

TO: District Commissioners  
Maryland Region

DATE: February 12, 2003

FROM: Mickey Skipper, Regional Supervisor

SUBJECT: Maryland Regional Eventing Rally/Championships and Round Robins-2003

There will be 4 divisions in our Round Robins this year: Baby Novice, Starter Novice, Novice and Training.

Eligibility: Requirements (Horse and Rider Combination) for Round Robins. **Obtaining a specific rating does not mean you are ready for any particular level of competition.** The Pony Clubber, their parent/guardian and **ultimately the Club's D.C.** must decide if the competitor is safe, confident and in control enough to enter a particular level of competition. Competitors riding below their level, with the approval of the Regional Supervisor, shall compete as HC (Hors Concours) which means they may not place, be awarded a ribbon or counted in points for the Bedford Bowl.

Baby Novice: Competitors must be D1 or D2, have not ridden in the Starter Novice or any higher division during the current or previous year, unless their entry is approved by the Regional Supervisor.

Starter Novice: The Competitor must be a D3. Once entering this division no rider and horse combination may ride in the Baby Novice division without the consent of the Regional Supervisor and riding as (H/C).

Novice: The Competitor may hold any rating from C1- to A, if they (horse and rider combination) have not competed in any Pony Club competition during the current or preceding year in the Training Level or higher division, unless they have the permission of the Regional Supervisor. A C1 or C2 who has qualified (horse and rider) for the Training level in a Round Robin or horse trial shall still compete as a Novice at the Maryland Regional Eventing Rally.

Training: The Competitor (horse and rider combination) shall be of any rating from C1 through A. Training level Competitors at the Regional Eventing Rally shall be limited to those combinations where the rider has attained the rating of C3 and above. USPC recommends that to qualify the combination should have successfully completed two Novice division courses or two Training division courses without being eliminated in any phase within twelve months of the rally, and without receiving more than twenty cross country jumping faults in both rallies combined.

## Requirements and Qualification Criteria for Championships 2003



**Novice mount/rider combinations** must have completed, without elimination in any phase, a USPC Novice (or higher) Rally **AND** a USA Equestrian/USEA recognized (or comparable\*) Horse Trial at the Novice (or above) level, within 11 months following prior year's Novice Championship. At least one of these competitions must have no cross-country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties. Novice USEA membership as well as Novice non-membership fees have been waived by USEA, no horse registration number is required in 2003.

**Training mount/rider combinations** must have completed, without elimination in any phase, a USPC Training (or higher) Rally **AND** a USA Equestrian/USEA recognized (or comparable\*) horse trial at the Training (or above) level within the 11 months following the prior year's Training Championship. At least one of these must have no cross-country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties. **Training level competitors must be a current USEA member and have a current USEA horse registration number. Membership in USA Equestrian is not required for Training Level competitors.**

**Preliminary mount/rider combinations** must have completed, without elimination in any phase, a USPC Preliminary Rally, **and** a USEA recognized Preliminary (or above) event, or two (2) USA Equestrian/USEA recognized Preliminary (or above) horse trials within the 11 months following the prior year's Preliminary Championship. At least one of these must have no cross-country jumping penalties, with the other having no more than 20 cross-country jumping penalties. **Preliminary level competitors must be a current USEA member and have a current USEA horse registration number. They must also be a member of USA Equestrian OR pay the non-member fee of \$25 (to be collected by secretary at the time of packet pick up at Championships).**

\***COMPARABLE** means an unrecognized or schooling horse trial held on the site of a recently sanctioned horse trial **OR** where the cross-country course has been approved by a USA Equestrian/USEA- licensed Technical Delegate or Eventing Judge. The Marlborough Round Robin is the **ONLY** round robin in our region that meets this stipulation.

The District Commissioner of each club is responsible for certifying that the rider/horse combination from their club is qualified by being safe, confident and in control for the division they are entering.

Commencement of Grading and New Horses: The horse and rider combination may enter their first trials at any division level open to their rating. However, once they have actually

competed in that division, without elimination, they may not enter any lower division without the approval of the Regional Supervisor.



**Bedford Bowl:** Where a Round Robin division has 16 or more competitors, we shall double pin the class. However, in determining points for the Bedford Bowl, only the top six (6) riders shall be awarded points.

