



2026 USEF Pony Finals
Presented by Marshall + Sterling
August 4-9, 2026
Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY
USEF Licensed Special Competition

This is our year!!!



MARSHALL +STERLING

EQUISPORT DIVISION

Congratulations to all 2026 competitors!

Marshall+Sterling Equine Insurance is honored to welcome you to the 2026 USEF Pony Finals presented by Marshall+Sterling at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY.

This championship brings the top pony rider combinations from all over the country to Lexington for 6 days of compelling competition in the hunter, jumper and equitation rings.

As Marshall+Sterling enters our third year as the Pony Finals title sponsor and continues our sponsorship of the Pony Medal, we would like to recognize the riders, trainers, grooms and support systems who come from near and far to compete in this iconic championship and make the event so spectacular and memorable .

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On behalf of all of Marshall+Sterling, thank you for your dedication to your horses and our sport. We hope you have fun this week with safe rides for all!

Donald C. Graves
President, Marshall+Sterling Equine Insurance
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The Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America awards prizes to the high score Purebred and Partbred Welsh Ponies at the 2026 USEF Pony Finals!

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Stop by our booth to verify eligibility.

Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America, Inc.

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ENTRIES MAY BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

The 2026 Kentucky Horse Shows will use the Show Management System On-Line Entry Platform to accept electronic entries for the competitions. This service is billed as part of your office fee and we encourage you to use the Show Management System platform. Exhibitors will be able to enter the show electronically as well as view their bills online. To submit entries or learn more about the electronic entry process, please visit entries.showmanagementsystem.com
Note: A nonrefundable 3% convenience fee will be assessed for all credit card charges.

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

“Every Class offered herein, which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current United States Equestrian rule book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.”

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee or agent at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; and 7) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the “Federation”) and the local rules of the competition. I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable-casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. If not currently a USEF Active Competing member or Subscriber and competing only in classes that are exempt from membership requirements, I acknowledge and agree that I will be enrolled at no cost as a USEF Fan and my USEF Fan Account will continue to annually automatically renew unless and until USEF determines in its sole discretion to terminate my Fan account. Additionally, I acknowledge that the benefits of a USEF Fan are subject to change without notice. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

Per USEF Rule GR801.2: It is compulsory for all persons at Federation licensed hunter, jumper or hunter/jumper competitions when mounted anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured.

SHOW SECRETARY

MAIL ENTRIES TO
USEF Pony Finals
3005 Montavesta Road
Lexington, KY 40502

Show Office
(859) 300-9899

Stable Office
(503) 510-8797

2026 USEF PONY FINALS

presented by Marshall + Sterling, August 4-9, 2026

USEF Regular Pony Hunter National Championship

USEF Green Pony Hunter National Championship

Marshall + Sterling / USEF Pony Medal Finals

USEF Pony Jumper Championships

OFFICIALS

HUNTER JUDGES

Marla Amormino	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
Melissa Bark	<i>Wellington, FL</i>
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Cindy Reid	<i>Rancho Murieta, CA</i>
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Jennifer Day	<i>Lexington, KY</i>
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Jumper

Erin Keating	<i>Lexington, KY</i>
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Equitation

Ashleigh Russo	<i>Lexington, KY</i>
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Hunter and Equitation

Kevin Holowack	<i>Ontario, Canada</i>
Bobby Murphy	<i>Lexington, KY</i>

Jumper and Equitation

Jasen Shelley	<i>Wellington, FL</i>
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ANNOUNCERS

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Micki Kozich	<i>Wellington, FL</i>

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SHOW SECRETARY

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Greg Beiting	<i>Keene, KY</i>
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JUMPS

Jumps by Fuzzy	<i>Franklin, TN</i>
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Rood & Riddle - 859-233-0371

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ENTRIES

ENTRIES CLOSE Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Post Entries will NOT be accepted except for competitors who receive their qualification letter on or after July 14, 2026 at regular cost plus a one time late charge of \$50.00.

A processing fee of \$100 plus collection fees will be made for any non-negotiable checks or credit card payments. All ponies entered must be named on the entry blank including those shown only in equitation where the rider is being judged. Athletes wishing to compete in the USEF Pony Jumper National Championships must complete an online application at athletes.usef.org no later than June 15, 2026.

Entry blanks will be accepted **ONLY** when signed by the owner, rider or handler **AND** trainer. They must be accompanied by a check for entry fees, stabling fees, administration fees, night watch fees. Post entries will be accepted as noted above. **NO STALL WILL BE RESERVED UNLESS ALL FEES NOTED ABOVE ARE PAID BY THE CLOSING OF ENTRIES. STALLS MAY BE RESERVED ONLY BY SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS ALONG WITH PAYMENT. NO RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONE. MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHARGE A NON-SHOWING FEE OF \$100 TO ANY HORSE OR PONY NOT COMPETING IN THE PONY FINALS.**

ADMINISTRATION FEE

An administration fee of \$100.00 per horse will be charged.

AMBULANCE FEE

An ambulance fee of \$35 will be charged. This fee helps to defray the cost of the medical personnel, an ambulance and the horse ambulance.

STABLING

Permanent stalls of wood construction with asphalt flooring, 10 x 12 with doors, are available. Temporary stalls with asphalt flooring are available after supply of permanent stalls has been exhausted. The cost of stalls will be \$375.00. Stalls will be available at 8:00 AM on **Monday, August 3, 2026**. If you plan to arrive earlier you **must** call ahead so that arrangements can be made

Sharps containers will be located in the barn area. It is required to use the sharp containers for needles and disposable sharp instruments.

STABLE OFFICE TELEPHONE: (503) 510-8797

FEED - BEDDING - GOLF CARTS

Dever, Inc. (859) 233-9702 or www.deverinc.com

NIGHT WATCH

All horses occupying a stall, whether showing or not, are required to pay a one time per show nightwatch fee of \$20. This service is NOT OPTIONAL. Horses will be checked 6 times each night beginning at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 3 through Sunday, August 9. Please provide emergency contact name and cell phone or hotel room and phone number on the enclosed insert.

WARM UP ROUNDS

Warm ups will be charged in the show office at \$45 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 Alltech warm up round.

NON COMPETING PONIES

All non competing ponies must have a signed entry form in the show office along with an appropriate form of payment. Assigned back numbers must accompany the pony when ever it is out of its stall.

