

New York/Upper Connecticut Regional Dressage Rally
Monday, June 30, 2003
Kent School, Kent, Connecticut

Registration opens May 10, 2003 and closes June 16, 2003
Entries must be in secretary's possession by the closing date,
Late entries will not be accepted

The fee for incomplete entries will be \$10 per competitor.

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Overall Judges: Cindy Canace, Max Gahwyler, Claudia Tarlov,

Teams: will be composed of 3 or 4 riders, rated D3 and up as of June 14, 2003 and a non riding horse manager. Individual entries and incomplete teams will be combined by rally organizers to form scramble teams. Entries are limited and will be registered in order of date of receipt until all riding slots are filled. Teams can consist of any mix or riding tests. One team entry form and an Individual Rally Release form per team member must be supplied for each team or partial team. One chaperone needed for each 5 members.

Entry Fees: \$80 per rider, \$40 per horse manager. \$25 refundable stall deposit on a separate check (does not need to be club check) per competitor (HM responsible for tack room area) made out to NY/UC Region. Entries must be made on a club check. Refunds after the closing date at 50% with medical excuse for horse or pony clubber. Another entrant from the same club may substitute with the same qualifications. Withdrawals before the closing date will be refunded minus a \$25 processing fee. A \$10 fee will be added, per individual, to any incomplete entries received.

Special needs: Please make sure all special needs are noted on the entry forms. Include all learning disabilities, as well as medical-i.e. diabetes, asthma, and allergies. Also please note if written tests and/or dressage tests need to be read.

Horse Entry Forms: A 2003 Negative Coggins Test and 2003 Rabies Vaccination are required for each horse, along with a veterinarians note detailing any medication that the horse is taking.

Competitors Medical Release Form: Each competitor must send an original 2003 medical release form. Your chaperone should also have an original medical release form.

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Dressage Tests: Each rider will ride two dressage test of their choice from memory. 2003 USA Equestrian or FEI tests of choice at any level from Training to Fourth Level tests will be used. Training Level Tests 1 & 2 is recommended for D3's. Competition will be in a standard arena. Sand and grass arenas will be used.

Musical Freestyle & Pas de Deux are optional at this rally; however, National candidates are encouraged to consider their tests as they will be required at Nationals. Consult the spring dressage newsletter. Bring a cassette of your music labeled with your name and pony club. Include instructions for the person operating the tape player.

If requested a Quadrille Division will be available. It will be ridden in a small arena. There will be a limited Quadrille division available at Nationals this year. See Spring Newsletter for Details.

Rally Rules: Horse management and the rally will be governed by the "USPC Handbook and Rules for Dressage Competition 2003," "The Uniform Officiating Rules of USPC" and USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition 2002." And the USPC Spring 2003 Dressage Newsletter. Attire as per rulebooks. A USPC pin and number must be worn at all times at all times. ASTM/SEI approved helmets are required. In case of hot weather, jackets may be waived by president of the Ground Jury but shirts must have sleeves and conform to the Dressage Rules. Each team must have these rulebooks and be familiar with their contents.

Unauthorized Assistance: During a rally, teamwork, horse management, good horsemanship and good sportsmanship are just as important as performance. Parents are not allowed to help coach their child during a rally. Instead, Pony Clubbers work together as a team and help each other under the supervision of the Horse Management judges. Competitors are expected to be self reliant. Assistance is available from rally officials, HM Judges and other competitors. When bodily harm is imminent, outside assistance is permissible. In cases where special needs arise; i.e. delivering lunches, coolers, medications, etc. to competitors, the chaperones shall contact the Horse Management personnel to make arrangements at the neutral zone (a designated area open to parents, chaperones, and competitors). If competitors are having problems with unsolicited advice and are fearful of incurring penalties, they should speak to the Chief Horse Management Judge. The penalty for unauthorized assistance in Horse Management shall be up to 60 penalty points in Horse Management.

Scoring: will be on Dressage Rides, Horse Management, and Written Tests

Starting Times: Grounds open at 6:00am (NO SETUP BEFORE 6:00 am!!!!) Briefing at 8:00 am.

