

**MidSouth Region Polocrosse Rally**  
**Non-Qualifying & Qualifying Rally for the 2009 USPC Championships:**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2009**  
**River Plains Farm, New Market, Tennessee**  
*Opening Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2009*  
**Closing Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2009**

No refunds after closing date. Refunds before closing date with veterinary certificate or for medical reasons. Late entries as space permits - include \$15 late fee per participant with entry.

**Send entries to:** Dalles Phillips  
2026 Harris Road  
Knoxville, TN 37924  
865-637-5734  
poloxjumper@gmail.com

**Rule Books:** USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Rallies 2008  
USPC Handbook and Rules for Polocrosse 2009  
(see <http://www.ponyclub.org/rulebooks.php> for rulebooks)  
**Please read the rulebooks carefully!**

**Out of Region Competitors:**

Out of region competitors (teams or individuals) are welcome to come play and qualify, with RS approval. Please contact us prior to mailing entry.

<b><u>Schedule: (TENTATIVE)</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>
Saturday, May 24	4:00 p.m.	Layover Arrival
Sunday, May 25	6:00 a.m.	Move In and Set Up
	7:00 a.m.	Formal Rally Start
	7:15 a.m.	Competitors' Briefing
	7:30 a.m.	Written Test
	8:00 a.m.	Jog outs
	9:15 a.m.	Formal Turn-out
	9:45 a.m.	First Chukkas begin
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Safety Checks and Chukkas Resume
	TBD	Awards following last Chukka
	TBD	Championships meting following awards

**Teams:** A USPC Polocrosse team consists of four competitors, three riders (should be at the same skill/riding level) and one horse manager.

**Competitors with short teams or individuals needing a team:**

Please let us know if you need help finding a team or filling a short team.

**Chaperone:**

A chaperone must accompany each team and be on the grounds while his/her competitor(s) are on the grounds. The signed Chaperone form (<http://www.ponyclub.org/forms.php>) must be returned with the entry.

**Written Test and Armbands:** All competitors will be required to take a short multiple choice test on information in the Polocrosse and HM Rulebooks. **Also, armbands must be worn at all times (on the Arm) during competition hours.** A signed copy of the competitor's Medical Release form must be folded and slipped into the plastic sleeve of this armband.

**Divisions:** DC's and Parents READ your rulebooks! BE AWARE of age (as of Jan 1), rating and competition skills required at the level entered. **Each competitor may enter only one Rally/Division. Note-Stallions are not allowed**

**Non-Qualifying Divisions:**

Pre-Novice: First time players. Play takes place primarily at walk and trot, emphasis on learning the game and playing safely.

**Qualifying Divisions:**

Novice: Experienced players at Novice level. Play takes place at trot and canter, emphasis on learning the game and playing safely.

Intermediate Pony: Intermediate level players play primarily at the canter with at least 50% accuracy in ball-handling skills and demonstrate a developing knowledge of team strategy.

Intermediate Horse: Intermediate level players play primarily at the canter with at least 50% accuracy in ball-handling skills and demonstrate a developing knowledge of team strategy.

Advanced Pony: Advanced level players play at the canter with highly developed ball-handling skills and knowledge of team strategy.

Advanced Horse: Advanced level players play at the canter with highly developed ball-handling skills and knowledge of team strategy. (Horse only)

**Mounts:** May be of any height and at least 5 years old.  
\* Any rider over 117 pounds in weight may not ride a pony 12.2 hands or under.  
\* Any rider over 150 pounds in weight may not ride a pony 13.2 hands or under.  
\* Any rider over 190 pounds in weight may not ride a pony 14.2 hands or under.

**Out of state horses:** Bring an **ORIGINAL** of your health certificate, dated not more than 30 days prior to the competition, and bring a copy to leave with the Secretary when you pick up your packet

**Volunteers:** **Team entry must include at least two (2) volunteers for every team.** Scramble Players must include at least 1 volunteer for each scramble entry sheet. Volunteer assignments will be made immediately following the competitors' briefing. Assignments include goal tending, scribing for HM, timers, scorers, and umpire horse groomers.

**Coaching:** Coaches are not permitted.

**Field:** Outdoors, regulation size grass field.

**Stabling:** There are a limited number of on site outdoor stalls. They are first come first serve upon receiving entry. Stalls are \$20 per night. There is some indoor stabling located on same farm about 1 mile from the field available for \$30 per night.

**Temporary Stalls:** You may bring your own temporary stall or paddock materials for your horses. There is no charge.

**Tack Rooms:** One trailer per team to be designated as official tack trailer and will be parked in official Horse Management area. Trailers being used by the competitors for the tack rooms and/or tying horses to, must remain attached to the pulling vehicle throughout the rally for safety reasons. This means that everything that will be needed by non-competitors (parents,

friends, etc.) must be removed from the vehicle and taken with them for the day (please plan ahead as no access will be allowed)

**Dress:**

Team members must wear same color polo shirts, must be properly dressed in appropriate riding boots with a clearly defined heel, and white or light colored breeches or jodhpurs with garters and/or elastics, and must wear a current ASTM/SEI certified riding helmet with the retention system in place. White jeans (5-pocket, boot-cut, polo or riding) are permitted attire in Polocrosse. Flairs, hip-huggers or other fashion-jean styles are NOT permitted. Lower leg protection is recommended. Unadorned half chaps may be worn with jodhpur boots. Spurs with rowels are not allowed. Pony Club pin must be worn for formal inspection.