REFUNDS

No Stall Fees or Administration Fess will be refunded after colsing date of entries. A \$90 scratch fee will be assessed on all scratched entries after the closing date. Entry fees will not be refunded unless a certificate of illness or injury prepared by an accredited veterinarian is presented to the secretary before the start of the competition. Once the competition has started, ponies which are not shown in classes which they have entered forfeit their entry fees, except if a pony is injured or becomes ill prior to the class or classes entered. Proper notification of the scratch must be made in the show office before the start of the class or classes that are being scratched. This must be accompanied by a certificate from the official show veterinarian. In either case above the entry fees will be refunded. Stall fees (if applicable), administration fee of \$100 and a scratch fee of \$90 will be charged.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES - GR 1301.7 + 8

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

SAFETY & WELFARE

Level 1 Trauma Center 10.4 miles

UK Chandler Emergency Department

UK Chandler Hospital

Pavilion A, 800 Rose Street, Lexington, KY 40536

Hospital with ER 4.8 miles

Georgetown Community Hospital

1140 Lexington Road

Georgetown, Kentucky 40324

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please note that in the event of inclement or severe weather management reserves the right to move both the location and start time of any class.

ARENA DIMENSIONS

Covered Arena: 145' x 285' - limesand base and mortar sand cushion

The following competition and schooling areas consist of footing which is a mixture of fine sands and GGT fibres installed above elastic PVC mats. Sub-surface drainage.

Stonelea	135' x 285'	Walnut	300' x 370'
Stonelea/Murphy Schooling	112' x 420'	Rolex Stadium	360' x 384'
Murphy	135' x 285'	Claiborne	245' x 270'
Annex	132' x 252'	Alltech Arena	132' x 265'

LONGEING RING INFORMATION

Rings with limestone base and mortar sand cushion

Covered Arena	145' x 285'
Covered Schooling	60' x 140'
Dever Ring	80' x 220'
Alltech Outdoor	80' x 120'
Steeplechase Ring	130' x 180'

Rings with a mixture of fine sands and GGT fibres installed above elastic PVC mats. Sub-surface drainage

Annex	132' x 252'
Annex Schooling	100' x 210'

IMPORTANT EQUINE HEALTH INFORMATION

The management of the Kentucky Spring Horse Shows would like to make the following recommendations to all exhibitors who plan to travel to the Kentucky Horse Park for any events this year. Monitor our website at www.kentuckyhorseshows.com for any additional recommendations or requirements.

1. The state of Kentucky requires that all horses entering the state provide a negative Coggins test within one year of entry as well as a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) signed by a licensed veterinarian within 30 days of entry. Horses originating within the state of Kentucky are required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection within 150 days. All horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the grounds and the date of vaccination must be noted on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or documented by means noted in USEF GR845.
2. It is recommended that all horses arrive between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm. If it is absolutely necessary to arrive at any other time **you must** call the Stable Office at least 24 hours before arrival to make those arrangements. That telephone number is (503) 510-8797.
3. Please take your horse's temperature on a regular basis so as to establish a normal temperature. If that temperature is elevated prior to shipping to Kentucky please consult your veterinarian as to the advisability of shipping that horse.
4. Immediately upon arrival please take your horse's temperature and if it is elevated consult a licensed veterinarian.
5. If your regular veterinarian is coming to the Kentucky Horse Park to treat your horse(s) he or she must register at the Stable office and receive guidelines for the reporting of any suspicious occurrences.
6. Please be conscious of the need to exercise good hygiene and vigilance in the day to day care of your animals.

*To facilitate the inspection process by Kentucky Department of Agriculture personnel, this paperwork must accompany the horses upon arrival and be available throughout their stay.
** This paperwork must also be presented at the show office in order to pick up numbers. ***

KENTUCKY HORSE PARK REGULATIONS

1. **PARKING** – Free parking will be provided compliments of Kentucky Horse Shows. NO PARKING is allowed in the barn area.
2. **CAMPER'S/ R.V'S/ HORSE TRAILERS W/LIVING SPACE** – Must go to campground.
3. **DOGS** – Must be on a leash (not to exceed 6 feet in length) or suitably restrained in a tack stall/cage etc. Loose animals/animals left in vehicles in distress, etc. can and will be removed from the grounds at the owner's expense.
4. **HORSES AND HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES** – Have the right-of-way at all times.
5. **PACKAGES/DELIVERIES** – The Park is not responsible for any deliveries to an event or event participant. Receiving party must be present when delivery is expected. Please check with stable office for delivery address.
6. **ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT** - In compliance with the State of Kentucky Fire Code, the Kentucky Horse Park will no longer allow any of the following in stalls, barns or tents. Non-complying equipment may be confiscated. a) any 2 prong plug appliances (fans, etc.) b) any 2 prong plug extension cords c) light duty cords for indoor use d) any 3-way adaptors unless specifically for outdoor use e) any adaptors without 3 prong connections
7. **MOTORIZED VEHICLES**
Only the following vehicles are approved for use on Kentucky Horse Park property: golf carts, mopeds, JD Gators, Kawasaki Mules and similar utility vehicles (NO 4-WHEELERS). Electric scooters & motorbikes & scooters with engine displacement 50 cc or less. Approved vehicles must not be operated in tourist areas of the Park & must be operated by a licensed driver at least 16 years old. All vehicles operated after dark must have a headlight & taillight. Use of unauthorized vehicles may result in a citation.
8. **GOLF CARTS** a) All drivers must be at least 16 years old with a valid driver's license. b) Golf carts are strictly prohibited in any tourist areas of the park. c) Golf carts must obey all traffic laws & posted speed limits and have working headlights. d) Golf carts can be rented through Dever Inc. (859) 233-9702.

KENTUCKY HORSE PARK CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS

Campground reservations MAY NOT be made through the horse show office.

To reserve a campsite at the Kentucky Horse Park for any of the horse shows, please call the Campground store at (859) 259-4257, press option #2 for campground or email khpcampground@ky.gov. Be specific as to the show name and the dates you wish to stay. Check-in time is 2:00 p.m. and check-out is 12:00 noon. You must make arrangements with the Campground store if you plan to come earlier than 2:00 p.m. or stay later than 12:00 noon. Vehicles will be towed that are not removed from a campsite by check-out time.

SAFE SPORT

All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at www.usef.org/safe-sport.

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TEST YOUR EMERSON BURR HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS!

When: Tuesday (8/4) - Thursday (8/6) 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Written Portion Location: Concierge under the Rolex Arena Tower

Hands-On Portion Location: TBA

Test takers do not have to compete in Pony Finals to be eligible to take the test but must have an active USEF account and know their USEF ID and password. All test takers can make it to the hands-on portion, but only Pony Finals participants will be eligible to win the grant.

The highest scoring Emerson Burr individual for each age group competing at Pony Finals will be awarded the Emerson Burr Grant. We encouraged Pony Finals exhibitors and spectators to take the test, but only Pony Finals exhibitors with the highest hands-on score will be eligible to receive the grant.



**PLEASE NOTE THE HANDS-ON PORTION WILL ONLY BE HELD
ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 2026.**

Please contact Ashleigh Russo at (859) 225-6993 or arusso@usef.org if you have any questions on the Emerson Burr testing for Pony Finals 2026.

ATTENTION 2026 USEF PONY FINALS COMPETITORS

WIN A \$500 GRANT with the Emerson Burr Horsemanship Test!

