

**OLD DOMINION REGION
2009 GAMES RALLY
May 30 & 31, 2009
VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA**

HOSTS: Rapidan River Pony Club – Cheryl Baugher, DC
Historic Rivers Pony Club – Laura Gordon, DC
Highlands Pony Club – Lennie Anderton, DC

CLOSING DATE: May 1, 2009 ENTRIES **MUST BE RECEIVED** BY THIS DATE!

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FEES: \$105/ Rider for Rising Star division; \$115/rider for Junior/Senior and Advanced divisions (no Horse Manager). Entry fee includes stalls on Saturday night, May 30th (1 stall per horse and tack stall per team and feed stall if available). A late fee of \$20 is applied for any entry received after May 1st and for any incomplete entries. All forms with required signatures must accompany the entry.

REFUNDS: Refunds will be available with a Veterinarian or Doctor notes only, minus a \$25 administrative fee. Requests for refunds must be made by the DC to the rally organizer, accompanied by the proper documentation within 2 weeks of rally date.

RULES: 2009 USPC Rules for Games Competition and addenda
2009 Games Annual Newsletter
2007 USPC Horse Management Handbook & Rules for Competition and all addenda
2009 HM Annual Newsletter

TEAM Composition: **All teams** shall consist of 4 or 5 riders, no Stable Manager. Please note that rally organizers **will not** put together scramble teams. All DC's must work with other DC's to put together their 4 or 5 man scramble teams. Each club should send in their own entry with the proper fee and all signed forms for the members of their club. Note on the entry form the name of the club and members that they will be scrambling with. All entry fees and forms for all members of each team **MUST** be received by the rally secretary by the closing date. Incomplete teams will not be accepted. DC's can communicate their needs for scramble team spots using the Old Dominion Region DC Digest.

DIVISIONS: Junior Riders: must be between 10 and 12 years of age as of 01/01/09
Senior Riders: must be between 13 and 15 years of age as of 01/01/09 and
rated at least a D-3, unless 15 and then must be rated as C1.
Advanced: must be 16 to 18 years of age as of 01/01/09
Rising Stars: must be 10 years of age or less as of 01/01/09 – This will be Walk-Trot
division only.

**Please read Article 1, #6 on page 3 of the 2009 Games Rule Book regarding members
“playing up” to a higher division**

Note: If any member of a team should exceed the age limit the team must compete in the higher division.

RIDER/PONY CONSIDERATIONS:

A Rider weighing more than 117 lbs., dressed to compete, may not ride a Pony 12.2H or under.

A Rider weighing more than 150 lbs., dressed to compete, may not ride a Pony 13.2H or under.

A Rider weighing more than 190 lbs., dressed to compete, may not ride a Pony 14.2H or under.

GAMES TO BE PLAYED WILL BE CHOSEN FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

Sword	3 Mug	Ball & Cone	Windsor Castle
Litter	Canadian	5 Flag	Stepping Stones
Bending	Hi-Lo	Spillers	Ball & Bucket

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (Please note the keyword here is Tentative!!!)

Saturday, May 30, 2009:

9:00 AM: May start move in and set up

11:00 AM: All competitors must be checked in

12:00 PM: Briefing followed by Volunteer meeting

1:30 PM: Jogs, Helmet checks, Height & Weights Juniors/Seniors/Advanced
Rising Star Division begin turnout inspections (helmet checks/safety)

2:30 PM Rising Stars begin playing games (4 games to be played)
Formal Inspections begin Junior/Senior/Advanced

4:00 PM: Games Begin Junior/Senior/Advanced

7:00 PM: Barns Close

Sunday, May 31, 2009:

6:30 AM: Barns open

7:45 AM: Safety checks begin Rising Stars

8:15 AM Games Begin Rising Stars

8:45 AM Safety checks Junior/Seniors/Advanced

9:15 AM Games begin Juniors/Seniors/Advanced

TBA Awards all divisions

HOUSING: A number of rooms have been blocked off at the Howard Johnsons. Please refer to the advertisement found at the end of this informational packet for details on lodging. .

VOLUNTEERS: Two volunteers **MUST** be listed for each team or 1 for each individual, more are preferred. Please use the enclosed form and the organizers will try to keep them matched with the jobs they selected. There will be a volunteer meeting held immediately after the competitor briefing on Saturday. No competition will start until all volunteer jobs are filled.

