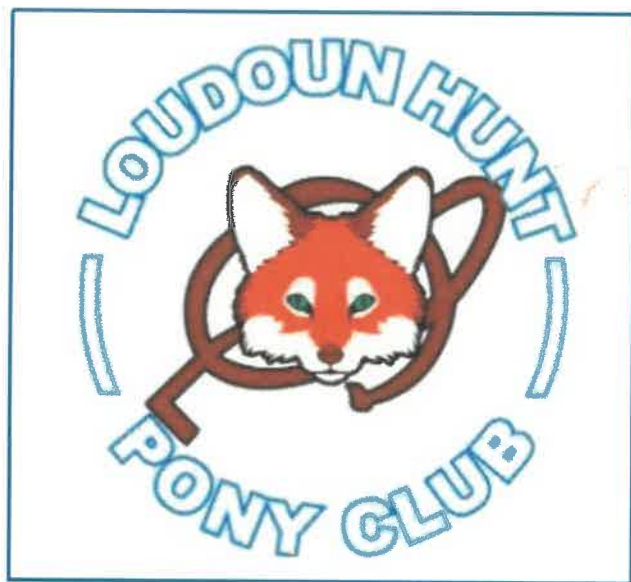


Loudoun Hunt Pony Club



Information
&
Membership Paperwork

Loudoun Hunt Pony Club



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Dear Prospective Member Family,

We are so pleased that you are considering Pony Club!

As a Pony Club member, your child does not need a horse to participate in Pony Club activities, just a passion and commitment to learn horsemanship; benefit from the skills, habits and values instilled through horsemanship that will apply to every part of our lives. Pony Clubs foster superb equestrians, extraordinary citizens, and lifelong friendships. Your family is invited to meet us and observe a mounted or un-mounted meeting, practice, or regional rally. Please call or email me so that we can find a time & place to show you what Pony Club can offer your family.

Pony Club is a volunteer organization. The family parent or guardian is the adult volunteer sponsor for the member and learns about the responsibilities of horsemanship and along with the member. The adult sponsor or parent volunteers at our Horse Trials. LHPC hosts 2 horse trials each year and LHPC families are expected to fulfill their portion of work to help make these event successful. Each member fulfilling their volunteer commitment funds the costs of lessons, camp and certifications and, promotes preservation of open spaces for equine sports by supporting Morven Park & Oatlands. We do host other small events and appreciate your participation, however the horse trials provide the major funding for the club.

Pony Clubs function and provide programming through volunteers, club sponsors, hired professional instructors, and the support and permission of USPC, a vital structured national educational organization.

Included with this letter is an overview of LHPC, club events, guidelines and membership paperwork.

Ready to become a member? Complete the attached Membership Paperwork and mail it to the Membership Coordinator, Elizabeth Coppersmith. Information is provided in this packet. Applications are processed by the national office (USPC) however, they are first reviewed by the local club and then sent to USPC and the Virginia Region for final processing.

Looking forward to receiving your membership application and meeting you at a Pony Club activity!

Regards,

Elizabeth Coppersmith, LHPC Membership Coordinator
ecoppersmith@gmail.com
(703)328-5430



Loudoun Hunt Pony Club

Overview

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. started in 1954 to teach riding and the proper care of horses. It is based on The British Pony Club, which was created in 1929 as a junior branch of the Institute of the Horse. Since then, Pony Club has expanded to many countries around the world, with the main goal being to promote sportsmanship, stewardship and leadership through horsemanship.

Pony Club is the largest equestrian educational organization in the world. This is where it all begins! Pony Club is a family experience. The cornerstones of our foundation are education, safety, sportsmanship, stewardship and FUN. Members learn riding and the care of horses through mounted sports. The skills, habits and values instilled through horsemanship will apply to every part of a member's life.

Loudoun Club Pony Club was founded in 1958 and is one of the oldest in the country and has an active membership of over 30 young horse enthusiasts. We have a wonderful partnership with the Morven Park Equestrian Center and are fortunate to use their fabulous facilities for our mounted lessons.

Participating members have access to the Pony Club online community, sponsor discounts, educational standards and achievements, a Pony Club Pin, and the chance to participate in activities such as lessons and certifications, rallies and competitions, Championships and Pony Club Festival.

Competition is important to any individual's development. It builds confidence, helps with goal setting, planning, relationships, and team work. Competing creates a need to better oneself and promotes a healthy drive to succeed in all aspects of life. Pony Club organized competitions are team based and are called "Rallies". Club members compete at Rallies based on their age and certification level.

Pony Club is about horse crazy kids who want to meet horse crazy friends!

As members learn and develop at their own pace, they have the opportunity to progress through the Pony Club Certifications. Certifications outline a clear progression of skills in riding and horse management. Each Certification level requires an increasing depth of knowledge and abilities. Certifications to evaluate a member's horsemanship (both riding & knowledge) are held throughout the year.