The test consists of two phases.

1. **Written Multiple Choice Test** (no more than 20 questions) available 11 am - 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at the USEF Concierge Area
2. **Hands On Test** – Friday in barn area (stall/barn # & times TBA)

Emerson Burr Test takers do not have to compete in Pony Finals to be eligible to take the test but must have an active USEF account and know their USEF ID and password to be able to take the test. Each Emerson Burr winner during Pony Finals will receive a \$500 grant to be used towards education expenses but, only Pony Final participants will be eligible for the grant. Participants are divided into four age groups: **8 and under, 9-11, 12-14, and 15-17**. Each participant will take the written test. The four highest scoring individuals in each age group move on to the hands-on phase. The hands-on phase asks each finalist to demonstrate various skills and knowledge ranging from basic to advanced levels. Following the completion of the hands-on test, a winner from each age group will be selected based on his/her horsemanship skills and knowledge.

Betsy Fishback Sportsmanship Awards Nominate a rider who excels at sportsmanship!

Tuesday-Friday

Complete a nomination form at the concierge table.

Everyone is encouraged to nominate a Pony Finals exhibitor who they feel is gracious in both winning and losing and shows respect, support and encouragement to their fellow competitors. If you know a rider who exemplifies the qualities of a good sport, please complete a nomination form during USEF Pony Finals at the concierge table located by the Rolex Stadium.



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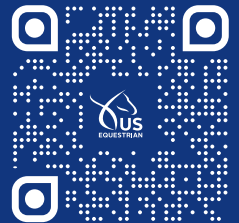
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2026 USEF PONY FINALS RULES

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Competition Steward Cindy Reid
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USEF Representative Erin Keating

The following rules supplement 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. Championship specifications and selection procedures can be found at www.ponyfinals.org. All decisions of the Show Committees are final, binding, and not subject to further appeal of any kind.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

- Riders, trainers, parents, and participants must behave in a manner befitting a national championship and exhibit honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship.
- It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure they are an active member in good standing with USEF and USHJA at the time of qualification and at the beginning of and through the conclusion of Pony Finals, no exception.
- It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure the pony is actively recorded with USEF and USHJA and has a valid microchip and measurement card at the time of qualification and at the beginning of and through the conclusion of Pony Finals, no exception.
- 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.
- Alcoholic beverages on competition grounds are prohibited except when provided by competition management at official events hosted by the competition.
- Paddocks will not be available for use at the Kentucky Horse Park during Pony Finals. Ponies and horses are not permitted to be turned out in any paddocks at any time during the week of Pony Finals (August 3-9, 2026). A paddock is defined as any enclosed space aside from stalls where a human does not have hold of the pony or horse. Violation of this rule will result in elimination, no exception.
- Any violation of GR838 will result in elimination and does not preclude the Federation from seeking further penalties set forth in Chapter 7 of the Rules.

ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PONIES

- Ponies that are not on the grounds for the Kentucky Summer Classic on Sunday, August 2, are not allowed to arrive before 8:00AM EST on Monday, August 3, no exception.
- Ponies are required to be stabled on the competition grounds in accordance with the following schedule, no exceptions:

GREEN PONY SMALL	12:00 PM	MONDAY, AUGUST 3
LARGE REGULAR PONIES	12:00 PM	MONDAY, AUGUST 3
PONY JUMPERS	7:00 AM	TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
SMALL REGULAR PONIES	8:00 AM	TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
GREEN PONY MEDIUM & LARGE	8:00 AM	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
MEDIUM REGULAR PONIES	8:00 AM	THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
PONY MEDAL PONIES	7:00 AM	SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

- Beginning at noon on Monday, August 3, ponies that have arrived on competition grounds are required to remain on competition grounds until they have finished competing in all sections in which they are entered. Violation of this rule will result in elimination, no exceptions.

11. Adults are prohibited from riding any ponies (competing or non-competing) on competition grounds between 11:59 PM EST on Sunday, August 2, and the conclusion of the Pony Medal on Sunday, August 9. Violation of this rule will result in elimination, no exceptions.
12. Riders must be declared for the pony hunter sections no later than the deadlines stated in point #9, no exceptions. Ponies with undeclared riders will not be permitted to compete in Pony Finals. Rider changes are not permitted after the deadlines in Paragraph 9 without the permission of the show committee.
13. Ponies must be declared for the Pony Medal final by 4:00 PM EST on Saturday, August 8. After this declaration deadline, only the Pony Medal Final rider is permitted to ride the pony. Riders may only change mounts for the Pony Medal Final 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.

WARM-UP RULES - HUNTER AND MEDAL PONIES

14. Warmups will be charged in the show office at \$45 per round. There are no limitations on the number of warm up rounds an exhibitor may sign up for in the outdoor rings.
15. Warmups in the Walnut Ring will be restricted to ponies competing in a hunter section at Pony Finals.
16. Medal warmups 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.
17. Use of prohibited and/or dangerous jumps, bamboo offsets or poling is not allowed.
18. Any handlers displaying unsafe lunging practices will be asked to leave lunging areas.

HUNTER / MEDAL SPECIFIC RULES

19. Any pony which does not meet the qualification criteria outlined in the 2026 Pony Hunter National Championship specifications will not be permitted to compete in the hunter sections at USEF Pony Finals under any circumstances, no exceptions.
20. Ponies that have previously competed in the hunter section at Pony Finals will not be permitted to compete in the green pony section per HU140.6e, "A pony that is green eligible may only compete in the Green Pony Hunter section one time at the USEF Hunter Pony Championship. If the pony competes in the Green Hunter Pony section at this competition it must be the pony's first time competing at the USEF Hunter Pony Championship."
21. Any rider who does not meet the qualification criteria outlined in the 2026 Pony Medal Championship specifications will not be permitted to compete in the 2026 USEF Pony Medal Final under any circumstances, no exceptions.
22. After the times listed in the schedule below, the same junior exhibitor is required to ride (school, hack, warm-up, and compete) the hunter pony in all phases of the competition. No other individuals may ride the pony until the pony has completed all phases of the competition. If a rider is unable to continue to compete, the rider and/or trainer must request permission for a rider change from the Show Committee.

GREEN SMALL PONY	12:00 PM	MONDAY, AUGUST 3
LARGE REGULAR PONY	12:00 PM	MONDAY, AUGUST 3
SMALL REGULAR PONY	8:00 AM	TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
GREEN MEDIUM & LARGE PONY	8:00 AM	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
MEDIUM REGULAR PONY	8:00 AM	THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Violation of the above rules (19-22) will result in elimination, no exception.

