

# 2020 USEF Pony Finals presented by Collecting Gaits Farm

*Exhibitor, Parent & Trainer Meeting*



July 27, 2020

## PONY FINALS RIDER MEETING: PANELISTS

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- ▶ Bill Moroney – Chief Executive Officer, US Equestrian
- ▶ Terri Dolan – Director of National Breeds & Disciplines, US Equestrian
- ▶ Hugh Kincannon – Competition Organizer, Kentucky Horse Shows



- ▶ **Temperature requirements** – All individuals must self monitor their temperatures prior to entering the grounds. Temperatures must be under 99.5°F or you will not be permitted access to the show grounds.
- ▶ USEF and competition management require that **face masks or face coverings must be worn at all times whenever a person is on competition grounds**, including but not limited to stabling areas, competition areas, schooling areas, lunging areas, vendor areas, food service areas, show office, etc.
- ▶ Whenever a person is on competition grounds, social distancing requirements are in effect and compliance is expected. We expected face mask/covering use and social distancing requirements to be complied with at all times.
- ▶ All Participants are requested to wash their hands as frequently as possible in the permanent restrooms and temporary hand washing stations. If hand washing is not possible, hand sanitizing stations will be available at numerous convenient locations in every area of the competition grounds.

# PONY FINALS RIDER MEETING: COVID-19 INFORMATION

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- ▶ Only persons who are directly involved in the competition by way of being a participant, a member of competition staff, a service provider, or other support personnel who are employed or contracted by participants and are essential to providing care to the ponies and/or participants are permitted to be on competition grounds.
- ▶ **Spectators are not permitted at the competition.** The entire event will be live streamed on USEF Network.
- ▶ Access to stabling area will be restricted to trainers, grooms, competition officials and essential support personnel such as veterinarians, farriers, therapists and braiders. No gatherings of any kind, in any place, at any time are permitted on the competition grounds. This includes the stable area, schooling rings, and viewing areas adjacent to rings.
- ▶ The trainer of record will be held responsible for the actions of all participants within their group. Any willful or repeated violations of the protocols in place will result in expulsion of the trainer and participants involved.

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- ▶ Only the trainer and one (1) attendant and one (1) parent of a minor child, if applicable, may accompany each pony to the competition area. No guests, extra family members, spectators, visitors, etc., are permitted on the competition grounds.
- ▶ Individuals are allowed to be seated together while being transported by golf cart (or similar four-wheeled transport vehicle), but capacity may not exceed the number of seats on the cart or vehicle and all individuals must wear face masks or face coverings. **Congregating on or around a parked or stationary golf cart or vehicle is prohibited.** Golf cart parking in competition areas will not be permitted. Golf cart parking areas will be marked and strictly regulated.
- ▶ A maximum of two (2) people per pony will be allowed on the ground in the schooling area. No more than one person on each side of each schooling jump. Please use mounting blocks instead of leg-ups, when possible.
- ▶ Braiding is optional. Ponies that are not braided will not be penalized.
- ▶ Please do as much necessary paperwork online at [showmanagementsystems.com](https://www.showmanagementsystems.com) as you can. You are encouraged to create a free online account to make entries, do adds & scratches and settle accounts.

# PONY FINALS RIDER MEETING: KEY RULES & CONSIDERATIONS

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- ▶ Adults are prohibited from riding ponies during Pony Finals
- ▶ Riding on the cross country course is only permitted in the designated area, no jumping is allowed
- ▶ Use of paddocks is not permitted
- ▶ Riders must display the pony's competition number while riding
- ▶ Ponies must stay on competition grounds until finished competing
- ▶ Beginning at the times designated in the Prize List, **ONLY** the designated Hunter rider is allowed to ride a pony competing in the Hunter portion until **AFTER** it has completed the over fences round
- ▶ No coaching from the rail; it will result in a score of zero
- ▶ Two refusals will result in elimination from the over fences phase of the hunter sections
- ▶ Violations of Pony Finals rules may result in elimination from Pony Finals

# PONY FINALS MEETING: SCHEDULE & EVENTS

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- ▶ There have been some minor changes in the schedule for some of the additional events (such as the USEF Safe Sport town hall, exhibitor party, and USHJA clinics), so please be sure to review the updated schedule posted at [www.ponyfinals.org](http://www.ponyfinals.org).
- ▶ A separate webinar for specific rules regarding the Jumper championship will be held on Wednesday, July 29 at 5pm ET.
- ▶ The USHJA Clinics will now be held virtually for all to attend! They can be found at [www.ushja.org/PonyFinalsClinic](http://www.ushja.org/PonyFinalsClinic).

## PONY FINALS MEETING: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- ▶ *Emerson Burr* : Those interested in participating in the Emerson Burr Grant for an opportunity to earn a \$500 grant towards education. The written test will be held Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, between 9-11am & 1-3pm by the Concierge Tent at the Rolex Arena. Please make sure to wear your mask. The hands on portion for the top four finalists in each age group will be held on Friday.
- ▶ Exhibitor Bag Pick Up- Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11am-4pm
- ▶ Concierge Area Updates
- ▶ Merchandise Booth link will go live on Friday, July 31 at 10am - [www.usef.org/go/PonyFinalsShop](http://www.usef.org/go/PonyFinalsShop)

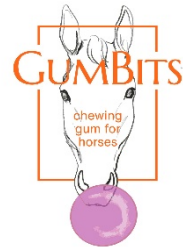


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