BEDDING: The Horse Center only allows straw or shavings...NO SAWDUST ALLOWED. Competitors can bring their own bedding or purchase from the Horse Center Stable Office. Please be prepared with proper change or to present a check in the amount for the bedding purchased. Shavings are \$7/bag.

Feed/hay storage: Teams must be prepared to store feed and hay in trailers in the event that there are not sufficient stalls to provide team or club feed stalls. Trailers will be expected to be clearly labeled with the team name.

CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATIONS: In 2009, each Region is allowed to send 2 teams in each division to the USPC Championships. In order to be a Qualifying Rally, there must be at least two teams competing in each division offered. To be eligible, the second place team must outscore at least 1 other team in the division, meaning there must be at least 3 teams competing in that division.

Ages are as of 1/1/09

Junior Team: All members of a junior team must be at least 10 and no more than 12 years of age and rated at least a D-2.

Senior Team: All members of a senior team must be between 12 and 15, at least a D3 rating unless 15 and then must be rated C1.

Advanced Team: All members of an advanced team must be between 16 and 18 and rated at least a C1.

Competitors qualify as a team, not as individuals, for Championships, and must compete as a team at the regional rally.

ODDS AND ENDS:

Every competitor must bring their own Medical Arm Band and are required to check in with the Rally Secretary who will provide them with the necessary Medical Release Form.

Stalls must be completely stripped upon vacating and **MUST** be checked by a horse management judge.

Those teams planning to provide their own team pinnies must make note on team entry form and provide a description of the pinnies.

Rally t-shirts will be available and must be ordered in advance. Use the enclosed order form and follow instructions on this form.

MEDICAL WASTE: Please note ALL MEDICAL WASTE (to include needles, syringes) must be placed in the appropriate containers located in each barn. These wastes must NOT be discarded in stalls, manure pits, garbage cans, or on the grounds.

ARRIVALS ON FRIDAY, MAY 29th: For any who must arrive on Friday, May 29th arrangements for stabling must be made directly with the Virginia Horse Center. Those arriving on Friday must be prepared to move to their competition stall on Saturday morning. If the VHC should place you in the same stall that you will be assigned to for rally the horse stall must be set up appropriately **BUT** the tack stall cannot be set up until Saturday morning after 9 AM at risk of penalty. Virginia Horse Center Stabling Office 540-464-2966

FORMS THAT MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRIES:

Current negative Coggins (one per horse) – name on Coggins must match name on entry

2 - 2009 Emergency Medical Release with original signature - one with original signature

2009 Emergency Medical Release Team Advisor for RS teams if under 18 OR if an active pony club member regardless of age

Signed Chaperon Duties Form for each team or individual

Competitor Rally Release/Equine Waiver of Liability

Volunteer Sheet 1 per team or individual

RISING STARS INFORMATION
D1 & D2 Pony Clubbers under 10
(age as of 01/01/09)

The Rising Stars division is a very special division with special needs. These children are young and inexperienced. We want this rally to be a PLEASANT, FUN, and MEMORABLE learning experience. Keeping this in mind, "The Rising Stars will be allowed all help as necessary to keep them safe, comfortable, and happy during the Games Rally. We hope that everyone that will be working with these youngsters (adults and Pony Clubbers alike) will emphasize the opportunity for learning teamwork, good sportsmanship, and kind/considerate care of their mounts while de-emphasizing the competitive aspects of the sport. This division should not be for the purpose of "winning a rally" but purely for the learning opportunity that it provides to our younger, newer pony club members.

The Rising Star division will be a Walk-Trot only division. All races must be ridden at a walk or trot; if a pony canters, he must return to the place where the canter began and repeat that part of the race at a walk or trot. Failure to correct this results in elimination. Clubs are encouraged to have their Rising Star members practice control of their mounts and to teach them how to keep from the canter when playing the Games.

Rising Star division will play a total of 8 games and will play all games back to back prior to the Junior/Senior and Advanced divisions. This is in an effort to avoid having the younger members left to sit on their pony or hold their pony for long periods of time between games.

There will be no jogs for the Rising Star division with the thought that these members will be walking and trotting only and they are not eligible to qualify for championships. Their mounts should be serviceably sound and reflect evidence of regular care. Horse Management staff can, at their discretion, remove a mount from play if there is any question as to soundness or health of the mount.