23. Ponies must be ridden in designated supervised schooling areas only. Please refer to the schedule and to any posted updates.
24. Competition Management may designate an area of the cross-country course for supervised riding. This is limited to flat work only.
25. Coaching from the rail during any hunter, jumper, or medal phase of the competition is prohibited and may result in the score of a zero.
26. Responsible Riding will be enforced. Any action against a pony by a competitor in the ring, deemed excessive by the judge, may result in elimination from the class and/or issuance of a Recorded Warning or Yellow Warning Card. Excessive actions include but are not limited to excessive speed, riding out of control, repeated extremely long distances to jumps or a series of dangerous jumps, excessive or improper use of the whip, spurs, and/or reins. The judge's decision is final.

Violation of the above rules (23-26) could result in elimination at the discretion of the show committee.

HUNTER / MEDAL PONIES FOR SALE OR LEASE

27. Sale/Lease Trial Areas: Competing and non-competing ponies can be tried in any of the ticketed warmup rings, except that non-competing ponies may not be ridden in the Walnut Ring. Competing and non-competing ponies may also be tried in any ring designated as exercise rings.
28. Hunter Ponies: A pony that is competing in the hunter division only and is for sale or lease may be tried by any junior rider in the sale/lease trial areas before the deadlines noted in point #22. The pony may also be tried after the pony has completed all phases of its hunter section.
29. Pony Medal Ponies: A pony that is competing in the Pony Medal Final only and is for sale or lease may be tried by any junior rider in the sale/lease trial areas before Saturday, August 8 at 4:00pm EST. The pony may also be tried after the Pony Medal Final if management has verified that the pony has been eliminated from further testing, or the Medal is complete in its entirety.
30. Ponies Competing in BOTH Hunters and Medal Final: A pony that is competing in a hunter section and the Pony Medal Final and is for sale or lease may be tried by any junior rider in the sale/lease trial areas before the deadlines noted in point #22. The pony may also be tried after the pony has completed all phases of its hunter section but before the deadline for the Pony Medal Final declaration of 4:00pm EST on Saturday, August 8. The pony may also be tried after the Pony Medal Final if management has verified that the pony has been eliminated from further testing, or the Medal is complete in its entirety.
31. Non-Competing Ponies: Ponies not competing in Pony Finals for sale or lease may be tried in the sale/lease trial areas by junior riders only.

JUMPER SPECIFIC RULES

32. Athletes wishing to be considered for the Pony Jumper Championships must complete and submit an application online at athletes.usef.org and pay the requisite application fee no later than June 15, 2026, at 5:00PM EST.
33. Pony jumpers must only be ridden by their pony jumper competition riders beginning at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, and until the pony has finished competing in all phases of the pony jumper championships.
34. Jumps in the schooling area may not exceed the fence height of the pony jumper class in progress by more than 10cm.
35. Athletes are eligible to compete with only one (1) pony in each jumper category at the Championships.
36. Please note that athletes competing in the Pony Jumper Championships may compete in the Pony Hunters, and the Pony Medal. However, the pony jumper may not cross enter into the Pony Hunters but may enter the Pony Medal.
37. All ponies wishing to compete in the Pony Jumper National Championships must be presented at the Veterinary Inspection (jog) on Tuesday, August 4th and Wednesday, August 5th (larges only).
38. Ponies not presented at the Veterinary Inspection (jog) will not be permitted to compete.
39. Responsible Riding will be enforced. Any action against a pony by a competitor in the ring, deemed excessive by the judge, may result in elimination from the class and/or issuance of a Recorded Warning or Yellow Warning Card. Excessive actions include but are not limited to excessive speed, riding out of control, repeated extremely long distances to jumps or a series of dangerous jumps, excessive or improper use of the whip, spurs, and/or reins. The judge's decision is final.
40. Draw reins and/or German martingales may not be used on Jumper Ponies.

ELIMINATION PROCEDURE

Elimination is at the discretion of the Show Committee. Eliminations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

- a. Ponies that are eliminated prior to beginning any of the phases of Pony Finals will not be permitted to compete in any phases of Pony Finals.
- b. Ponies that are eliminated prior to completing all phases of Pony Finals are subject to forfeiture of any placing(s) earned in a phase prior to receiving elimination. Eliminated ponies will not be eligible to continue competing in the remaining phases of Pony Finals.
- c. Ponies that are eliminated after the pony has completed all phases of Pony Finals are subject to forfeiture of any placing(s) earned prior to elimination.
- d. Ponies that are eliminated from a specific phase due to not completing the phase, or having been eliminated otherwise per the judge's discretion, are permitted to continue competing in the remaining phases of the competition. (This includes but is not limited to unsoundness, two refusals over fences, irresponsible riding, etc.).

QUALIFYING & ELIGIBILITY

*** See full specifications on www.ponyfinals.org ***

Pony Medal riders qualify by accumulating thirty (30) points in USEF Pony Medal classes. The qualifying period is July 2, 2025 through July 1, 2026.

The order of go will be drawn by size of ponies to facilitate the change of fence height. All riders will compete and be judged in the first round, the first round will not have testing. No more than 30 competitors will return to compete for the second round, the judges will use two or more tests from USEF tests 1-22.

Please note that two cumulative refusals will result in elimination per USEF Rule EQ108.1i.

HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIPS**QUALIFYING & ELIGIBILITY**

*** See full specifications on www.ponyfinals.org ***

Regular Pony Hunters qualify by winning a Championship or Reserve Championship in a Premier ("AA") or National ("A") rated Regular Pony Hunter section between July 2, 2025, and July 1, 2026. Green Pony Hunters qualify by winning one championship or two reserve championships in a Premier ("AA") or National ("A") rated Green or Regular Pony Hunter section between December 1, 2025, and July 1, 2026 for ponies competing as a first-year green, and July 2, 2025 - July 1, 2026 for ponies competing as a second-year green.

The pony must be registered with the Federation and USHJA at the time of the qualification in order for qualification to count. Sections held after July 1, 2026 will count toward next year's competition. The owner of record of the pony must be a member in good standing of the Federation and USHJA, i.e., ponies must be shown in accordance with Rules GR1102 and GR1108 in order to be eligible to qualify. A microchip and valid measurement card must be on file with USEF.

Regular Hunter Pony Finals: The Hunter competition is divided into three sections: Small, Medium, and Large Hunter Ponies. The Hunter competition will be conducted in three separate phases: Model, Under Saddle, and Over Fences. In determining each pony's final score, the Model will count 25% of the total score; Under Saddle will count 25% of the total score; and Over Fences will count 50% of the total score. The same junior exhibitor is required to show an entry in all phases of the Hunter Competition but need not be the same junior exhibitor that handled the pony in its qualifying event. If a rider is unable to continue to compete, see specifications for procedure. A junior exhibitor may ride a small, medium, and large pony in the competition, but not more than one pony in any one section of the competition. Fences: Small Ponies – 2'3"; Medium Ponies – 2'6"; Large Ponies – 2'9"-3".