A typical year at Loudoun Hunt Pony Club:

Jan/Feb - 6 weeks of Ground School (un-mounted)

April- Spring Parent Meeting

April- Spring Horse Trial at Morven Park* LHCP Fundraiser/Volunteer Commitment

April/May - 6 group riding lessons (two flat, two jumping, two XC)

June - Horse Trial at Oatlands* LHCP Fundraiser/Volunteer Commitment

July - Purcellville 4th of July Parade

July - LHPC Tack Cleaning Event

Spring/Summer - Rallies to include: Quiz, Horseless, Dressage, Eventing, Tetrathlon, Show Jumping, Games, D1 Rally, D2/D3 Rally, Polocrosse, USPC Champs

Summer - Day Camp at Morven Park (additional fee for stabling)

Sep/Oct - 6 group riding lessons (two flat, two jumping, two XC)

Oct - Washington International Horse Show

Oct - Trot Or Treat

Nov - LHPC Sponsor/Parent Meeting

Nov - LHPC Tack Cleaning Event

Dec - Annual LHPC Holiday & Awards Party

Dec - Purcellville Holiday Parade

FUNDRAISING EVENTS ~ HORSE TRIALS

Each year, our pony club hosts two very large horse trials. One in the spring at Morven Park and one in the fall at Oatlands Plantation. These are our big 'fund raisers' and all pony club members and their parent(s) are strongly encouraged to participate in the work days (usually two or three) preceding them and in working both the Saturday and Sunday of the actual event. The money raised during these horse trials pays for lessons, ground school, defer much of the cost of summer camp and help pay for rallies.

PONY CLUB PARENTS

Volunteering drives every aspect of the Pony Club mission and can be truly rewarding. There is an opportunity for parents and other individuals vested in the success of Pony Club to be involved. Each person has a talent, skill, or interest that can be utilized to support the overall mission. There is no need to be a horse-savvy person to be considered a valuable volunteer.

As a Pony Club Parent, you join many volunteers at the club, regional and national level. Pony Club parents play a critical role in the experience each member has within their club. It takes a substantial time commitment from parents to make make Pony Club happen. There are plenty of volunteer positions that don't require equine knowledge.

There are three websites that contain helpful information about the ratings, rallies and pony club in general:

The Loudoun Hunt Pony Club website: <http://www.loudounhunt.ponyclub.org>

The National USPC web site: <http://ponyclub.org/>

The VA Regional web site: <http://virginia.ponyclub.org>

For more information, please visit our website at loudounhunt.ponyclub.org or contact our Membership Chair, Elizabeth Coppersmith at 703-328-5430 or emcoppersmith@gmail.com.



Loudoun Hunt Pony Club

Instructions for Completing NEW Membership Paperwork

New Members for 2020 – membership covers January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020.

National Dues \$155

VA Region Dues \$30

LHPC New Member Dues \$25 TOTAL DUES: \$210.00

Prorated New Member

Membership for a new member joining between 09/01/19 and 12/31/19 for the remainder of 2019 - December 31, 2020.

National Dues \$200

VA Region Dues \$35

LHPC Dues \$25 TOTAL DUES: \$60.00

To complete registration please send or deliver the following forms to:

- Elizabeth Coppersmith, LHPC Membership Chair, 22167 Sam Fred Rd, Middleburg, VA 20117

LHPC New Member Riding Information

2020 USPC Participating Member Application

- Check either New Member OR New Member Prorated
- Read and sign BOTH pages of the application
- Send ORIGINAL COPY

Parent Acceptance of the LHPC Guidelines & Parent Responsibility

- Review & Sign

Morven Park Release

Coggins

- Copy of a current negative for the horse(s) or pony(s) to be ridden at pony club activities.
- Valid Coggins must be on file with the club before you will be allowed to participate in any mounted activity.

Payment

1 check payable to LHPC for the TOTAL DUES amount from above depending on when you join. Be sure to include National Dues, VA Region Dues and LHPC Dues in your check.

If you have any questions please feel free to email (emcoppersmith@gmail.com) or phone me at 703-328-5430.

Elizabeth Coppersmith LHPC Membership Chair 703-328-5430 emcoppersmith@gmail.com

Loudoun Hunt Pony Club
New Member Riding Information

Date of Birth Age as of January 1st _____

Parent's Names: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

NOTE: Riders must be able to walk, trot, turn and stop their ponies/horses in order to participate in riding activities.

Riding Experience (e.g. Walk/Trot, Canter, Crossrails, Jumping): _____

If you are working with a Trainer or more advanced, please explain. _____

Previous Eventing/Show Experience: _____

Tell us about your Pony/Horse. _____



2020 PARTICIPATING MEMBER APPLICATION

1. This application must be **COMPLETE** with all **REQUIRED SIGNATURES**. **NO PHOTOCOPIES** and **RECEIVED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE WITH ALL REQUISITE FEES BY APPROPRIATE PAYMENT METHOD BEFORE THIS APPLICANT MAY PARTICIPATE IN ANY UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, INC. ("USPC") ACTIVITY**. 2. Any application returned as **INCOMPLETE**, or with **INVALID SIGNATURES** must be resubmitted and is subject to a **\$5.00 RETURN FEE**.