Rising Stars must be entered with a Team Advisor who will be with them at all times. We strongly suggest that this be an older, "C" Rated Pony Club member. If an adult must serve as an adviser please be sure that they are pony club knowledgeable. The adult cannot be a parent of a member of the team.

Help will be available to hold ponies, help with mounting, and assist with the games. This is designed to be a learning experience. The Rising Star division is intended to be for very young pony club members or for those new to the pony club rally experience. If members are rated D1 or D2 and have been to several rallies they are encouraged to move up out of the Rising Star division unless their DC feels they still need a higher level of assistance.

We encourage you to enter Rising Stars not only because of the great opportunity to gain rally experience but also to expose the children to the Horse Center so they are more comfortable at future rallies.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RISING STAR DIVISION

. If The Team Adviser is an active Pony Clubber or is under the age of 18 an original signed Emergency Medical Release must be included with the entry. Additionally the Team Chaperon will need to have a copy in their possession during the rally.

OLD DOMINION GAMES RALLY ENTRY FORM

May 30 - 31, 2009 - The Virginia Horse Center

Closing Date: May 1, 2009 (Entry must be received by this date to avoid late fee, no entries accepted after May 1, 2009.)

Club Name _____ Team Name: _____
 Team Chaperon _____

Fees: \$105 Rising Star: \$115 Junior/Senior/Advanced. Please pay total fees by club check payable to Old Dominion Region Pony Clubs (ODRPC). Personal checks, cashier checks or money order will be acceptable for Riding Center Members.

Division _____

First rider listed will be the Captain.

Name of Rider	Age 1/1	Rating	Wgt	Name of Mount	Hgt of mount
Cpt:					
Team Advisor(s) if Rising Star Team:					
Team Pinny Color/Description of Pinny(if providing your own pinny::					
Team Chaperone:			Email or phone:		

Entry and all forms with check for total fees should be sent to: Cheryl Baugher
 25 Still Pond Road
 Stanardsville, VA 22973

I certify that the above members are members in good standing of _____ Pony Club/Riding Center having paid all national, regional and club dues.

DC/CA's Signature _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail _____

Checklist for Office Use Only: Date Received: _____

Signed Entry form	Entry check in correct amt:	Chaperone Form:
Late fee if any due:	amount owed: _____	(2) EMR each rider:
EMR Advisor	Waiver Each team member:	Coggins for each horse: Volunteer form

VOLUNTEER JOBS

(2 Volunteers per team/1 per individual are needed at minimum)

Please list names of volunteers after the name of their preferred job. Organizers will make every effort to keep people matched to the job of their choice.

Height/Weight Checks

Inspection Scribes

Ring Set-up

Ring Crew

Lane/Line Judges

**OLD DOMINION REGION PONY CLUBS
INDIVIDUAL RALLY RELEASE/EQUINE RELEASE**

Name: _____	DOB: _____	Rating: _____	Email: _____

Address: _____		Telephone: _____	
City/State: _____		Zip: _____	

It is agreed that the Organizing Committee of the Old Dominion Region Games Rally, its officials, the Region, USPC, Virginia Horse Center _____ and employees thereof, will not be held liable for any loss, accident, injury, illness to horses, riders, attendants, spectators or any other person, corporation or property whatsoever. I hereby give permission for my child to participate under this agreement.

COMPETITIVE RALLY RELEASE

My child and I have read and understand the policies and regulations governing the United States Pony Clubs, Inc., and specifically the current USPC Handbook and Rules for Games Competition 2009 and agree to abide by these rules at the Old Dominion Region Games Rally on May 30-31 2009.

CODE OF CONDUCT

USPC is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork, and well-behaved members. The ODRPC and the organizers and officials of this rally expect appropriate behavior from all competitors, parents and others participating in this activity. Inappropriate behavior is, but not limited to:

- Possession, use or distribution of any illegal drugs or alcohol
- Assault
- Profanity, vulgar language or gestures
- Harassment – using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others
- Cheating
- Abusing a horse

Any USPC member or parent not conforming to the Code of Conduct is subject to the following actions:

- 1) The officials of the competition may immediately suspend or expel an individual from the competition upon consulting with the Grounds Jury

Competitor's Signature/Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date: _____

EQUINE RELEASE

The undersigned hereby requests and warrants to USPC and the Old Dominion Region that (1) the undersigned is sole owner of the horse whose name appears on the entry form; (2) that said horse is to be ridden and used by Competitor in the Activity; and (3) that said horse is in good health and condition; and is sound and fit for participation in the Activity. The undersigned hereby gives permission to USPC and the Old Dominion Region, its agents and employees, in case of an emergency, or otherwise in the discretion of USPC, the Old Dominion Region, its agents or employees, for immediate treatment of such horse by a licensed veterinarian during or in connection with the Activity.