Green Hunter Pony Finals: The Green Hunter Pony Finals will be conducted under the same specifications as the Regular Hunter Pony Finals above. A Green Pony which has qualified for the Finals in a Green Pony Section must compete in the Finals in the Green Pony Section. Ponies competing in the green section must not have previously competed at USEF Pony Finals. A Green Pony which has qualified for the Finals in a Regular Pony Section may compete in either the Green Pony Finals or the Regular Pony Finals, but may not compete in both. Green ponies must be declared for the section in which they will compete when completing their entry blank. Fences: Small Ponies – 2'3"; Medium Ponies – 2'6"; Large Ponies – 2'9".

Scoring: Each judge will judge each phase simultaneously but independently of each other. They should not discuss their scores. However, a judge may discuss a particular pony with the other judge(s) if there is a question of soundness; such discussion will be done at the conclusion of that group of ponies. The veterinarian may be called for consultation. Ponies will perform in the Over Fences in reverse order of their scores in the first two phases (Model and Under Saddle). During the Over Fences phase, each competitor will be given a score immediately following its round so that a competitor is aware of the placing both in the phase and overall.

Numerical Score – Phases: The Hunter competition is held in three phases. For each phase, each judge will assign a numerical score between 0 and 100 to each entry. These scores are totaled for each pony immediately after they are received. At the completion of each phase, the scores will be posted in order of placing with the top scoring pony in each phase at the top. Ribbons will be awarded to the top twenty ponies in each phase. If a pony/rider combination does not complete a phase or is eliminated from a phase by the judges, 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 ending 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.

Numerical Score – Overall: After each pony has competed in the Over Fences phase, each judges' score is announced. These scores are multiplied by two and added to the subtotal for the Model and Under Saddle phases to determine the pony's overall score. Ribbons will be awarded to the top twenty ponies in the overall standings. 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.

Ties for Ribbons: Ties for phases will be broken based on the score of the judge that is designated as judge number one, any further ties to be broken by the score of the judge that is designated as judge 2, and further ties to be broken by the score of the judge that is designated as judge 3. If a tie still exists for the overall standings, the score from the Over Fences round will break such a tie.

Points: Points for USEF Horse of the Year Awards will be awarded through tenth place in each phase, and through twentieth place for overall.

Hunter Pony Model: Judged on the line on conformation, way of moving, and soundness. Ponies will be shown in groups of 12 or less and receive a numerical score from each judge. While one model section is being judged, the next model section will enter the ring.

Hunter Pony Under Saddle: To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions. Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Ponies are to stop easily and stand quietly. Light contact with the pony's mouth is required. Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. Ponies will hack in the same groups used for the Model Phase (groups of 12 or less) and receive a numerical score from each judge.

Hunter Pony Over Fences: To be shown over a minimum of eight fences at the required height. Judged using the open numerical scoring system. Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. Extreme speed will be penalized. Please note that two cumulative refusals will result in elimination per HU124.3a. In some classes the area of the Courtesy Circle may be restricted by a mandatory line. This line will be indicated on the course diagram and a corresponding barrier will be erected in the ring. All ponies are required to trot a circle on a loose rein at the end of each over fences performance in order to be evaluated for soundness.



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2026 USEF PONY JUMPER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletes wishing to be considered for the Championships must complete and submit an application on-line at <https://athletes.usef.org> no later than 5:00 PM EST on June 15, 2026. Selection procedure information can be found on the USEF website or [click here](#).

Only standing or running martingales used in conventional manner are permitted.

Formal attire per JP111.9a is required for phases 1 - 3.

Official Competitors Meeting – Monday, August 3rd at 4:00pm via Zoom.

Class # 56 Small Pony Jumper Championships

Class # 58 Medium Pony Jumper Championships

Class # 60 Large Pony Jumper Championships

Class # 62 1.05m Pony Jumper Championships

VETERINARY INSPECTION – Claiborne Schooling Ring

All ponies participating in the 2026 USEF Pony Jumper Championships will be inspected for soundness. Each competitor is required to present his/her own pony unless permission is granted by the Ground Jury (Jumper Judges). Ponies must be presented in a bridle and without boots or a bonnet. Athletes should be neatly dressed boots, breeches/jods, show shirt or polo shirt, helmets are recommended.

TRAINING SESSIONS - Claiborne Arena

Ponies must be ridden by the competition rider wearing their competition number. The course will be flagged, and a course will be posted. The posted course does not need to be followed as long as jumps are jumped in correct direction according to flags. Each athlete/pony combination has 70 seconds in ring. No points or ribbons. Standard Jumper Attire as per JP111.11.C.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP – PHASE ONE

Welcome Class (Individual Phase I), USEF Table II (Clear Round).

This class serves as Phase I of the Individual Championship. The results of the class will be decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed, equal faults remain equal.

Phase I/Individual Classification: Faults from Phase I will be carried forward for Individual Classification.

Ribbons: Clear round blue ribbons.



2026 USEF PONY JUMPER CHAMPIONSHIPS (CONTINUED)

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP & INDIVIDUAL – PHASE TWO

Team Championship and Individual Phase II, Modified Nation's Cup format.

The Team Order will be drawn at the Office in the presence of the ground jury and steward.

Individuals will start first in both rounds, followed by team athletes. The first member of each team will jump the first-round course, followed by the second member of every team, and so forth. Each team's first round score will be determined by adding the faults incurred by the best three scores per team.

Combinations not completing the first or second round of the Team Competition (elimination, retiring, or withdrawing) receive 20 faults more than the highest fault score in that round.

In the second round the course and order of starting will be the same as the first round. The order of athletes within a team may not change.

Team Classification is determined by adding the faults incurred by the three best competitors of each team in both rounds. To place in the Team Championship, three athletes must complete the course in the second round.

Ties for any placing will be separated by total time of best three athletes in round two.

Phase II/Individual Classification: Each competitor will jump two rounds (Individuals to go first, i.e., before teams, in both rounds. The first and second rounds of the Team Competition will serve as Phase II of the Individual Championship. Faults from Phase I and Phase II will be totaled and carried forward for Phase III and Individual Classification.

Ribbons: Team placings only. 1st through 6th placed teams. No clear round ribbons.

Farewell Class. USEF Table II (Clear Round)

Open to athletes not qualified to compete in the Individual Final. The results of the class will be decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. Competitors with clean rounds or equal faults remain equal. The starting order will be drawn by the show office. No ribbons awarded.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP PHASE THREE

Individual Championship Phase III. USEF Table II. One round with Time Allowed.

Qualified to participate are the top 60% of competitors from Phases I and II (including those tied for the last qualifying place).

Athletes must have taken part in the first Competition and have completed both rounds of the Team Competition (without having been eliminated or without retiring). If for any reason one or more of the qualified athletes are unable to start, they will not be replaced.

Overall Individual Championship: The Overall Individual Champion will be the combination with the fewest number of faults from Phases I, II, and III. In the event of equality of faults for the Gold, Silver, and/or Bronze Medal, a jump-off will be held over a shortened course in which time taken will decide between competitors with equal faults.