This box to be Completed by Club/Center Official:

Club/Center Name
Region Name
Previous Club/Center (if transferring)
Certification (if renewing)
Submitted by
MUST BE DC/CA OR APPOINTEE, UNLESS NATIONAL MEMBER
Submitter Phone/E-mail

NOTE: USPC MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Please check all that apply; FEES ARE FOR NATIONAL DUES ONLY.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$155 New Member for 2020. | <input type="checkbox"/> \$135 Early Renewal Member for 2020, discount if postmarked on or before 11/15/19. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$145 Regular Renewal for 2020, postmarked or paid after 11/15/19. | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer No charge if current member. If not current, the member must select a renewal option. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Prorated New Member joining between 09/01/19 and 12/31/19 for the remainder of 2019 & all of 2020. | <input type="checkbox"/> \$180 Prorated Renewal rejoining between 09/01/19 and 12/31/19 for the remainder of 2019 & all of 2020. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$195 National Member for 2020. (Must be at least 18 yrs & have achieved a C-2 HM Certification. Letter of recommendation required from DC, CA or RS.) | |

MEMBER INFORMATION

To be completed by Applicant or Parent/Legal Guardian:

Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Birth Date	MM/DD/YYYY	Join Date (Unless Renewing)
Name			
LAST+SUFFIX (IF APPLICABLE)	FIRST	MIDDLE	PREFERRED (IF DIFFERENT FROM FIRST)
Mailing Address			
P.O. BOX/STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP + 4 (IF KNOWN)
Phone Nos	HOME	MOBILE	E-mail
2020 Memberships? <input type="checkbox"/> USEA <input type="checkbox"/> USDF <input type="checkbox"/> USEF <input type="checkbox"/> USHJA <input type="checkbox"/> MFHA <input type="checkbox"/> AQHA <input type="checkbox"/> FFA <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H <input type="checkbox"/> IEA <input type="checkbox"/> Other Nat'l Organizations			
MEMBER #			
USPC ALUMNI please provide the following information			
GRADUATE CLUB/CENTER		CERTIFICATION	MAIDEN NAME

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEMBER'S: ☐ **PRIMARY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN*** ☐ **SPOUSE** ☐ **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

**If member is under the age of majority in their state of residency, parent/guardian information is required. If address or phone is different, please attach separately.*

Name	FIRST	MIDDLE	USPC Alumnus? <input type="checkbox"/>
PRIM. LAST+SUFFIX (IF APPLICABLE)	FIRST	MIDDLE	CHECK TO INDICATE YES
Phone Nos	MOBILE	WORK	E-mail
Name	FIRST	MIDDLE	USPC Alumnus? <input type="checkbox"/>
ADDL. LAST+SUFFIX (IF APPLICABLE)	FIRST	MIDDLE	CHECK TO INDICATE YES
Phone Nos	MOBILE	WORK	E-mail

☐ **MAILING ADDRESS OPT OUT** I acknowledge that USPC may distribute adult mailing addresses on a limited basis for development and member opportunities.

To deny consent for the release of adult mailing address, indicate by checking the box.

PARTICIPATING MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork and well-behaved members. The USPC expects appropriate behavior from all members, parents and others participating in any USPC activity. Inappropriate behavior may include, but is not limited to: possession, use or distribution of any illegal drugs or alcohol; profanity, vulgar language or gestures; harassment (*i.e.*, using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following USPC activities); failure to follow rules; cheating; and abusing a horse.

I understand that my membership and participation is under the governance of USPC and is subject to all applicable USPC By-Laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations. I understand that I have access to these By-Laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations, and that it is my responsibility to read them. USPC does not own or operate any Riding Center Facility or Business. Acceptance of this application is not a guarantee of membership acceptance. As specified in the By-Laws, membership may be denied or revoked at any time, with or without cause. Should my membership be terminated or forfeited for any reason, I understand that there will be no refund of USPC membership dues.

PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEOTAPE/E-MAIL RELEASE

Participation in any USPC activity constitutes a release to be photographed and/or videotaped. Said photographs and/or videotapes may be posted, published or broadcast at the discretion of USPC. USPC utilizes e-mail to communicate with members, by submitting an e-mail address on this application, authorization of this form of correspondence is implied.

RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Acceptance of Member Application by USPC is contingent on USPC's receipt of an original signed Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement with a valid signature by the applicant/applicant's parent/legal guardian. It is understood that the applicant cannot participate in any USPC activity until the signed Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement is received. By submitting this Member Application, the applicant/parent/legal guardian confirms that the Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement has been validly signed and submitted, and that all terms therein have been understood and accepted. The applicant/parent/legal guardian also understands and agrees that the Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement will be valid and enforceable for the entire duration of the applicant's participation in USPC through any of its local, regional, or national operations, and that such agreement survives any renewal, lapse in membership and/or transfer to other clubs, centers or regions, and applies regardless of the type of membership the applicant receives.

I have read and agree to abide by the above. Signatures REQUIRED and must be originals, not photocopies.

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF USPC MEMBER APPLICANT
REQUIRED IF APPLICANT IS OF OR GREATER THAN THE AGE OF MAJORITY IN THEIR STATE OF RESIDENCE.

