

Great Lakes Region Pony Club-RIC Report SPRING 2024

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| 1 | <p style="text-align: center;">Club Instruction Plans CALENDARS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club/Center Instruction Plans - send to RIC in the format that works best for your club such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Webinar on Building your Club/Center Mounted Instruction Program - USPC site ○ Calendar type plan ○ Typed list of dates / topics ○ Overall plan with or without specific topics ○ Google classroom ○ ADD me to your email communications :) • Need help - Set up a Virtual meetings and we can discuss your Instruction Planning • Tools to help with Club Instruction Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GLR Instruction Planning – guide to assist club/center instruction planning ○ Member Goal Templates Folder - posted on GLR website • Helpful links on USPC site <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Teaching D1 - C2 HM in 12 months plan b. Study Guides D Level / instructional ideas / study tools c. Study Guides C Level / instructional ideas / study tools |
| 2 | <p style="text-align: center;">Certification & SOP updates/ Reminders</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MANY supplemental documents posted on USPC site • ALL information can be found/learned through the USPC manuals. • Use the supplemental documents to help with planning your instructional calendar <p>SOP updates / changes -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C2 Level - word clarity • Dressage D2-C2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readers are allowed thru C1 • Minor changes overall • Eventing D2- C2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes to riding • Addition of Phase 1 (flat) and Phase 2 (SJ/XC/riding in open) which is in line with National testing; phases are only in EV • Completion of all riding must be done before moving to the next level of riding • Hunt Seat D2 - C2– no changes • Western D2 – C2 (started in 2012) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved terminology to be more relevant to the western discipline • Spin is changed to pivot • Western Dressage D2 – C2 New in 2024, test sheets will be ready by March • HM is its own track and a member can go from D1 – HA in HM only • Tail bandage is moved to C2 (can be shipping or grooming tail bandage) <p>ALL NEW TEST SHEETS in 2024 - Be sure you print new sheets for this year.</p> |
| 3 | <p style="text-align: center;">USPC NE Feedback for C2 members & above</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on how to submit for NE Feedback LINK • To give USPC members, who are preparing for a national certification, the opportunity to submit a video of a mounted or HM skill or HM document and receive feedback from one or two national examiners (NEs). You can submit multiple videos • Re-test virtual options are available • Longing and Teaching are a focus in 2023 that NE's are working to improve and support • READ the manuals • RIDE with NEs to be best prepared for a National Testing |



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| 4 | National Certification & SOP updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – Level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switch rides will be consistent across disciplines for all and no switching onto the “training / green” horse that is brought to the testing • A - will be awarded without taking the HA but the USPC Plaque will not be presented until the HA is completed • C3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trot poles or a placing pole for the grid can be used • Adjustments to the grid distances can be made • C3 will be awarded without taking the HB • Add jump off round for B/A Show Jumping • Conditioning Plan is moved to B riding test only • Shipping bandages only a HA • Conditioning concepts are still in the HB / HA • No bandaging at HB |
| 5 | UPCOMING Upper-Level Mounted Clinics | <p>UPCOMING CLINICS: Registration information will be sent to all leader / members emails & FB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 25, 26, 27 –2024 Memorial Day Weekend UL Clinic/ Mini Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Testing clinic, Longing & Rally/Championships Prep ○ 3 day clinic/camp ○ Instructor - USPC National Examiner – Cherie Gaebel ○ Location – Brookside Farms, South Lyon MI ○ Focus; Mock Testing scenarios, Longing along with C testing if applicable • November 9-10, 2024 UL Clinic and Testing clinic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Instructor: USPC National Examiner – Chris Keim ○ Location: Lonetree Stables Rockford, MI |
| 6 | National Testing Zone Dates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates: August (Riding) September (HB/HA) • Location: Misty Morning Farm Lessons and Training Brooklyn, WI • Registration deadline is 12 weeks prior to testing date; late fees are significant • This is an option, but you can pick any date/location. Checkout USPC National Testing Calendar |
| 7 | USPC Examiners & SOP Clinic VIRTUAL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 25th • Great information for ALL members & leaders • Agenda and information were shared with all leaders • Watch for recording to be posted – all should get an email from USPC |
| 8 | GLR C1 / C2 Testing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will continue to offer C1/C2 testing on the first day of UL clinics • Spring / Summer / Fall |
| 9 | UL Unmounted Clinics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rethinking the approach • Low interest in virtual meetings • Low interest in pusuing the HB/HA in 2024 • Will add UNmounted information at clinics • Leg Dissection opportunity in Heartland Region was cancelled for 2024; hoping to see this offered in 2025 at Purdue University |
| 10 | Budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLR Regional Council votes on proposed budget • Typically, there is \$3500 in the budget to offset the loss during any of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UL clinics (2-3 per year) ○ Standards/Certifications ○ Examiners Clinic ○ Regional C1/C2 Testing ○ Regional Camp |



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| 11 | Organizing a club testing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLR Regional Certification Guidelines - updated January 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fees updated for members and examiners • USPC organizing guide • Review facility needs before finalizing a location - will need to review SOPs • Checklist in organizers guide • Impartial Observers (IO)- please be sure to have an IO at every club testing |
| 12 | Examiners Guide | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLR Examiners Guide to prepare & review responsibilities of being an examiner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ updated January 2022 ○ Looking for more examiners & apprentices for 2024 ○ We have a training path to help examiners prepare for this role in GLR |
| 13 | Terminology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIC = Regional Instruction Coordinator • RTC = Regional Testing Coordinator • UL = upper level (C1 members and above) • NE = National Examiner (USPC instructor) • BBP - Basic Balanced Position • HM = Horse Management • UN = Unmounted • UR – Unrated • SOP – Standards of Proficiency |