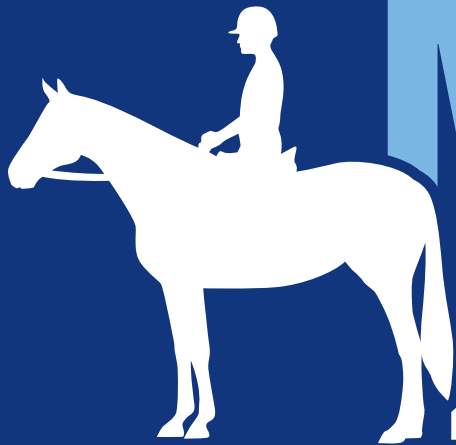
Ribbons will be awarded to the overall placings 1st-10th place. Clear round ribbons will not be awarded.

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2026 Pony Finals Yearbook

Hey kids! If you want to be in the USEF Pony Finals presented by Marshall + Sterling Yearbook, please complete the yearbook application available at www.ponyfinals.org. Don't forget to upload your photo as well! The deadline to submit the questionnaire and photo is 11:59 P.M. EST, Monday, June 8, 2026.

Parents will be the only individuals with access to the portal. Parents must be logged into their account in order to submit on behalf of the minor competing. Once you submit information, you may log back in to make changes until the closing deadline. Parents can create a free USEF fan membership for yearbook submissions.

Please do not mail, email, or fax any photos or yearbook forms, as they will not be accepted for inclusion in the yearbook. Only forms and photos submitted through the online portal will be accepted.

Headshots for a 1.5" x 1.5" space are preferred. After you submit your application, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive this e-mail, please contact the USEF office ASAP. **Without a confirmation email, we cannot guarantee that your submission was received. The USEF office closes at 5 PM EST, so make sure to reach out to us before then if you have questions.**

NO submissions will be accepted after 11:59 P.M. EST, Monday, June 8, 2026! NO EXCEPTIONS.

Buttons N Bows Sportsmanship Award

Do you know someone who has shown a great attitude? Do you know pony kids who help their friends and barn mates during the year? Do you know the kid that deserves to win the Buttons N Bows Sportsmanship Award? Write to us and let us know! Nominations must be received no later than **Wednesday, July 29, 2026.**

Outstanding Parent Award

Do you know of a parent who goes above and beyond to support their young rider or barn mates? Write to us and let us know why you think this parent deserves this award! The parent must have a rider participating in the 2026 USEF Pony Finals presented by Marshall + Sterling to be eligible to receive this award. Nominations must be received no later than **Wednesday, July 29, 2026.**

The Edna Lytle Perpetual Trophy

Do you know of an individual or group of individuals who has provided distinguished service to the Pony Hunter/Jumper community? Write to us and let us know why you think this individual deserves this award! Preference will be given to the content of information provided in the nomination rather than the number of nominations received. The individual must be present at the 2026 USEF Pony Finals presented by Marshall + Sterling to be eligible to receive this award. Nominations must be received no later than **Wednesday, July 29, 2026.**

Submit nominations on the Pony Finals webpage
[Special Awards Nominations Form](#)

AWARDS

HUNTER AWARDS

OVERALL SMALL PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

Awarded the Professional Horseman's Association of America Perpetual Trophy

OVERALL MEDIUM PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

Awarded the Beagle Brook Farm Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Jennifer Miller and Beagle Brook Farm in honor of "Special Effects"

OVERALL LARGE PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

Awarded the Pony Cross Farm Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Stephanie Abronson and Pony Cross Farm

OVERALL GRAND PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

Awarded the International Jumping Derby Perpetual Trophy

	<u>SMALL</u>	<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>LARGE</u>
2025	This Time	Best Sport	Gentle Touch
2024	Sun's Up	High Tops	Prestige
2023	Celebration	Paris Charm	Goldmark
2022	Private Message	Baroness of Lochell	Goldmark
2021	Rollingwoods Knee Deep	Baroness of Locheil	D'Artagnan
2019	Bit Of Love	EMC Entourage	Prestige
2018	Bit Of Love	Anisette	Brighton
2017	In A Dream	News Flash	Child Play Hot Topic
2016	Roll Call	Woodlands Stevie Ray	Storyteller
2015	Bit of Laughter	Woodlands Stevie Ray	Glynha fan Red Kestral
2014	Blueberry Hill	Finders-Keepers	Hudson
2013	Canterbrook Prince Charming	Sassafras Creek	Westside
2012	Hi Lite	Roxbury	For The Laughter

OVERALL SMALL GREEN PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

OVERALL MEDIUM GREEN PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

OVERALL LARGE GREEN PONY HUNTER CHAMPION

OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION GREEN PONY HUNTER

Awarded the Brownland Farm Green Pony Hunter Championship Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Anderton of Franklin, Tennessee

	<u>SMALL</u>	<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>LARGE</u>
2025	Buttons and Blues	Qualen's Mystical	Mufasa
2024	Boca's Entourage	Heartfirst	So Dashing
2023	Otteridge Shameless	Qualen's Charismagic	On Tour
2022	Preston	FPF Favor	Higher Love
2021	Cambridge	Farewell	Brixton
2020	Pepsi	Lumiere	See More Blue
2019	So Charming	Baroness of Locheil	Sandcastle
2018	Neon Moon	Galianna	Lafayette Park
2017	Captain Crunch	Shamrock	Small Wonder
2016	So Enchanted	Not So Secret	Minted
2015	Woodlands Polar Bear	Truly Yours	Kingston
2014	Smitten	Leon	For the Best
2013	Yes It's True	Show Me Love	Northwind Marin
2012	Benjamin Buttons	Frosted	Valentino

(Overall Grand Champions in **BOLD**)

AWARDS

EMERSON BURR PERPETUAL TROPHY

Awarded to the trainer of the

Overall Grand Champion Pony Hunter

Donated by the 2000 Hunter Pony Committee

2025	Stacy Weiss
2024	David Belford
2023	Christa Endicott
2022	Stacy Weiss
2021	Chance Arakelian
2019	Hunt Tosh
2018	Michael Newman
2017	Liz Reilly and Peter Pletcher
2016	Scott Stewart & Amanda Derbyshire
2015	Chris Lwasaki & Elizabeth Reilly
2014	Lynne Jayne & Patricia Griffith
2013	Patricia Griffith
2012	Patricia Griffith
2011	Rob Collucio & Scott Stewart
2010	Scott Stewart

TOP TWENTY AWARDS

REGULAR PONIES EACH PHASE

- Small Pony Hunters
- Medium Pony Hunters
- Large Pony Hunters

REGULAR PONIES OVERALL

- Small Pony Hunters
- Medium Pony Hunters
- Large Pony Hunters

GREEN PONIES EACH PHASE

- Small Green Pony Hunter
- Medium Green Pony Hunter
- Large Green Pony Hunter

GREEN PONIES OVERALL

- Small Green Pony Hunter
- Medium Green Pony Hunter
- Large Green Pony Hunter

EQUITATION AWARDS

PONY MEDAL FINALS WINNER

Awarded the Easter Sunday Memorial Trophy

2025	Cizy Zhou	2019	Kat Fuqua	2014	Taylor St Jacques
2024	Carsyn Korotkin	2018	Tessa Downey	2013	Olivia Woodson
2023	Samantha Smith	2017	Ada Catherine Hays	2012	Lucy Deslauries
2022	Chandler Wilks	2016	Caroline Passarelli	2011	Madison Goetzmann
2021	Olivia Sweetnam	2015	Sophie Gochman	2010	Isabelle Caccamise

JUMPER AWARDS

USEF NATIONAL PONY JUMPER TEAM CHAMPIONS

Awarded the Willow Grove Farm Perpetual Trophy

Donated by William J. Moroney in honor of his parents Edward and Lorraine Moroney.