MM/DD/YYYY

OR

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
REQUIRED IF APPLICANT IS UNDER THE AGE OF MAJORITY IN THEIR STATE OF RESIDENCE.

MM/DD/YYYY

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, INC.
RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I **AGREE** for myself, and/or my child, my/our administrators and assigns, in consideration for my, and/or my child's, participation in this United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC) activity to the following:

I **AGREE** that I choose to participate voluntarily in an equestrian activity, as a rider, driver, handler, lessee, owner, agent, spectator, volunteer, and/or trainer. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and USPC activities involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including, but not limited to, broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering or death ("Harm"). I fully understand that this release covers, but is not limited to, inherent risks of an equine activity which mean a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including but not limited to, any of the following:

- The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
- The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;
- A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;
- The potential of an individual during an equine activity to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

I **AGREE** that, because of the inherent dangerous risks associated with equestrian activity, I will complete a medical wristband or armband card and that I and/or my child will wear it while participating in USPC activities. I authorize USPC, its successors or assigns, officials, officers, directors, employees, agents and/or volunteers to obtain and release to any USPC activity personnel (including, but not limited to, organizers, instructors, test examiners, chaperones), and to any first aid and safety personnel, medical professional, and treating medical facility, any information regarding my/my child's medical history, symptoms, treatment, exam results and/or diagnosis contained in the wristband or armband card. I acknowledge that it is my/parental/legal guardian responsibility to ensure that I am/my child is a USPC participating member and am/is wearing a completed wristband or armband card at all USPC activities. Furthermore, I agree and understand that it is my/parental/legal guardian responsibility to ensure that I/my child will not participate in any USPC mounted activities if I/my child have/has had a head injury or other medical condition and have/has been restricted from activity, until such time as the injury or condition is resolved and any activity restriction is lifted.

I **AGREE** to release the USPC, its successors or assigns, officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and affiliated organizations from all claims including, but not limited to, claims for money or property, disability, covenants, actions, suits, causes or action, obligations, debts, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, judgments, orders and liabilities of whatsoever kind or nature in law, equity or otherwise, whether now known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, and whether concealed or hidden, including but not limited to any state or federal statutory or common law claim or remedy of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the USPC or the USPC activity.

I **AGREE** to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the USPC or the USPC activity, and **specifically agree to the applicable state statute/law regarding equine/farm animal activity liability and signed posting (if any), in any state in which I or my child participates in a USPC activity. While a list of state statutes and select portions of those statutes believed to be in effect at the time of the execution of this agreement is attached hereto, I AGREE to locate, review and understand the full applicable statute in place in my jurisdiction.**

I **AGREE** to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the USPC and the USPC activity and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse in the USPC activity.

I **AGREE** that neither I, nor any one claiming through me, will hereafter bring, commence, prosecute or maintain, or cause or permit to be brought, commenced, prosecuted or maintained, any suit or action, either at law or in equity, in any court in the United States or in any state thereof, or elsewhere, against the USPC, its successors or assigns, for, on account of, arising out of, or in any way connected with any Harm to me or my horse, and that neither I, nor any one claiming through me, will enforce, prosecute, or recover upon, or attempt to enforce, prosecute, or recover upon, any claim or right of action whatsoever, which I, or any one claiming through me, may now have or hereafter assert, in any way connected with claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harms caused by me or my horse at the USPC activity.

I **AGREE** this Agreement is ongoing, and shall apply for the total duration of my membership in USPC, and that this Agreement survives any and all membership renewal, transfer, change of any kind, and/or lapse of membership. I specifically acknowledge that the ongoing nature of this Agreement makes it unnecessary for me to execute any release in the future, as this Agreement applies and releases all the liability and costs, as agreed to above, that might be covered by such a future agreement.

I **AGREE** this Agreement is the entire agreement of the parties, and supersedes all prior oral and written understandings and agreements. This Agreement may be modified only by a written amendment signed by both parties. An official electronic communication whereby the member and/or parent/guardian is asked to "click" to agree to a new term or condition shall satisfy this section.

I **AGREE** that if any provision of the Agreement is found to be invalid or illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall be construed as if the affected provision had not been included in order to effectuate the intent of the parties.

In the event this form is signed by the parent/guardian of a minor, then all representations and acknowledgements herein are expressly made by, for, and on behalf of the parent/guardian and minor. It is agreed that, once a minor reaches the age of majority, he/she will submit and sign a new Member Application. Parent/guardian agrees to indemnify USPC from any harm or damages related to the failure to submit this new application.

By signing below, I **AGREE** to be bound by all applicable USPC rules and all terms and provisions of the USPC activity. I acknowledge that I enter into this release after having read the same, and place my signature hereto of my own free voluntary act and deed. By signing below, I represent to the USPC that I fully understand its contents, that I do not need any further explanation, and I waive any further explanation.

I **AGREE** that by altering this form in any way this application for membership will be considered null and void by USPC.

I have read and AGREE to abide by the above. REQUIRED, all signatures must be originals, not photocopies.

