



2024 USEF Pony Finals presented by Marshall & Sterling RULES

SHOW COMMITTEE

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The following rule supplements are in addition to the United States Equestrian Federation (“USEF”) rules that govern the USEF Pony Finals presented by Marshall & Sterling (“Pony Finals”). The USEF rules can be found at www.usef.org and specifications can be found at www.ponyfinals.org.

1. Riders, trainers, parents, and participants shall behave in a manner befitting a national championship and exhibit honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship.
2. Ponies that are not on the grounds for the Kentucky Summer Classic on Sunday, August 4 are not allowed to arrive before 8:00AM on Monday, August 5.
3. Ponies are required to be stabled on the competition grounds in accordance with the following schedule:

GREEN PONY SMALL	12:00 PM	MONDAY, AUGUST 5
MEDIUM REGULAR PONIES	12:00 PM	MONDAY, AUGUST 5
SMALL REGULAR PONIES	8:00 AM	TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
GREEN PONY MEDIUM & LARGE	8:00 AM	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
PONY JUMPERS	5:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
LARGE REGULAR PONIES	8:00 AM	THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
PONY MEDAL PONIES	7:00 AM	SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

4. Beginning at noon on Monday, August 5, ponies that have arrived on competition grounds are required to remain on the competition grounds until they have finished competing in all sections in which they are entered.
5. **Adults are prohibited from riding any ponies (competing or non-competing) on the competition grounds between 11:59 PM on Sunday, August 4, and the conclusion of the Pony Medal on Sunday, August 11.**
6. In order to verify the identity of a pony, all ponies in the schooling areas, exercise areas, or lunging areas must have their show number attached to the pony or the individual riding or handling the pony at any time on the competition grounds. Any pony without its correct number will be asked to leave the area.
7. Ponies must be ridden in designated supervised schooling areas only. Please refer to the schedule and to any posted updates.
8. Competition Management may designate an area of the cross-country course for supervised riding. This is limited to flat work only.
9. Use of prohibited and/or dangerous jumps, equipment, bamboo offsets or poling is not allowed.
10. Paddocks will **not** be available for use at the Kentucky Horse Park during Pony Finals. Ponies competing in Pony Finals are **not permitted to be turned out** in any paddocks at any time during the competition.



11. Ponies not competing in Pony Finals competition for private sale or lease may be tried in ticketed warm-ups in the outdoor rings or in the designated sale/lease trial area at designated times **by junior riders only.**
12. Alcoholic beverages on competition grounds are prohibited except when provided by competition management at official events hosted by the competition.

HUNTER AND EQUITATION SPECIFIC

13. After the times listed in the following schedule, the same junior exhibitor is required to show the Hunter Pony in all phases of the competition. If a rider is unable to continue to compete, the rider and/or trainer must request permission for a change of rider from the Show Committee prior to the start of the next phase of competition. The decision of the Show Committee is final, binding, and not subject to further appeal of any kind.

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14. A pony that is competing in a hunter section of Pony Finals and is for sale or lease may be tried by any junior rider in the designated sale/lease trial area or outdoor warm-ups if: (i) the pony has completed its performance in the hunter over fences round; and (ii) it is before the Pony Medal declaration deadline.

15. A pony that is competing in the hunter division only and is for sale or lease may be tried before the deadlines noted in point 13. If a pony is entered in both a hunter section and in the Pony Medal, it may be tried by junior riders only until the deadlines noted in point 13. After the applicable deadline the pony must be ridden by the hunter competitor only until the pony has completed its performance in the hunter over fences round, and the Pony Medal deadlines must be adhered to.

16. A pony is declared for the Pony Medal when the pony is listed on the entry form. Pony Medal riders must declare their mounts on the entry form or on the declaration form available in the show office by 3:00 p.m. EST on Saturday, August 10. After the declaration deadline, only the Pony Medal rider is permitted to ride the pony. Riders may only change mounts for the Pony Medal in the case of illness or injury to the declared pony and must obtain approval from the show committee following examination of the pony by the competition veterinarian.

17. A pony that is competing in the Pony Medal only and is for sale or lease may be tried before the Pony Medal declaration deadline. The pony may be tried after the Pony Medal if: (i) management has verified that the pony has been eliminated from further testing; or (ii) the Medal is complete in its entirety.

18. **Warm ups will be charged in the show office at \$35 per time.** There are no limitations on the number of warm up rounds an exhibitor may sign up for in the outdoor rings. Medal warm ups will only be available for exhibitors entered and declared for the Pony Medal. Pony Medal riders will be limited to one round and may choose to jump any height (2'3", 2'6", 3'0") for their Medal warm up round.

19. **Coaching from the rail during any hunter or equitation phase of the competition is prohibited and may result in the score of a zero.**



20. If a pony/rider combination is eliminated from or does not complete a phase, it will receive a score of “0” for the phase. The pony/rider combination may continue to compete in the remaining phases of the competition. A pony with an end score of “0” for a phase is not eligible for an award in that phase, but it is eligible for an overall award should scores warrant. A pony that does not compete in all phases is not eligible for an overall award but may continue to compete in any remaining phases.

JUMPER SPECIFIC

1. Pony jumpers must only be ridden by their pony jumper competition riders beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, and until the pony has completed its performance in all phases of the pony jumper competition.
2. Jumps in the schooling area may not exceed the fence height of the pony jumper class in progress by more than 10cm.
3. Declarations for Pony Jumper classes must be made in accordance with following schedule:

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (BY CHEF D’EQUIPE)	9:00 AM	FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
FARWELL CLASS	9:00 AM	SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP – FINAL COMPETITION	9:00 AM	SATURDAY, AUGUST 10