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
2025 (L)	Zone 4	Zone 8/9	Zone 5/6
2025 (S/M)	Zone 7/8	Zone 10	Zone 3 (Tm 2)
2024	Zones 2/3/4	Zone 8	
2023	Zones 5/8/10	Zones 3/4/USPC	
2022	Zone 3	Zones 10	Zone 8
2021	Zone 10A	Zones 1/7	Zone 3, 8, 9
2019	Zone 10	Zone 4	Zone 3, 5, 7, 8
2018	Zone 10	Zones 4	Zone 1 & 9
2017	Zone 10	Zone 1/3	n/a
2016	Zones 5/6	Zones 4/9	Zone 1
2015	Zone 4	Zone 9/10	Zone 2
2014	USPC	n/a	n/a
2013	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 7
2012	Zone 4	Zone 7	USPC

AWARDS

USEF NATIONAL PONY JUMPER INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION

Awarded the Swan Creek Farm Perpetual Trophy - *Donated by William J. Moroney in honor of Alvin and Patsy Topping*

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
2025	Cisy Zhou (S/M) Elin Uhrig (L)	Grace Green (S/M) Zachary Sherer (L)	Lacey Powers (S/M) Summer Smith (L)
2024	Piper Kulkin	Elina Liebert	Kinser Vale
2023	Reagan Voxman	Sienna Smith	Madeline Kottman
2022	Aundrea Hillyard	Isabella Uhrig	Reagan Voxman
2021	Alexis Bauman	Michaela Munson	Audrey Turner
2019	Hallie Rush	Devi Ferreira	Tabitha Okitsu
2018	Zacko Hardin	Sydney Flashman	Taylor Brinsfield
2017	Tabitha Okitsu	Avery Kim	Isabella Durnell
2016	Bailey Doloff	Isabella Durnell	Maya Lovdal
2015	Elizabeth McDougald	Stephanie Don	Sarah Davis
2014	Genevieve Munson	Cecily Coors	Carson Ruff
2013	Cooper Dean	Christina Rodriguez	Carly Williams
2012	Keely Laughlin	Ellyn Fritz	Kady Abrahamson

USEF PONY JUMPER STYLE AWARD

Awarded the Short Stop Perpetual Trophy

Donated by William J. Moroney to the pony jumper rider, who in the opinion of the judges, exhibits the best style of riding throughout the Pony Jpr Championships.

2025	Jasper Bloomberg (S/M) Lillian Thomas (L)	2019	Devi Ferreira	2013	Cooper Dean
2024	Piper Kulkin	2018	Elizabeth Cram	2012	Ellyn Fritz
2023	Cameron Cuddy	2017	Isabella Durnell	2011	Kaitlin Miller-Roberts
2022	Aundrea Hillyard	2016	Bailey Doloff	2010	Kaitlin Miller-Roberts
2021	Ryder Richardson	2015	Charles Smith		
		2014	Julianna Empie		

SPECIAL AWARDS

OUTSTANDING PARENT AWARD

Donated in memory of Gail Cardalico, this trophy is awarded to the individual who has shown the most involvement and support as a parent of a Pony Finals competitor.

2025	Susan McLane	2021	Will Little	2016	Amanda Topping
2024	Caroline Volpe	2019	Mark Drosos	2015	Britt Bader
2023	Alexandra Ketner	2018	John Owens		
2022	Diane McKinney	2017	Ali Sweetnam		

THE EDNA LYTLE PERPETUAL TROPHY

Donated by USEF in honor of Edna Lytle. Awarded to an individual or group of individuals who has supported the USEF Pony Finals through their selfless efforts and dedication to the USEF Pony Finals. The recipient will be chosen based on their distinguished service within the Hunter/Jumper Pony Community.

2024	Tamara Hall & Sara Compton	2017	Sissie Anderton	2012	David Wright
2023	Bibby Farmer Hill	2016	Bill Schaub	2011	Mindy Darst
2021	Stacey Weiss	2015	Charles Moorcroft	2010	Mindy Darst
2019	Robin Greenwood	2014	Patricia Griffith	2009	Marion Maybank
2018	Stacey Weiss	2013	Beverly Bedard		

BUTTONS 'N' BOWS SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY

The sportsmanship trophy is awarded to the junior rider who best personifies the high standards and virtues of integrity, sportsmanship, honor, courage, good temper and unselfishness.

Donated by Mr. R. Bates Newton of Versailles, KY in memory of Maxine Best

2025	Guliana Petrone	2020	Sophia Sobkowiak	2015	Brooke Farrell
2024	Trinity Hall	2019	Danielle Rollins	2014	Gianna Longo
2023	Amelia Smith	2018	Savonna Adell	2013	Hagen Alexander Hall
2022	Ava Barnes	2017	Emma Vandenhouter	2012	Aberle Rogers
2021	Annah Shuping	2016	Katherine Walters	2011	Emily Regan

AWARDS

THE BETSY FISHBACK MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the best turned out pony in the hunter sections of Pony Finals;
*Donated by Dr. William D. Fishback and Kelley Goguen in memory of Betsy Fishback,
a longtime volunteer and supporter of Pony Finals.*

2025	Charlie's Angel	Sophie Oosthuzien / Jasoma57 LLC
2024	Higher Love	Emi Richard/The Lignelli Family
2023	Faylins Kodachrome	Cisy Zhou/Beyaert Farm
2022	Modern Love	Callie Winkelman/Stardust Stables, LLC
2021	Wisewood Mr. Fizzle	Alexandra Lynn Willner
2019	Donchaneau	Paloma Primavera
2018	Ready To Roll	Aiden Udelson
2017	Valentino	Chandler Wilks
2016	Vermont Ruby Fox	Anna Richardson / Piper Klemm
2015	One More Time	Adam Edgar / Anna Rossi

THE MINDY DARST PERPETUAL TROPHY

Awarded to the child that all judges decide is most likely to become a top professional rider. This award is to be based on the fitness and athletic ability of the rider, the compassion and communication between the rider and the pony, and the understanding of track, pace and the ability to create a beautiful jump. The winner should best exemplify a competitive, hardworking, and talented rider who is comfortable competing in any venue, and best showcases his pony's ability, with a calm confidence that portrays a successful future professional.