OR

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF USPC MEMBER APPLICANT
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The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.
4041 Iron Works Pkwy
Lexington, KY 40511-8483
REVISED 07/2019

ONE COPY FOR CLUB/CENTER RECORDS
ONE COPY TO REGION
ORIGINAL TO NATIONAL OFFICE

Phone: (859) 254-7669 (PONY)
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STATE EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY STATUTES

PLEASE RETAIN FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS.

MISSISSIPPI

MS ST § 95-11-1 - 7 WARNING: Under Mississippi law, an equine or livestock activity sponsor or an equine or livestock professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities or livestock shows resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities or livestock shows, pursuant to this chapter.

MISSOURI

MO ST 537.325 WARNING: Under Missouri law, an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, a livestock activity sponsor, a livestock owner, a livestock facility, a livestock auction market, or any employee thereof is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine or livestock activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine or livestock activities pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

MONTANA

MT ST 27-1-725 - 728

NEBRASKA

NE ST § 25-21,249 - 253 WARNING: Under Nebraska law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to sections 25-21,249 to 25-21,253.

NEVADA

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 41.519

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH Rev. Stat. § 508:19

NEW MEXICO

NMSA 1978, § 42-13-1 - 5

NEW JERSEY

NJ ST 5:15-1 to 5:15-1 12 WARNING: UNDER NEW JERSEY LAW, AN EQUESTRIAN AREA OPERATOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ANIMAL ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO P.L.1997, c.287 (C.5:15-1 et seq).

NEW YORK

NY GEN OBLIG § 18-301 - 303; 18-401 - 405 WARNING: Under New York Law, an equine professional or equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 18-404 of the General Obligations Law.

NORTH CAROLINA

NC ST § 99E-1 - 99E-9 WARNING: Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.

NORTH DAKOTA

ND ST 53-10-01; ND ST 53-10-02

OHIO

OH ST § 2305.321

OKLAHOMA

76 OK St. Ann. § 50.1 - 50.4

OREGON

ORS § 30.687 - 697

PENNSYLVANIA

PA ST 4 P.S. § 601 - 606 WARNING: You assume the risk of equine activities pursuant to Pennsylvania law.

RHODE ISLAND

RI ST § 4-21-1 - 4 WARNING: Under Rhode Island Law, an equine professional, unless he or she can be shown to have failed to be in the exercise of due care, is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to this chapter.

SOUTH CAROLINA

SC Code 1976 § 47-9-710 - 730 WARNING: Under South Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of equine activity, pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 9 of Title 47, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

SOUTH DAKOTA

SDCL § 42-11-1 - 5 WARNING: Under South Dakota law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to § 42-11-2.

TENNESSEE

TCA § 44-20-101 - 105 WARNING: Under Tennessee Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, title 44 chapter 20.

TEXAS

VTCA CIV PRAC & REM CODE § 87.001 - 005 WARNING: UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES. **WARNING:** UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A LIVESTOCK SHOW SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN A LIVESTOCK SHOW RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF LIVESTOCK SHOW ACTIVITIES.

UTAH

UT ST § 78B-4-201 - 203 An equine or livestock activity sponsor is not liable for inherent risks with regard to equine or livestock activities. "Inherent risk" with regard to equine or livestock activities means those dangers or conditions which are an integral part of equine or livestock activities, which may include: (a) the propensity of the animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (b) the unpredictability of the animal's reaction to outside stimulation such as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (c) collisions with other animals or objects; or (d) the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within his or her ability.

VERMONT

12 VSA § 1039 WARNING: Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A § 1039.

VIRGINIA

VA ST § 3.2-6200 - 6302

WASHINGTON

RCWA 4.24.530 - 540

WEST VIRGINIA

W.Va. CODE § 20-4-1 - 7 Each participant in an equestrian activity expressly assumes the risk of and legal responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to person or property which results from participation in an equestrian activity. Each participant shall have the sole individual responsibility for knowing the range of his or her own ability to manage, care for, and control a particular horse or perform a particular equestrian activity, and it shall be the duty of each participant to act within the limits of the participant's own ability, to maintain reasonable control of the particular horse or horses at all times while participating in an equestrian activity, to heed all posted warnings, to perform equestrian activities only in an area or in facilities designated by the horseman and to refrain from acting in a manner which may cause or contribute to the injury of anyone. If while actually riding in an equestrian event, any participant collides with any object or person, except an obviously intoxicated person of whom the horseman is aware, or if the participant falls from the horse or from a horse-drawn conveyance, the responsibility for such collision or fall shall be solely that of the participant or participants involved and not that of the horseman.

WISCONSIN

WSA 895.481 NOTICE: A person who is engaged for compensation in the rental of equines or equine equipment or tack or in the instruction of a person in the riding or driving of an equine or in being a passenger upon an equine is not liable for the injury or death of a person involved in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, as defined in section 895.481(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

WYOMING

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THE GUIDELINES OF THE LOUDOUN HUNT PONY CLUB

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In addition to all U.S. Pony Clubs (USPC) the Loudoun Hunt Pony Club (LHPC) has established the following specific guidelines. All questions should be directed to the District Commissioner (DC). National policies are available on the internet at ponyclub.org.

