



Central New England Region Pony Club  
**2025 Qualifying Standard Eventing Rally**

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Apple Knoll Farm  
25 Forest Lane, Millis, Massachusetts

**This is a QUALIFYING RALLY for 2026 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Rally Organizer**

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**Location**

Apple Knoll Farm

25 Forest Lane, Millis, Massachusetts

\*onsite stabling available at Apple Knoll Farm\*

**Cost**

\$60 per rider

\$0 per Stable Manager

Entry fees should be paid by Club check to "CNER" or via PayPal to

[CNETreasury@gmail.com](mailto:CNETreasury@gmail.com). Please put a memo on checks and PayPal payments: "Event Rally" and riders' names.

Refunds will only be given for horse or rider injuries/illness.

**Entry Due Date**

August 31, 2025

**Entry Form**

To enter a rider in this rally, fill out the hard copy entry (found on [cneponyclub.org](http://cneponyclub.org)) and MAIL or EMAIL Hessie Sheldon.

Email: [hessiesheldon@gmail.com](mailto:hessiesheldon@gmail.com)

USPS: Hessie Sheldon, 2 Ward Lane, Sherborn MA 01770

## **USPC Code of Conduct**

All competitors must adhere to the USPC Participating Member Code of Conduct, All adults in attendance (non-competitors) must adhere to the USPC Adult Code of Conduct. USPC Code of Conduct can be found in the USPC Rulebooks and at the end of this Omnibus. Failure to do so may, at the discretion of the Rally Organizers and Officials, result in being restricted from attendance or participation in Pony Club activities.

## **Rally Information**

The 2025 CNER Qualifying Standard Eventing Rally will be conducted in accordance with the 2025 Pony Club Eventing Rulebook and 2025 Eventing Newsletter.

Horse Management will be conducted in accordance with the 2025 Pony Club Horse Management Handbook and the 2025 Horse Management Newsletter.

## **Stabling**

Stabling will be available onsite. Contact Hessie for information on stabling.

## **Dogs**

No dogs allowed.

## **Awards**

Pony Club teams will receive ribbons for Horse Management and Overall Rally Score.

## **Logistics**

Pony Club teams will work out of tents/trailers in a location separate from the Horse Trials called the "Barn Area" (this name is used for this Pony Club trailer parking area, not to be confused with the actual AKF barns). Cars may drop off items at the trailers before 7:00, then must move to the general parking. Non-competitors INCLUDING Chaperones and Coaches are not allowed in the USPC Barn Area at any time during the competition from Competitor Briefing until Awards Ceremony.

Water for horses is available onsite, but may not be near the USPC Barn Area. We recommend teams bring water for horse for drinking and bathing.

Water will be available for humans in the warm-up area and the neutral zone. We will have cups, please try to bring a reusable bottle to use instead of the disposable cups.

Please take all manure home with you!

## **Bits, Saddlery and Equipment**

All competitors hoping to qualify for Championships must use the specific bits, saddlery and equipment rules outlined in the 2025 USPC Eventing Rulebook and the USEF Eventing Rulebook and Annex 1.

Competitors not pursuing Championships eligibility may request bits, saddlery, and equipment allowances from the rally organizer Hessie Sheldon and the RS Lauren Dallaire.

## **Sharing Horses**

Sharing horses is not allowed in this Rally.

**Team Formation:**

Members of a team can be any competition level, rating, and age, and can be from different clubs/regions.

Teams must have a minimum of 3 riders and a maximum of 4 riders and one unmounted Stable Manager. The organizer will complete teams under 3 riders with scramble riders.

Teams may have one unmounted Stable Manager, but it is not required. A mounted member may serve as Stable Manager or the team can choose not to have a designated Stable Manager.

One member of the team must be designated as Team Captain. The Stable Manager may serve as Team Captain. The Team Captain is responsible for all communications between the team and rally officials. In the event of an inquiry, protest or appeal, the Captain represents the team, accompanied by the competitor involved.

