
FVPC Policies

The name of this club, a member of The United States Pony Club, Inc., shall be Fox Valley Pony Club #068600.

The colors of the club are Red, White and Black.

SPONSORS

Sponsorship will abide the USPC bylaws. All parents of participating members and other interested adults will be considered Sponsors of the club after paying the annual Sponsor fee and being accepted by the DC up until the notification of the annual meeting.

The Sponsor fee is \$5 per year.

Those persons wishing to support the club with a minimum \$25 donation may become "Friends of Fox Valley Pony Club" but will not be considered Sponsors.

DUES

The amount of club dues will be set each year by the Officers of the club (2014 club dues = \$0). Dues are also paid by members to the region, and to the national organization, at rates set by those entities. Renewing members regional dues will be paid by Fox Valley Pony Club, if club funds are available.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The DC, Jt-DC(s), secretary, and treasurer, are considered Officers of the club. Officers and Sponsors have full voting rights at Board meetings and at Sponsor's meetings.

Meetings of the Executive Board are distinct from Sponsors' Meetings.

Voting is restricted to one vote per family.

MEETINGS

Board meetings typically are held as the "business portion" of the monthly meeting but will be held as needed, at a time determined by the DC. Meetings, mounted and unmounted, are held according to the schedule set by the Officers of the club.

Participating members may attend Board meetings. The Annual Meeting of Sponsors will be held yearly according to requirements of the national organization. Any and all other Sponsors' Meetings will be held according to the requirements of the national organization.

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

Participating members are considered members in good standing if they evidence a sincere interest in the activities of the club, assist younger members in the learning process, have no outstanding debts within the club, region or at the national level, and participate with regularity in the events of the club at the club, regional, and national level, when and where appropriate, according to age, experience, and suitability and safety of mount.

RALLY PARTICIPATION

All members are encouraged to participate in rallies. Any member who wishes to go to either a club, regional, or national rally will be permitted to go so long as they are safe, appropriately qualified, and interested in going. If club funds are available, the club may pay a portion of the entry fee for any participant in a regional or national rally. The DC will decide on team make-up for all regional rallies. National rally teams are chosen by the Regional Supervisor.

TESTING

Testing's are held twice a year, when sufficient members are available for the test. If numbers are insufficient within our club you will be provided an opportunity to test with another club within our region. Candidates for national testing's normally pay their own fees, but financial assistance may be offered at the discretion of the DC, in consultation with the Officers and Board of Sponsors. If funds are available a portion of the fees for local testing's (C-2 and below) may be paid by the club as determined by the board.

FUNDS

Funds are dispersed by the treasurer in consultation with the DC and the Officers. The treasurer will maintain the accounts of the club in such manner that any member may request and be shown the accounts at any given time. No refunds of dues or fees paid are given. Reimbursement requests must be accompanied by a receipt and submitted to the treasurer within 30 days and are subject to the DC's approval for anything which is not a normal operating expense. A budget approved by Sponsors and Officers at the annual meeting will serve as guidelines for expenditures.

Amendment 11/7/13: Candidates for National Youth Board & National Youth Committee may write to the board sponsors asking for financial assistance to attend the USPC Annual Meeting. If funds are available, scholarships may be awarded as determined by the board.

AMENDMENTS

These policies may be amended at any time by a vote of the Officers and Sponsors.

Approved: (Date) 10/18/17

FVPC - Club Regulations revised 10/18/17

- CR1. FVPC members must follow policies and bylaws of the United States Pony Club (USPC) and Lake Shore Region (LSR). A copy of the Policies and bylaws are available via web site: www.ponyclub.org and www.lakeshore.ponyclub.org or the FVPC library.
- CR2. Each member must be accompanied by an adult at pony club meetings or events.
- CR3. Follow farm rules.
- CR4. FVPC parent must sign a farm release form yearly
- CR5. Please be prompt for all meetings.
- CR6. One must be a pony club member to attend meetings. Interested potential members may attend one or two meetings before becoming a member, but may not ride in any USPC activities until they have become a member.
- CR7. Mounted meeting: Horses must be healthy (come from a "healthy barn") and have a current coggins copy for the farm.
- CR8. Sponsors in the club are required to take on and organize a FVPC event or activity. Non-sponsor parents are expected to volunteer within the club, and possibly regionally.
- CR9. Cell phone use is prohibited during club meetings and at all times when in the proximity of horses (adults may have their phone on vibrate only).
- CR10. The DC or designated representative of the club shall be reimbursed for hotel and gas mileage for required regional meetings, specifically spring, fall, and DC roundtable meetings, if the DC or representative would not otherwise be attending.
- CR11. New members must pay their own regional dues for the first year.
- CR12. To ensure all members and parents have read and understand the above policies, the Acknowledgment of FVPC Policies form must be signed by both member and parent annually and will be kept on file. Members should add at least one goal (for that year) so that the DC's can help the member reach his/her goals.
- CR13. Youth Board members shall be reimbursed for hotel costs related to attending Youth Board meetings where the member would otherwise not have attended.
- CR14. Registration forms for Local, Regional and National events/memberships are the sole responsibility of the member, which includes paying for the event/membership and any late fees and administrative fees that may be assessed.
- CR15. Armband/Bracelet, pin, and boots (adults included) are required at all mounted and unmounted meetings.
- CR16. Members and parents are strongly encouraged to participate in all club fundraising events to include (but not limited to) the pie sale, candy bar sale, Little D Rally, collecting aluminum cans, Kwik Trip gas cards, and helping at luncheons.