**General:**

Since competitors will be working out of trailers, they should think about how they will handle water buckets.

All horses should be bathed before arrival at the rally; BUCKET WASHING ONLY while at the rally.

All parents/spectators should be aware that they can encourage the team by yelling “Go, Fast Sticks” but they may not yell any instructions of any type to any rider (such as “to your left”) or call out a specific competitor’s name. This is considered unauthorized assistance and can cost a team penalty points. (Please note that competitors, including the stable managers are allowed to call out advice.)

**Directions to River Plains Farm:**

**From I-40 traveling east**—I-40 to exit 394 go East on 11-E toward Jefferson City. Go about 10 miles, look for Strawberry Plains Finance and turn Left onto Big Bend Rd. Go straight through one lane underpass, then veer Right onto Bluff road. Go 1.6 miles and you will see a large gavel drive on your left. Go down drive into field.

Option for trailers/campers that are 8ft wide and taller than average:

Same as above but go about 12 miles down 11-E (will pass Roadside Market on left, 2nd road to left after passing market) Turn left onto Eslinger Rd. Go straight through larger underpass. (Or turn right onto Old A.J. Hwy in front of underpass to cross over Railroad.)

IF going through larger underpass, road curves to right and then back to the left. This is Beaver Creek Rd, continue to Bluff road on the left after a couple miles. Turn on Bluff Rd go 1.6 miles and you will see a large gavel drive on your right. Go down drive into field.

OR- if turned right in front of underpass, take first road to left, Sun Rd, go over railroad crossing and at stop sign turn right onto Beaver Creek Rd, follow directions same as above.

**From I-40 traveling west**—I-40 to exit 402 go West on 11-E toward Jefferson City. Go about 10 miles, look for Strawberry Plains Finance and turn Right onto Big Bend Rd. Go straight through one lane underpass, then veer Right onto Bluff road. Go 1.6 miles and you will see a large gavel drive on your left. Go down drive into field.

Option for trailers/campers that are 8ft wide and taller than average:

Same as above but go about 12 miles down 11-E (will pass Roadside Market on left, 2nd road to left after passing market) Turn left onto Eslinger Rd. Go straight through larger underpass. (Or turn right onto Old A.J. Hwy in front of underpass to cross over Railroad.)

IF going through larger underpass, road curves to right and then back to the left. This is Beaver Creek Rd,

continue to Bluff road on the left after a couple miles. Turn on Bluff Rd go 1.6 miles and you will see a large gravel drive on your right. Go down drive into field.

OR- if turned right in front of underpass, take first road to left, Sun Rd, go over railroad crossing and at stop sign turn right onto Beaver Creek Rd, follow directions same as above.

***LODGING:***

**Camping:** You are welcome to camp at the field. There is plenty of room for trailer, tent and horse pen. There is no charge to camp. There is no electricity or running water at field.

**Hotels/Motels:** The list includes:

Off of I-40 exit 398

**Ramada Limited East Knoxville, TN**

722 Brakebill Rd.

Knoxville, TN 37924

865/546-7271

**Comfort Suites East**

7230 Region Lane

Knoxville, TN 37914

865/246-2426; fax 246-2425

**La Quinta Inn** 865/633-5100

**Econo Lodge** 865-932-1217

**Hampton Inn** 865/525-3511

**Fairfield Inn** 865-971-4033

**Super 8 Motel** 865-524-0855

**Motel 6** 865-633-6646

Exit 407

**Hampton Inn & Suites**

Sevierville@Stadium Drive

105 Stadium Drive

Kodak, TN 37764

865/465-0590; fax 465-0591

Exit 417

**Super 8 Motel** - 865-397-1200

**Comfort Inn** - 865-397-2090

**Concessions:** Concessions stand will be provided by Lakeway pony club.

**Dogs:** **MUST BE ON 6' OR SHORTER LEASHED AT ALL TIMES!** If is all possible please leave dogs at home.

**Awards:** Ribbons will be awarded for overall teams 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place in each division. Best horse/rider award at each level. 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> HM ribbons for overall rally.

**Fees:** \$75.00 per Rider; \$35.00 per Horse Manager

**Entries:**

All entry forms listed below can be found on the [www.midsouthponyclub.org](http://www.midsouthponyclub.org) website. A completed entry includes the following:

1. Completed entry form (team or individual(s)) with volunteers listed
2. Current USPC Medical Release Form 2009 for EACH competitor with ORIGINAL SIGNATURES.
3. USPC Activity & Rally Release 2009, signed by Competitor, Parent, Horse Owner (ORIGINAL SIGNATURES).
4. USPC Chaperone Duties Form signed by appropriate Chaperone per team.
5. Proof of Negative Coggins for EACH horse (within 12 months of date of competition)
4. Completed River Plains Farm Release and Hold Harmless Agreement
5. Activity/Rally Club Stabling form
6. Club summary form
7. Payment in full (paid by Club check made payable to MidSouth Region USPC)