Scramble riders are welcome - the Rally Organizer will place them on an appropriate team.

Incomplete teams will be filled by the Rally Organizer.

**Divisions**

Divisions are based on age.

No more than 6 teams will be in each division.

Junior Divisions—Up to and including 17 years of age (Pony Club Age is age on 1/1/2025)  
*Junior competitors may compete on a senior team.*

Senior Divisions—18 years of age and above (Pony Club age is age on 1/1/2025).  
*Senior teams may include junior competitors. At least one member of the team must be 18 years old or over.* Junior members on a Senior Team must have a Junior-Senior Team Formation form (on CNEponyclub.org) completed by a parent/guardian.

The Rally Organizer reserves the right to combine divisions.

**Competition Levels**

Pre-Elementary (18") - not a USPC Championships Qualifying level

Elementary (2') - not a USPC Championships qualifying level

Intro/Starter (2'3")

Beginner Novice (2'7")

Novice (2'11")

Training (3'3")

**Chaperones/Emergency Contact**

Each Team must have an assigned Chaperone if *any* member of the Team is under 18 years old. The chaperone is the team's contact in case of an emergency and must be on the rally grounds at all times. The chaperone can serve as a volunteer for the competition in addition to their chaperone duties, but cannot assume coaching duties.

Chaperones must complete the Chaperone Form (from the Eventing Rulebook, also found on [cneponyclub.org](http://cneponyclub.org)). This form must be submitted to the rally organizer prior to the start of the rally.

Competitors above the age of 18 must submit an Emergency Contact Form with their rally entry (from the Eventing Rulebook, also found on [cneponyclub.org](http://cneponyclub.org)). The Emergency Contact listed on this form is not required to be on the grounds of the competition. They should be accessible via phone.

### **Coaches**

Eventing coaches are allowed, but not mandatory. Coaches may not also serve as chaperones and may not be assigned any other duties. There may be more than one coach per team and teams may share a coach.

Coaches are expected to help any Pony Club competitor who asks for assistance or whose coach is not present in the warm up area.

Competitors in a rally may also coach other competitors, providing they meet the following criteria:

- Must be 18 years of age as of January 1 of the competition year.
- No scheduling changes will be made to accommodate the coaches/competitors' ride times.
- Competitor's responsibilities and mount's care always take precedence over coaching duties.

Coaches must complete the Coaching Form (from the Eventing Rulebook, also found on [cneponyclub.org](http://cneponyclub.org)). This form must be submitted to the rally organizer prior to the start of the rally.

### **Volunteers**

Each team should provide at least two volunteers who are not assigned as coach (chaperones can be volunteers).

We will assign volunteer positions, which will be published with the final schedule. Feel free to swap with others, as long as all positions are filled.

### **Competitor Attire**

All attire must be workmanlike, safe, appropriate, neat, and free of rips and tears.

Turnout Inspection must be done in Dressage attire (see below for specifics).

Jogouts ("horse inspections") must be done wearing a helmet, and wearing any riding attire or barn attire.

ALL Pony Club competitors (including Stable Managers) must wear **at all times** from competitor briefing until after the awards ceremony:

- pinnie (supplied by AKF Event Secretary)
- medical armband OR bracelet
- USPC pin (Felt can be placed behind pins - color is based on rating. See HM Rulebook)

- Hair - neatly secured away from the eyes and identification number. Permitted: Hairnets, show bows and/or braids are encouraged maintaining a neat appearance.
- Jewelry - All visible piercings or other body jewelry-type adornments must lay close to the skin, i.e., stud or post. No hoop or dangling adornments of any type (bracelets, necklaces) visible on the body is allowed.

### **Riding Attire for Championships Qualifiers:**

For riders hoping to qualify for Championships, the following attire is required. Attire is based on the phase.