TESTING Regulations: (Effective January 1, 2014)

Please click [here](#) for FVPC **Letter of Intent to Test** form.

- TR1. D1 through A candidates must be members in good standing in order to test.
- TR2. All candidates (D1-C2) will require a checklist for all testing. You can find the charts on the USPC website, www.ponyclub.org. Click on "publications", then "Forms", then "D-1 Check List", "C-1 Check List", etc. If attempting the traditional testing, the entire check list must be filled out and signed. If testing for Horse Management (HM) only, omit the riding portion of the check list. If testing for Flat only, omit the jumping portion of the check list.
- TR3. Mounted portion of the flow charts must be completed (checked off and dated) by the DC, Jt. DC, or pony club knowledgeable riding instructor. HM portions of the flow sheets can be checked off by anyone, including the candidate. Flow sheets must be turned in to the DC/Jt. DC (completed) four weeks prior to the testing. Extensions of the 4 week deadline for extenuating circumstances are subject to approval by the DC. Flow sheets may be completed no longer than a 12 month prior to the testing.
- TR4. D2 Testing Recommendations:
HM (Horse Management): Attend Horse Management (HM) seminar or Everything But The Horse (EBTH) Rally or Quiz Rally
Flat: Highly recommended to attend D Jamboree
Jumping: Highly recommended to attend D Jamboree

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TR5. D3 Testing Recommendations:

HM (Horse Management): Attend HM seminar or EBTH rally or Quiz Rally or be Stable Manager (SM) at a rally within the 24 months preceding the testing.

Flat: Ride or be SM in a regional rally OR attend regional camp within the 24 months preceding the testing.

Jumping: Jump at a regional rally OR attend regional camp within the 24 months preceding the testing.

TESTING Regulations: (Effective January 1, 2012)

TR6. C1 Testing Recommendations:

HM (Horse Management): Attend HM seminar or EBTH rally or Quiz Rally or be a SM at a rally within the 24 months preceding the testing AND teach HM to pony clubbers locally or at the regional level within the 12 months preceding the testing.

Flat: Ride in any regional rally within the 24 months preceding the testing AND ride in a clinic at the C1 flat level within the 12 months preceding the testing.*

Jumping: Jump in a regional rally within the 24 months preceding the testing AND ride in a clinic in which the candidate jumps at the C1 level within the 12 months preceding the testing (see RP8).

Highly recommended to attend LSR camp or LSR C-prep program.

TR7. C2 Testing Recommendations:

HM (Horse Management): Attend HM seminar or EBTH rally or Quiz Rally or be a SM at a rally within the 24 months preceding the testing AND teach HM to pony clubbers locally or at the regional level within the 12 months preceding the testing.

Flat: Ride in any regional rally within the 24 months preceding the rating AND ride in a clinic at the C2 flat level within the 12 months preceding the testing (see RP8)

Jumping: Jump in a regional rally within the 24 months preceding the testing AND ride in a clinic in which the candidate jumps at the C2 level within the 12 months preceding the testing (see RP8).

Highly recommended to attend LSR camp or LSR C-prep program.

TR8. Instructors for C1 and C2 clinics are recommended to be a USPC National Examiner, ICP (Instructor Certification Program), USEF Certified Instructor, or an USPC B or A certified graduate.

TR9. Certain requirements for a member's FIRST testing may be waived at the discretion of the FVPC board of directors

This is to accommodate the new member who is more advanced and who is an experienced competitor. New member must submit a written explanation of their experience to the DCs to be presented to the FVPC board. When testing multiple levels, however, no portion of any level may be skipped.

TR10. C3 -A Testing Recommendations: These testing are completed at a Regional/National level. You should contact your

DC in October of the year prior to testing to be directed to the Regional/National person in charge of these testing.

Note: Most "upper level" testing's can take at least a year in advance to prepare for.

Note: The above rating regulations are in place most importantly for your SAFETY; your DC's want you to be thoroughly prepared for your rating. In addition, we want you to fully experience the wonderful opportunities that pony club has to offer. DCs are not in the business of gate keeping; that is best done by your pony club knowledgeable instructor.

Have fun and be pony club safe!

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