Signature of Horse Owner Date Phone

Print Name Email Address

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Competitor's Activity and Rally Release

The undersigned (hereinafter "Competitor") and his/her parents or legal guardians (hereinafter "Parents") have elected to participate, or in the case of Parents, permit the Competitor to participate, in the Old Dominion Region Games Rally
(description of activity)

to be held on May 30 - 31, 2009 Virginia Horse Center ("Activity"), and hereby acknowledge, represent,
(date) (location)
warrant, and agree as follows:

- (1) the acceptance of Competitor as a participant in the Activity by The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. ("USPC") does not constitute a determination of any nature by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc., its affiliates, employees and agents that the Activity is suitable, safe or otherwise appropriate for Competitor by reason of Competitor's having attained any specific USPC Rating Level or otherwise, and that USPC makes no determination, evaluation, representation or warranty to any such effect;
- (2) they understand the Activity and the jumps, courses and equestrian performances, competitions and activities (mounted or unmounted) constituting the Activity, any or all of which may, in fact, be more difficult and different than those constituting the jumps, courses and equestrian performances, competitions and activities (mounted or unmounted) used in establishing, testing for and assigning or awarding any USPC (or any other organization's) Rating Level,
- (3) they understand that equestrian activities such as the Activity are inherently dangerous and that they accept the inherent risks involved therein (including, without limitation, the risk of injury, death and damage or destruction of horses and other property),
- (4) the decision to participate in the Activity, and any evaluation of the Competitor's ability to safely and competently participate therein, has been made at the sole and absolute discretion of the Competitor and Parents and Competitor and Parents accept complete responsibility for such decision and such participation,
- (5) Competitor and Parents have read and understand the policies and regulations governing the United States Pony Clubs, Inc., participation in activities sponsored or operated by it, and specifically the rules for the Activity, and each agree to abide by such rules, as now in effect, and as amended and in effect from time to time hereafter,
- (6) Competitor and Parents understand that failure to adhere to the code of conduct and/or the policies and regulations may result in dismissal from the competition or other such action as deemed necessary by the officials of the competition,
- (7) Competitor's entry into this competition constitutes his/her release to photograph and/or video tape and publish and/or broadcast his/her involvement in this competition to USPC,
- (8) Competitor and Parents each hereby release and agree to hold harmless USPC from and against any claims and causes of action, Competitor or Parent (or their respective successors, representatives, heirs or assigns) may have as a result of competitor's participation in above stated Activity.

VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF INHERENT RISKS

Inherent risks of equine activities include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant; (ii) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or animals; and (iii) the hazards of surface or subsurface conditions.

Competitor's Name (*please print*) Signature of Competitor Date

Signature of Parent Date Signature of Parent Date

T- Shirt Order Form

Clubs may order t-shirts for competitor's family and friends. T-shirts will not be available for sale at rally.

One order form per Club only. A Club representative may pick up the T-Shirts at the registration desk upon arrival • Each Club is responsible to maintain copy of the list of T-shirt recipients.

Club: _____ --

Name	Size (circle)	Quantity	Cost	Sub-total
	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL		\$13 each	
	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL		"	
	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL		"	
	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL		"	
	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL		"	
	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL		"	
	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL		"	
	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL			

Total owed: _____

Please keep copy of this form and give to person picking up shirts the day of rally.

Please submit separate check payable to RRPC for shirts.

The Howard Johnson Hotel in Lexington, VA

**Welcomes all participants of the
Old Dominion Region Pony Club Games Rally
May 30-31, 2009**

SPECIAL RATE: \$79.00_{+tax}

Including continental breakfast with eggs

- The Howard Johnson offers the largest rooms in town at a very competitive rate
- The hotel has been newly renovated and offers a new complimentary hot breakfast.
- The lobby features glass artwork that is a “must-see”!
- Brand new business center
- Brand new gym
- Brand new 18-hole miniature golf

☺ Call us today to make your reservation ☺

**Ask for the Old Dominion Pony Club block of rooms to get the
special rate of \$79 ☺**

This block is being held until May 14, 2009 so do not delay in making
your reservation at this rate.

540-463-9181