**National Championships Qualifications for Training Level:** Individuals seeking to qualify for a place riding on the Regional team to the National Training Level Eventing Championships, must have a rating of C3 or up and be 13 years of age or older. Pony Clubbers must compete in the Maryland Regional Eventing Rally in the Training Level Division. The DC sending in the entry to the Eventing rally **MUST** indicate on the entry form that this rider is trying to qualify for the National Team. **DC should have all necessary affidavits sent in with the entry forms.**

**National Championships Qualifications for Novice Level:** Individuals seeking to qualify must meet the National qualification rules which for 2003, requires a rating of C2 and above, twelve years of age as of January 1, 2003 and they must compete in the Regions C3 and up Novice Division or in the C1/C2 Team Novice Division at the Maryland Regional Eventing Rally. The DC sending in the entry to the Eventing rally **MUST** indicate on the entry form that this rider is trying to qualify for the National Team. **DC should have all necessary affidavits sent in with the entry forms.**

**Horse Managers for Maryland Regional Eventing Teams:** Horse managers on teams going to National Championships will be selected by the Regional Supervisor.

### **Limitations and Restrictions**

Competitors may not ride more than one mount at any Combined Training Rally or Round Robin in this Region.

The use of a whip or crop in the dressage phase is strictly forbidden and shall result in the competitor being eliminated – all levels of competition.

Pony Clubbers under the age of 8 as of January 1, 2003 are forbidden by the Regional Policies from participating in any jumping phases.

**Dressage Requirements:** For the 2003 Round Robins and the Maryland Eventing Rally at Fairhill Maryland, the following Dressage Tests will be ridden and judged.

Baby Novice	AHSA Training Level Test 1 - 2003
Starter Novice	AHSA Training Level Test 1 - 2003
Novice	USA Equestrian 2003 Novice Test D

Training

USA Equestrian 2003 Training Test D

The Region is requiring AHSA Training Level Test 1 - 2003 for Baby Novice and Starter Novice divisions because these are the first tests that require a Canter movement. The Region believes that if a competitor can not safely demonstrate a canter in a dressage arena, they have no business riding cross country.

Please carefully review the attached list on rally specifications and limitations, before you decide you are able to compete in a particular level. This is included as the last page of the memo.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email or phone. I would be happy to address any concerns you have!

Please feel free to forward this memo to your club members. I am relying on the DC's to spread the word!

I wish all the clubs the best in 2003!

	Baby Novice	Starter Novice	Novice	Training
Height-Solid	18"	2'	2'11"	3'3"
Height-Brush	2'	2'6"	3'3"	3'11"
Solid-Brush	N/A	N/A	2'7"	3'3"
Spread W/O Height	N/A	N/A	4'11"	6'7"
Spread with Height				
High Point	2'	2'6"	3'3"	3'11"
Base	3'	4'3"	4'7"	5'3"
Drops	N/A	N/A	3'11"	4'7"
Water Depths				
Entry & Exit	N/A	12"	12"	12"
Max Between	N/A	12"	1'3"	1'3"
Minimum Width	N/A	16'5"	16'5"	19'8"
Ht Bank/Drop	N/A	N/A	1'8"	2'8"
Ht of Bank/ Drop/Obstacle	N/A	N/A	N/A	2'8"
Ht Opposite				
Bank/Obst/Drop	N/A	N/A	N/A	1'8"
Ht Obstacle into Water				
with Drop	N/A	N/A	N/A	2'8"
without Drop	N/A	N/A	N/A	2'8"

#### DISTANCES AND SPEEDS

	Baby Novice	Starter Novice	Novice	Training
<b>Cross Country</b>				
Speed (M/M)	0/300	0/325	350-400	400-450
Distance (Meters)	1,000/1500	1,500	2,000	2,500
# Obstacles	8-12	12-18	12-20	16-22

**(Starter Novice will be timed at Round Robins and at Fair Hill)**

	Baby Novice	Starter Novice	Novice	Training
<b>Stadium</b>				
Speed (M/M)	0/300	0/300	300	325
Distance (Meters)	400	400-500	400-500	400-500
# Obstacles	6-10	8-12	8-12	10-12

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M/M = Meters per Minute

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