For all riding attire, the following applies:

- *Hair*—Hair should be neatly secured (away from the eyes) and may not cover competitor number.
- *Helmet*—May be any color, with accents that meets USPC Helmet Policy (Article 15.1).
- *Shirt*—Shirt of any color and design with a collar and sleeves, tucked into pants.
- *Belt*—If pants have belt loops, belts are required.
- *Footwear*—Conventional type of riding footwear, that covers the ankles (short or tall) with a heel. Tall black, brown, or other dark hue, dress or field boots, or jodhpur/paddock boots with matching full grain smooth leather leg piece or leather-like material are allowed. Accents of a different color are permitted.

Permitted:

- *Spurs*—See the Eventing Rulebook for specifics on spurs.

Not Permitted for any phase:

- Tail coats, full chaps and/or suede half-chaps

### Specific Attire for Dressage:

In addition to the Riding Attire listed above.

Required

- *Neckwear*—Stock tie (traditional requires a pin, pre-tied may be worn with or without pin), choker, tie or integrated stand-up collar.
- *Coat*—Short riding coat of a single color (including tweeds and pinstripes) with accents.
- *Pants*—Jodhpur or breeches. White or light color. NOT PERMITTED: pastel and dark colored breeches,

Permitted

- *Gloves*—Dark colors, tan, beige, or white.
- *Safety/Protective Vests*—Any color.

### Specific Attire for Cross-Country:

In addition to the Riding Attire listed above.

Required

- *Protective Vests*— Per Article 15.2, any color.
- *Pants*—Jodhpurs or Breeches, any color.

Permitted

- *Gloves*—Any type, color

### Specific Attire for Show Jumping

- *Neckwear*—Stock tie and pin, choker, tie or integrated stand-up collar.

- *Coat/Jacket*—Short riding coat of a single color (including tweeds and pinstripes) with accents. Competitors may ride their jumping round without a jacket, wearing a long or short sleeve shirt tucked in, with a collar, and without neckwear.
- *Pants*—Jodhpurs or breeches, must be light in color or white. NOT PERMITTED: pastel and dark colors

#### Permitted

- *Gloves*—Dark color, tan, beige or white.
- *Safety/Protective Vests*—Any color.

### **Attire for Riders Not Qualifying for Championships**

#### Required

- *Shirt*—Any color collared shirt with sleeves and tucked in.
- *Pants*—Unrated and D1: Long pants. Jeans are not allowed.  
D2 and above: Breeches, jodhpurs (with garters and/or pant clips) or riding pants.
- *Footwear*—Conventional type of riding footwear, that covers the ankles (short or tall) with a heel.

#### Permitted

- *Belt*—Any type/color. Not required for UR and D1. For D2 and above: If pants have belt loops, belts are required.
- *Gloves*—Any type/color.
- *Half-chaps*—Any type/color.
- *Safety/Protective Vests*—Any color.
- *Spurs*—As described above.

#### *Changes to Attire Based on Weather:*

HEAT: If Jackets are banned by Rally Officials, competitors MAY NOT wear jackets OR neckwear at any time. If jackets are waived, jackets are optional, but champs qualifiers MUST wear a jacket and neckwear for Turnout Inspection.

RAIN: In inclement weather, competitors are allowed to wear a helmet cover and a transparent or conservative colored raincoat

#### For more details:

Review the 2025 Pony Club Eventing Rulebook and 2025 Horse Management Rulebook (found at [cneponyclub.org](http://cneponyclub.org)) for specific attire rules.

### **Attire for Stable Managers and Riders When Not Competing**

This is called “General Barn Attire”

Riders may wear this or riding attire when not riding

- *Pants*: Pants, skirt, mid-length shorts, and riding pants (jodhpur or breeches). KHAKI or TAN. Blue jeans are not acceptable.
- *Shirt*: Any color collared shirt, long or short sleeved. Tucked in.
- *Belt*: If there are belt loops, a belt is required (UR and D1: belts are not required)
- *Footwear*: Thick-soled leather or synthetic shoes/boots (short or tall) in good condition. Must cover the ankle, be entirely closed, and be well-fitted to the foot. Must be securely fastened at all times. Must have sturdy construction (e.g., sneakers and

Ugg-type boots do not meet this requirement) *Examples: paddock boots, tall boots, rubber riding boots, rain boots/wellies, western boots.*

### **Vet Box**

At the completion of Cross-County, after pulling up, each rider must immediately go to the vet box with their horse and report to Horse Management or the veterinarian. Riders eliminated, disqualified, or who retire on the course must also report to the vet box.