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2025	Finley Baras	2018	Maddie Tosh
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2023	McKayla Brombach	2016	Caroline Passarelli
2022	Aundrea Hillyard	2015	Augusta Iwasaki
2021	Olivia Sweetnam	2014	Taylor St Jacques
2019	Taylor Cawley	2013	Emma Kurtz

HIGH SCORE REGISTERED VIRGINIA BRED PONY

The Virginia Pony Breeders Association will present Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons to the owners of the two registered Virginia Bred ponies scoring the highest number of points in the Small, Medium and Large Regular Pony Hunter, Green Pony Hunter sections. The VPBA Perpetual Trophy and replica for Grand Champion will be presented to the highest scoring Champion in the Regular Pony Hunters. To be eligible, a pony must be registered with the VPBA, exhibited under its registered name, and in the name of its last recorded owner as shown in the VPBA Registry. To be considered for the 2025 awards, ponies must be registered by the end of **Friday, July 31, 2026**. To verify eligibility or for more information please email pfvpba@gmail.com, call (540) 338-3528, or visit www.vpba.com.

WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY HIGH SCORE AWARDS

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America along with a group of Welsh pony breeders will present awards through 6th place to the highest scoring Purebred, Half Welsh or Part-bred Welsh ponies in each of the Small, Medium and Large Regular Pony Hunter and Green Pony Hunter sections. Perpetual trophies will be awarded to four overall Welsh Grand Champions – Highest purebred in the Regulars and Greens and highest Half/Part in the Regulars and Greens. In addition, a cash scholarship of \$250 will be awarded by WPCSA to the riders of the four Grand Champion ponies. Stop by the Welsh booth at Pony Finals or contact WPCSA at info@welshpony.org to make sure your pony is eligible to compete for these awards. **Ponies must be registered by the end of the day, Tuesday, August 4, 2026 in order to be considered for the 2026 awards.**

OWNER/RIDER AWARDS

Awarded to the top ten riders competing on his or her own pony in each of the Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections. Leased ponies are not eligible. Multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family. If the pony is owned by a farm, then all owners of the farm must be members of the same family. Owner/riders must verify their eligibility with USEF by visiting the concierge tent before placings are posted.

TEN AND UNDER AWARDS

Ribbons awarded to the top ten riders in each section of the Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections aged ten and under. Age is based on USEF age per GR103.

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****When making reservations, please refer to the "USEF Pony Finals" special rate.***

Clarion Hotel-\$99/night plus taxes
1950 Newton Pike
Lexington, KY 40511
(895-233-0521)

Cut-off: Monday, July 6, 2026

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Marriott Griffin Gate Resort-\$189/night plus taxes
1800 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40511
(859) 231-5100

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DIRECTIONS

The Kentucky Horse Park is located at
**4089 Iron Works Parkway,
Lexington, KY 40511**

One-half mile east of I-75 off Iron Works Pike (1973) at Exit 120.

Please note

GPS and phone mapping functions may not accurately direct you to the Kentucky Horse Park. Please use "4089 Iron Works Pike" (not "Parkway") as the street address when utilizing GPS and mapping software.



For Camper Information
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USHJA Clinics

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All USHJA clinics at Pony Finals are free and will be held in the Covered Arena or in the Covered Arena classroom.



USHJA WHEELER MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT	WED-FRI	9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.	SELF-GUIDED
JUMPER JOG CLINIC (SMALL/MEDIUM PONIES)	MON, AUG 3	1:00-2:00 P.M.	DIANN LANGER
JUMPER JOG CLINIC (SMALL/MEDIUM PONIES)	MON, AUG 3	2:30-3:30 P.M.	DIANN LANGER
MODEL CLINIC	TUES, AUG 4	7:30-8:30 A.M.	BILL SCHAUB
MODEL CLINIC	TUES, AUG 4	9:00-10:00 A.M.	BILL SCHAUB
MODEL CLINIC	TUES, AUG 4	10:30-11:30 A.M.	BILL SCHAUB
JUMPER JOG CLINIC (LARGE PONIES)	TUES, AUG 4	12:00-1:00 P.M.	DIANN LANGER
MODEL CLINIC	WED, AUG 5	7:30-8:30 A.M.	BILL SCHAUB
SPORT AND PERFORMANCE PSYCHOLOGY	WED, AUG 5	9:30-11:00 A.M.	DR. DARBY BONOMI
SPORT AND PERFORMANCE PSYCHOLOGY	WED, AUG 5	1:00-2:30 P.M.	DR. DARBY BONOMI
COURSE WALK	FRI, AUG 7	9:00-10:00 A.M.	LEWIS PACK
JUDGE'S PERSPECTIVE	FRI, AUG 7	10:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M.	BILL SCHAUB



For more information about the USHJA education clinics and how to register, visit [USHJA.org/PonyFinalsClinic](https://www.ushja.org/PonyFinalsClinic).

Contact USHJA Education Department for more information: education@ushja.org.

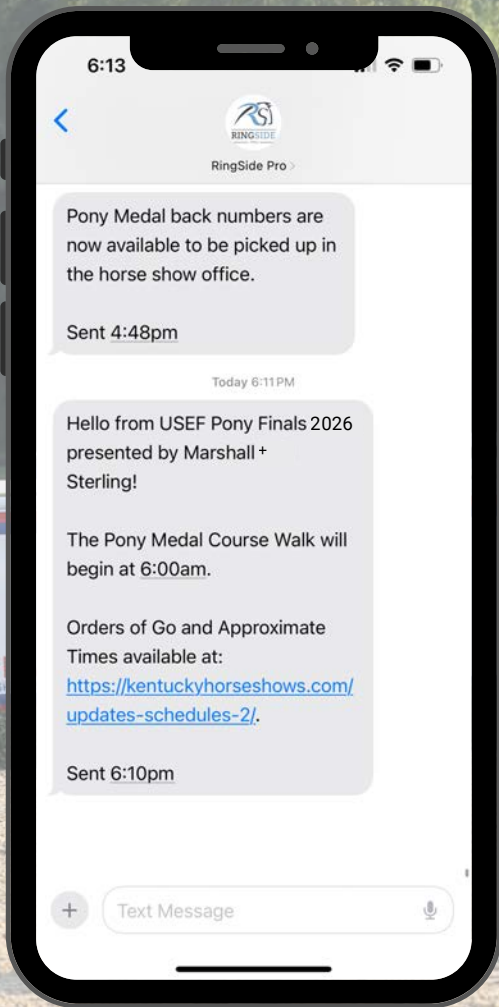


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