m. to about 1 p.m. For the success of the competition, each team must provide the names of the fence judge volunteers by completing the appropriate form and attaching it to your completed entry packet. **THE ABSENCE OF THIS FORM WILL MAKE YOUR ENTRY INCOMPLETE!**

Chaperones: Must be 21 or older, have a valid driver's license and have a vehicle capable of driving a 5-member team between South Kent School and the stables with proper seat belts. NO riding in the back of pickup trucks. Chaperones must read and sign chaperone duties form. Chaperones need to have copies of medical documents and medical releases for their team. Chaperones are encouraged to fill in their spare time by volunteering for other jobs at the rally. There is a lot to do! Just keep in mind your team must be able to reach you at all times.

Coaches: Teams may have a coach and teams may share a coach. No team may have more than one coach during the competition. Coaches are not required. Coach's access as per discipline rulebook. Appropriate personnel will be available to walk the courses

with teams who do not have a coach and will be available in the warm-up areas. Refer to 2007 Eventing Rulebook.

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.

Housing: Included in the entry fee. Rally participants and chaperones will be housed June 28th at South Kent School in Kent, about 15 minutes away from the rally grounds. **BED LINENS ARE NOT PROVIDED!** Please bring sleeping bags, pillows, and towels. Check-in is from 5-8PM. Move-in vehicles can pull up to the dorm to unload only! All parking is restricted to designated lots. Maps will be available at the stables and at check-in. Car-pooling from the stables, especially on Sunday night, will be helpful for the parking situation. **ANY COMPETITOR NOT INSIDE THEIR ROOM AFTER LIGHTS OUT, 10:00pm, WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM THE RALLY. THEIR PARENTS WILL BE CALLED TO PICK THEM UP IMMEDIATELY.**

Accommodations for Early or Layover Arrivals: Available June 26th / June 27th. See layover forms for fees and services available. Layover for prep camp will be at Club Getaway. See those forms for more info.

Stabling: Horses will be stabled at Kent School. Stalls may be permanent in the North/South barn area or temporary stalls in the indoor arena. Two bags of shavings are included per horse. Additional shavings are available for purchase. Bring your own hay and grain properly labeled and stored. Special requests for permanent stalls will require a vet's note. Permanent stalls are extremely limited.

Room/Stall Deposit: Rooms and stall areas will be inspected at the end of the competition. If a competitor's room and stall are clean and orderly with no damage, the deposit will be returned. Those who leave their rooms and/or stalls messy will forfeit their deposits and risk denial of entry at future events.

Family / Sponsor Accommodations: There are a limited number of beds at South Kent School that can be reserved. Cost is \$25 a person per night for layover and \$50 per person for rally night. Price includes the same meals available to competitors. All competitors or children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult and chaperone form must be completed and sent in with reservations. For reservations, complete the layover form and send with appropriate check amount payable to NY/UC to: Holly Ely at the address listed above.

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 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 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!!!

RALLY ASSIGNMENTS:	
Co-Organizers: Sleeping Giant / Mad River	Stadium: Millbrook
Stalls/Housing: Running Fox	Dressage: RidgeRiders
Cross-Country: Kent / Garrison/Northern Dutchess & Metro	Fence Judges Lunches & Coordination: Brumby & SVPC
Scoring: Lakeville	

DIRECTIONS:

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

FROM NORTH: Rt. 7S to traffic light in Kent at the monument. Take a right on Rt. 341, go over the bridge, and take an immediate right onto Skiff Mountain Rd. Follow for 5 miles to top of mountain. Kent Stables will be on the right.

FROM EAST: Rt. 8 N from Waterbury to exit 42. Left off ramp, over highway, left onto Rt. 118 into Litchfield. Take Rt. 202 W through Bantam and past Mt. Tom Pond. At bottom of hill, go right onto Rt. 341 follow into Kent, at traffic light at monument go straight over bridge, right onto Skiff Mountain Rd. Follow for 5 miles to top of mountain. Kent Stables will be on the right.

FROM WEST: Rt. 684 to Rt. 22N, to Rt. 55 (NY), left onto Rt. 7N to traffic light at monument in Kent, left onto Rt. 341 and take a right onto Skiff Mountain Rd. Follow for 5 miles to top of mountain. Kent Stables will be on the right.

Directions to South Kent School - 40 Bull's Bridge RD

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.