The vet box is a clinical evaluation of the mount's condition following the cross-country phase of the competition. While in the vet box the temperature, pulse, and respiration may be taken in addition to a clinical evaluation of a mount's condition. After the veterinarian has finished with the mount and given any needed directions, the competitor or a teammate may begin cool out procedures. The veterinarian makes at least one more check (usually within 10-15 minutes) before permitting the mount to return to the stable for the final cool out.

### **Tentative Schedule**

The schedule will be posted in the Program.

### **Championships**

This is a QUALIFYING RALLY for the 2026 USPC Championships.

**NOTE: Qualification requirements HAVE CHANGED. Please review below and check the USPC Evening Rulebook for details.**

To qualify for Modified Division at Starter, Beginner Novice, or Novice levels at this Rally: Competitors must be 10 years old\* or older (there is no maximum age for Modified Division), be rated D2 EV or D2 HSE or over, and complete this Rally with no elimination at any phase.

To qualify for Standard Division at Starter, Beginner Novice, or Novice Level at this rally: Competitors must be 12 years old\* or older, be rated C1 EV or C1 HSE or over, and complete this rally with no more than 20 XC jumping penalties and no eliminations in any phase.

To qualify for Modified Division at Training Level at this rally: Competitors must be 12 years old\* or older, be rated C1 EV or C1 HSE or over, and complete this rally AND a separate USEA event with no eliminations in any phase at both competitions.

To qualify for Standard Division at Training Level, competitors must be 12 years old\* or older, be rated C1 EV or C1 HSE or over, and complete this rally AND a USEA event (between January 2025 and June 22, 2026) with no eliminations in any phase at both competitions AND with no more than 20 XC jumping penalties at one competition, ZERO XC jumping penalties at the other competition.

\* Age is the rider's age on January 1, 2025.

Stable Managers at championships must be 10 years old\* or older and D2 HM or over for a Modified team and 12 years old\* or older and D3 HM or over for a Standard Team. USPC is usually looking for Stable Managers to scramble onto Eventing Teams at Championships.

Riders who wish to qualify for Championships 2026 should indicate on the entry form what division AND level they are hoping to qualify. We will make sure all paperwork and requirements are met to qualify for that specific division.

Please contact Lauren Dallaire if you have any questions on Champs qualification.



# **United States Pony Club CODE OF CONDUCT**

## **Participating Member Code of Conduct**

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork and well-behaved members. The USPC expects appropriate behavior from all members, parents and others participating in any USPC activity. Inappropriate behavior may include, but is not limited to: possession, use or distribution of any illegal drugs or alcohol; profanity, vulgar language or gestures; harassment (i.e., using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following USPC activities); failure to follow rules; cheating; and abusing a mount.

## **Adult Code of Conduct**

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork and well-behaved members. It expects no less from the parents, guardians, adult family members or others who volunteer for the organization. The USPC expects appropriate behavior when participating in any Pony Club activity. Inappropriate behavior may include, but not be limited to: profanity, vulgar language or gestures; harassment (for example: using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following any Pony Club activity); failure to follow rules; cheating; or abusive behavior.

*"I understand that USPC activities operate under the governance of USPC and are subject to all applicable USPC By-laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations. I understand that I have access to these By-laws, Policies, Rules and Regulations and that it is my responsibility to read them. I agree to adhere to these By-laws, Policies, Rules, Regulations and this Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may, at the discretion of USPC, result in being restricted from attendance or participation in Pony Club activities."*