Membership New and Renewing Members

Loudoun Hunt Pony Club will be open for new and renewing membership throughout the year. Active participation for new and renewing members cannot begin until the USPC National Office has received all paper work and payment. New and renewing members must be covered by National insurance prior to participation in any Pony Clubs activities.

Membership Forms New Members

New Members must complete a USPC Membership Application and return it with payment to the Membership Chair.

The applications also must include the following:

- Copy of the signed LHPC Parent Responsibility

- Copy of the LHPC New Member Riding Information

- Check payable to LHPC for USPC Annual Dues, VRPC Annual Dues & LHPC New Member Dues

- One copy of a current negative Coggins for horse(s) or pony(s) to be ridden at Pony Club activities.

Renewing Members

Renewing Members should notify the Membership Chair of their intent to renew membership each Fall. All payable to LHPC for USPC Annual Dues & VRPC Annual Dues should be sent to the Membership Chair prior to the deadline. Membership will not be renewed unless payment is received by the Club. Late fees for USPC, VRPC and LHPC will be added to all late renewing memberships.

The above must be submitted before a new or renewing member is eligible to participate in any USPC activities.

Dual Memberships

As space allows, Loudoun Hunt Pony Club will accept dual memberships and grant all LHPC benefits providing:

- Candidate meets all National, Regional and LHPC requirements.

- Candidate meets all requirements in Fundraiser and Instruction Sections.

- Remains a member in good standing in USPC.

- Dual member should certify in club of record.

Membership Dues

Club dues will be determined each year at the annual sponsors' meeting. A Club late fee of \$25.00 will be added to any renewing membership paid after the due date. This is in addition to the USPC and VRPC late fee. There is a \$15.00 administrative fee for incoming transfers or dual members.

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Sponsors

Pony Clubs are administered by parents and other adults who volunteer to operate the Club and organize activities. Individual adults may become Club Sponsors, from which the Club leadership - District Commissioner, Joint District Commissioner (optional), Club Secretary, and Club Treasurer - will be chosen. In addition to selecting officers, Club Sponsors are charged with oversight of a club's policies, budget and calendar of activities. Club Sponsors are the official voting members of the Club. Sponsor fees will be determined at the Annual Sponsors' Meeting.

Funds

Fund Raiser

In order to help defray the cost of instruction of lessons, clinics, camps, other LHPC activities and operating expenses, LHPC will conduct two horse trials per year. All members and parents are encouraged to participate in the preparation for, as well as working on the days of, the horse trials.

Use of Funds

The primary use of LHPC funds will be for lessons/camps and clinics embracing the requirements of the USPC standards of proficiency and to offset the operating expenses of this club.

Expenses of Club Officials and Volunteers

Minor expenses (e.g., postage, copying, and supplies) will be paid for by the Club when incurred in carrying out Club business and accompanied by proper receipts. Major expenses (e.g., travel) must be approved by the sponsors. A portion of the general fund will be used to cover registration fees, transportation, and lodging for the DC and Joint DC to attend the USPC annual meeting. Horse trial expenses will be approved by the DC and Joint DC.

Instruction

As long as funds in the treasury allow, LHPC will pay (for a member in good standing) for the spring and fall weekly mounted lessons, ground schools, one testing at each certification level, and a portion of summer camp. Ground schools will be conducted during the winter months. A minimum of six weekly mounted lessons each spring and six weekly mounted lessons each fall will be scheduled. These will be group lessons embracing the requirements of the USPC standards of proficiency.

If members wish to participate in lessons, they must notify the DC before the start of lessons. Lesson groups will be arranged, not necessarily by certification, but rather by current ability of the horse and rider combination. Members are expected to notify the DC or lesson coordinator if they are going to be absent from lessons.

LHPC camp will be held each year in the summer. A portion of summer camp will be paid by LHPC.

As long as funds in the treasury allow, LHPC will pay for team coaches for LHPC regional rally teams. LHPC will not pay for personal coaches for team competitors.

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Minimum Qualifications to Participate in Mounted Activities

Riders must be safely mounted and, on their own, should be able to walk, trot, halt and turn with control in a group. This ability will be assessed by the DC and a LHPC instructor.

Rally Team Participation

Any LHPC member in good standing who wants to be on a Rally Team may do so if **safe** and meet requirements in the specific discipline rulebook and has the approval of the DC.

Certifications

All candidates for certifications must be members in good standing with LHPC, the Region and USPC. LHPC will pay for a candidate's certification at each level (D -1, D-2, D-3, C-1, C-2, H-B, C-3, B, H-HM, H, H-A, A, and specialty certifications), one time only. If a candidate needs to be retested at any certification level, the member or member's parents will be responsible for the cost to retake the test. **Dual members should be certified through their club of record.**

Member in Good Standing

A Loudoun Hunt Pony Club Member is considered in Good Standing if they are current with all dues and fees owed the Registered Club, Region and USPC and, when available, participate in one or more of the following:

- They show evidence of sincere interest in the activities of Pony Club at the local, regional, or national level.

