

RACCOON VALLEY PONY CLUB POLICIES

The name of this club, a member of The United States Pony Clubs, Inc., and of the Midwest Region, shall be Raccoon Valley Pony Club (RVPC). In addition to these policies, this Club is subject to the Corporate, Regional and Club Bylaws, National and Regional Policies, and other rules and regulations established by USPC.

The colors of the club are Royal Blue and White.

Officers

In addition to the required officers of the club, RVPC shall have other officers such as instruction coordinator, Membership Secretary, etc. as determined necessary each year by the Nominating Committee.

There is no limit on number of consecutive terms for any officer.

Sponsors

Eligible individuals, meeting all requirements, including having been accepted by the DC may become a Sponsor of the Club.

The sponsor fee will be determined yearly, at the Annual Meeting of Sponsors.

Sponsors no longer able to participate may resign at any time by submitting a written resignation to the DC which will be filed by the Club Secretary and recorded on the List of Sponsors.

Dues

The amount of Club dues for Participating Members will be determined each year and included in the budget proposal that is presented and voted upon by the Sponsors at their Annual Meeting.

Dues are also paid, per member, to the Region, and to USPC, at rates set by those entities.

Meetings

Sponsor Meetings will be scheduled and held in accordance with USPC Bylaws for Registered Clubs, and the Annual Meeting of Sponsors will be held at least in the fall. Other meetings shall be held periodically throughout the year as scheduled by the DC.

Member in Good Standing

Participating members are considered in good standing if they evidence a sincere interest in the activities of the club, assist younger members in the learning process, 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 and are current with all dues and fees owes the club, region and USPC.

Rally Participation

In order to meet its goal of encouraging and offering support to members who take National Certifications, go to Rallies and Championships: RVPC will pay 25% of:

- National Certifications (the national test fee and the regional fee). Would only reimburse for the 1st test at each level
- Rallies – entry and stabling fees
- Champs – entry and stabling fees
- Registration for United States Pony Club Annual Meeting / Symposium

Maximum of \$250 / member / year. Club will reimburse up to \$2500 / calendar year. Must ask before the event, since the subsidy must be paid to the rally / certification organizer, not the member or parent.

Certifications

Candidates for national testings normally pay their own fees, but RVPC may pay 25%, see Rally Participation..

Fees for local testings (C2 and below) are as follows:

- D1 - free
- D2 and D3 - \$10/section
- C1 and C2 - \$15/section

Funds

Funds are dispersed by the treasurer for expenses previously approved in the Club budget. Additional expenses may be disbursed after consultation with the DC.

Income shall be obtained through Club dues, fundraising, entry fees for clinics and certifications.

Club expenses shall be entry fees for rallies and certifications, payment for camp clinicians, other camp expenses, instructional material, website fees and subsidies as listed above. In addition, the club shall pay the DC's expenses to attend the annual United States Pony Club Annual Meeting / Symposium.

Club assets will include team rally kits, the club library and a club checking account. Some of the club funds may be in certificates of deposit or other accounts as deemed appropriate by the treasurer and the DC. A list of assets will be available on the club website and reported to the Regional RS yearly.

Refunds and Reimbursements

No refunds of dues or fees paid are given unless extenuating circumstances exist or the DC has been asked for prior approval and sufficient funds exist.

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.

Social Media Policy

From the USPC website guidelines:

- NEVER list contact information for a child (including e-mail address, phone, mailing address)
- NEVER list a child's full name
- NEVER list a child with their parent's complete information (parent's full name, e-mail, etc.)
- DO use first names, ratings, horse names, etc.

Amendments

These policies may be amended at any time by a vote of a majority of the sponsors.

Approved: _____

RS Approval: _____

Amended: _____