



## 2023 USEF Pony Finals presented by Honor Hill Farms

### RULES

#### SHOW COMMITTEE

Competition Steward: David Distler

Competition Manager: Hugh Kincannon

USEF Representative: Lauren Bazyk

The following rule supplements are in addition to the USEF rules that govern the USEF Pony Finals presented by Honor Hill Farms. The USEF rules can be found at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) and specifications can be found at [www.ponyfinals.org](http://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 which are not on the grounds for the Kentucky Summer Classic on Sunday, August 6 are not allowed to arrive before 8:00 am on Monday, August 7.

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 7
MEDIUM REGULAR PONIES	12:00 PM	MONDAY, AUGUST 7
SMALL REGULAR PONIES	8:00 AM	TUESDAY, AUGUST 8
GREEN PONY MEDIUM & LARGE	8:00 AM	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
PONY JUMPERS	5:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
LARGE REGULAR PONIES	8:00 AM	THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
PONY MEDAL PONIES	7:00 AM	SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

4. Beginning at noon on Monday, August 7, 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 6, and the conclusion of the Pony Medal on Sunday, August 13.**

6. In order to verify the identity of a pony, riders are required to wear the pony's competition number while riding at any time on competition grounds.

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 illegal and/or dangerous jumps, equipment, bamboo offsets or poling is prohibited.

10. Paddocks will **not** be available for use at the Kentucky Horse Park during the Pony Finals competition. Ponies competing in the USEF Pony Finals presented by Honor Hill Farms are **not permitted to be turned out** in any paddocks at any time during the competition.

11. Ponies not competing in the USEF Pony Finals presented by Honor Hill Farms competition and 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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LARGE REGULAR PONY	8:00 AM	THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

14. A pony that is competing in a hunter section of the USEF Pony Finals presented by Honor Hill Farms 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. If a pony is entered in both a hunter section and in the Pony Medal, it must be ridden by the hunter rider only until the pony has completed its performance in the hunter over fences round.

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 12. 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 9, 2023 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 11
FARWELL CLASS	9:00 AM	SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP – FINAL COMPETITION	9:00 AM	SATURDAY, AUGUST 12