- They assist younger members in the learning process.

- They participate in Pony Club activities at the local, regional, or national level when and where appropriate, according to age, experience, and suitability of mount.

General Behavior

All **members and parents** are expected to be courteous to instructors and club officials at all times and must abide by the USPC code of conduct at all Pony Club activities. Profanity is not allowed. Members are expected to be on time for activities. When unavoidably late, a member must ask permission of those in charge to join the activity.

Dress Code

Members must wear a Medical Armband on either upper arm with a completed USPC or USEA Medical Card or Medical Bracelet for all Pony Club activities. An approved (ASTM, PAS or AS/NZ) helmet must be worn for any mounted Pony club activity, to include horse inspection and longeing. Vest for x-country.

In addition the following are required or expected for all mounted activities:

- Britches or Jodhpurs are recommended; no jeans or chaps. Half-chaps may be worn. Ds may wear any style half-chaps. Half-chaps worn by Cs and up must be smooth leather and match their boots.

- A conventional type of riding footwear with a heel is required (e.g., leather, synthetic or rubber riding boots, Jodhpur boots, paddock boots or the equivalent).

- Shirts must have sleeves and be tucked in.

- Belts are required if there are belt loops on riding pants.

- Long hair reaching below the shoulders must be neatly secured away (pony tail, braids or hair net) from the eyes.

- No excessive jewelry.

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See current USPC Horse Management Hand book - Rules for Rallies.

For all pony club activities, members are expected to dress in a manner that conveys respect for themselves, others, our sport, and our organization.

USPC Code of Conduct

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork and well-behaved members. The USPC expects appropriate behavior from all members, parents, and others participating in any Pony Club activity. Inappropriate behavior includes:

- Possession, use, or distribution of any illegal drugs or alcohol (See USPC Policy 0500 for further guidelines.)

- Profanity, vulgar language or gestures

- Harassment - using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following Pony Club activities

- Failure to follow rules

- Cheating

- Abusing a horse

I understand that the local club to which I am applying is under the governance of National Bylaws and Policies. I understand that I have access to the USPC Bylaws and Policies, and that it is my responsibility to read them. As specified in the Bylaws, membership may be denied or terminated at any time, with or without cause. Should any membership be terminated for any reason, I understand that there will be no refund of national membership dues. Participation in any USPC activity constitutes a release to be photographed and/or videotaped. Said photographs and/or videotapes may be published or broadcast at the discretion of USPC, Inc.

Loudoun Hunt Pony Club Parent Responsibility

Pony Club is a shining example of volunteerism at its best and takes a substantial time commitment for parents and other adult volunteers. As a Pony Club parent, you join many thousands of volunteers working at the club, regional and national level. Pony Club parents are a vital part of our club's many activities and the reason for much of our club's continued success. As a LHPC parent you will be called upon to help the club in the following ways.

Attend Club Meetings & Events

Parents are encouraged to attend club meetings and events. We also invite parents to become involved in the administration of the club by becoming a Club Officer or Club Sponsor. In general, Pony Clubs are administered by parents and other adults who volunteer to operate the club and organize activities. Individual adults can become Club Sponsors, from which the club leadership - District Commissioner, Joint District Commissioner (optional), Club Secretary, and Club Treasurer will be chosen. In addition to selecting officers, Club Sponsors are charged with oversight of a club's policies, budget and calendar of activities. Club Sponsors are the official voting members of the club. Talk with your District Commissioner and/or refer to the USPC Bylaws for Registered Clubs for more details. Not everyone, of course, can or wants to be an officer but ideas and suggestions are always appreciated.

Volunteer Opportunities

Even if you are not a horseperson, volunteers are needed to support the ongoing activities of the club. We always need volunteers as:

- Hospitality Committee
- Ground School Organizer
- Ground School and help out at a lesson: set up jumps, take down jumps, and provide water to the instructor or jump crew
- Rally Coordinator
- Summer Camp Volunteer
- Plan a special camp activity
- Organize and Inventory LHPC' equipment
- Provide food and beverages at meetings or competitions
- Provide transportation for field trips
- Provide pony/horse trailering to rally
- Chaperone a rally
- Set up stadium jumps

Horse Trials & Workdays

Every year, LHPC hosts two fundraisers - the LHPC Spring Horse Trials at Morven Park Equestrian Center and LHPC Fall Horse Trials at Oatlands Plantation. These events require hundreds of volunteer hours in order to make them successful. The funds raised allow LHPC to provide activities such as ground school, mounted lessons and summer camp, at little or no cost to our members. In order to continue to subsidize these activities for our members, we encourage LHPC members and parents to volunteer at both our Spring and Fall Horse Trials and associated workdays.