Awards: Ribbons for teams to 6th place in Overall Score, Horse Management. Awards also in Musicals, Pas De Deux, and Quadrille to sixth place. Trophy for teams scoring highest overall and highest in horse management.

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Nationals: Any competitor wishing to try out for the USPC Dressage National Competition in Lexington, Virginia July 31-August 3, 2003 must complete a Nationals Championship Intent Form. Nationals consists of Training Level Division, First Level Division, Second Level Division, and Quadrille Division etc. To qualify for nationals, you may ride the 2nd, 3rd, 4th test of that LEVEL; i.e. training 2, 3, or 4. You may not mix levels if you want to qualify for nationals. National Candidates must be rated C1 and be 12 years old by 1/1/2003. The Horse Manager will be chosen from the horse manager of the teams scoring highest in horse management or from a pool of alternate riders by the RS. Further information is available in the Spring Dressage Newsletter. *Completed intent forms must be received by June 14, 2003. Send to Debbie Welles, RS, 146-3 Boston Post Rd., Old Lyme, CT 06371. Also include 3 original medical releases, 2 Coggins tests.*

Stabling: Rally horses will use stalls. One bag of shavings is included. A \$25 stall deposit will be returned after exit inspection. Layover is available for an extra fee. Use the enclosed form for layovers prior to the rally and use the form available in the eventing entry for between rallies. Stalls may be permanent in the main barn area or temporary stalls in the indoor arena. Special requests for permanent stabling will require a vet note.

Early Arrival and Layover of Individuals and Horses

Any competitor who wishes to arrive the night before the competition may arrange to do so. Stabling for the extra night is \$15 for the stall, payable to Kent School and housing available at Club Getaway at \$29 payable to Club Getaway. Please fill out the Early Arrival form with this entry if you will come in early. If you plan to layover between rallies, fill out the Layover Form available in the Eventing Entry. For these reservations, complete the housing form and send with appropriate check amounts to: Barbara Meyer, Millbrook Pony Club 211 Hammond Hill, Dover Plains, NY 12522

Drug/alcohol/tobacco Policy: the use of alcohol and other substances that can affect judgment, health, and safety is emphatically forbidden for the duration of any USPC sponsored activities. All adults attending any USPC functions are expected to exercise discretion and responsibility. Responsible adults must refrain from using alcohol or other substances that may adversely affect their judgment at any time that they are acting or may be called upon to act in a responsible position. Adult use of tobacco must conform to local laws and applicable safety regulations and should show concern for the present health habits of Pony Clubbers.

No Dogs in the Stable Area!!!! All dogs must be leashed at all times!!!

Food: Will not be available. Competitors should bring their own drinking water. Water for competitors will be available at the rings during the rally.

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Chaperones: must be 21 or older. They must read and sign the Chaperone Duties Form. A chaperone must be sent for each 5 members. There is no chaperone fee, but if chaperones are planning on laying over, be sure that appropriate fees are sent in.
Weather Emergency Plan: All people at the rally should be aware of the Regions Weather Emergency Plan. It is available for viewing at the regional web page under forms. Weather conditions can change quickly especially at Kent and everyone should be prepared.

Directions:

From South-Rt 7 North to traffic light at monument in Kent (25 miles north of Danbury). Left onto Rt 341, **go over bridge then take an immediate right onto Skiff Mountain Rd. Follow 5 miles to top of mountain; Kent School Stables will be on the right.*

From North-Rt 7 South to traffic light in Kent at monument, turn right onto Rt 341 and follow from above*

From East-Rt 8 North from Waterbury to exit 42. Left off ramp and follow Rt 118 into Litchfield. Take Rt 202 West through Bantam and past Mt. Tom Pond. Turn right onto RT 341 and follow to traffic light and monument in Kent. Follow from above*

From West-Rt 681 to Rt 22 North to Rt 55(NY). Left onto Rt 7 North to traffic light in Kent. Turn right onto Rt 341 and follow from above.

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