Horse Trials

April	Clean Up Day for LHPC Spring Horse Trials @ Morven Park
April	LHPC Spring Horse Trials @ Morven Park**
August	First Clean Up Day for Fall Horse Trials @ Oatlands (if needed)
August	Second Clean Up Day for Fall Horse Trials @ Oatlands
September	LHPC Fall Horse Trials @ Oatlands**

****Our horse trials dates are determined each year by the U.S. Eventing Association and not LHPC. All dates are posted on the LHPC website.**

Morven Park Equestrian Center

LHPC is able to provide ground school, spring and fall mounted lessons and summer camp at little or no cost to our members due to a very special relationship we are fortunate to have with the Morven Park Equestrian Center in Leesburg. For over 30 years, LHPC has provided volunteers for the Morven Park Spring Horse Trials (not to be confused with the LHPC Spring Horse Trials which is also held at Morven Park) and Morven Park Fall Horse Trials

In exchange, Morven Park allows LHPC to hold our largest fundraiser, the LHPC Spring Horse Trials, at their facility. Funds raised from this annual event along with the ability to use the equestrian facilities at Morven Park enables LHPC to provide our members with ground school, mounted lessons, and summer camp, at little or no cost, to members in good standing.

**Parent Acceptance
of the
Loudoun Hunt Pony Club and Loudoun Hunt Pony Club Parent Responsibility**

Please complete the portion below and return with your Membership paperwork.

Your signature affirms that you have received & read a copy of The Guidelines of the Loudoun Hunt Pony Club and the Loudoun Hunt Pony Club Parent Responsibility.

Pony Club Parent Name - Please Print

Pony Club Parent Signature

Date



41580 Sunday Morning Lane, Leesburg, VA 20176

EQUESTRIAN RENTAL AGREEMENT / HOLD HARMLESS

This Equestrian Rental Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2019 (valid through December 31, 2019) by and between Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation, Inc. (hereinafter "MORVEN PARK") and _____ (Participant Name).

WHEREAS, MORVEN PARK has agreed to confer to USER the non-exclusive possession and use of the facilities identified as (Location on property:) Equestrian Facilities, subject to the terms of this Agreement, for the purpose of participating in one or more of the following activities: Dressage, Combined Training, Hunter/Jumper, Foxhunting, Organized Trail Rides, and/or Driving Events.

THEREFORE BE IT AGREED:

USER shall be entitled to use the above referenced facilities and participate in the aforementioned horse related activities for each day that a rental fee is paid. This Agreement shall remain valid and binding on USER for a period of one (1) year from the date of execution of this Agreement or until this Agreement is superseded by a new Equestrian Rental Agreement signed by USER, whichever is later.

The USER acknowledges the inherent risk involved in riding and working around horses, such risks include, but is not limited to (i) bodily injury from using, riding, or being in close proximity to horses, (ii) injury to both riders and horses in normal use or in competition and schooling, (iii) the propensity of a horse to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to persons, rider, trainer, groom or handler, (iv) the inability to predict a horse's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals, (v) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions and riding over unknown terrain where hazards may be hidden by vegetation or conditions, (vi) collisions with other animals or objects, and (vii) the potential of a participant (amateur or professional) or bystander acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the horse or not acting within the participant's ability.

The USER further acknowledges that riding, cross-country horseback riding, jumping and foxhunting (which include riding over fences, other obstacles, and steep and rough terrain) are inherently dangerous activities. Despite the inherent dangers associated with riding and working around horses, the USER wishes to participate in the above referenced horse related activities.

The USER understands that a parent, legal guardian or other adult **must** accompany him/her if the USER is under the age of 16 years.

The USER agrees to read and abide by the Rules and Regulations of Morven Park. The USER acknowledges and understands that the Rules and Regulations are a deemed to be part of this Agreement.

In exchange for being permitted to participate in the above mentioned horse related activities, the USER, his/her heirs, guardians, and legal representatives, **releases, hold harmless, indemnifies and exonerates the Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation, Inc., its masters, officers, directors, members, employees, or guests or any landowners, landholders or the persons making Morven Park property available to the USER from any and all liability, loss, cost or expense including reasonable attorneys' fees rising out of any suit based on any accident or injury, (including death), of the USER and of the USER's property in or about Morven Park, whether or not caused by the negligence of anyone on Morven Park property arising out of the USER's participation in the above mentioned horse related activities.** The provisions within this document shall survive the expiration of this Agreement.

The USER's signature hereby indicates his/her agreement to wear a hard hat at all times while riding at Morven Park, to obey all rules set forth by MORVEN PARK in the Rules and Regulations, and allow Morven Park to use this information in mailings. This information will not be sold or shared. I further grant the Released Parties the right to photograph and/or videotape me and/or my child or ward and further to display, use and/or otherwise exploit my and/or my child or ward's name, face, likeness, voice, and appearance, in all media in all forms including, without limitation, digitized images, whether for advertising, publicity, or promotional purposes, including, without limitation, publication of Event results and standings, without compensation, reservation or limitation.

Signature: _____

Address: _____

(Parent or guardian must sign for those under 18 years of age)

Print Name: _____

Telephone: _____

e-Mail: _____

Horse name on coggins: _____

Payment: CASH VOUCHER CHECK# _____ N/A



New to Morven Park



Updated Information



Junior Rider