



Camino Real Region, USPC, Inc.

Championship Qualifying – All disciplines

January 7, 2010

Dear DC's, CA's and club/regional officers:

Below is the 2010, USPC West Coast Championship Qualifier's information. Please review it carefully, and mail a hard copy or e-mail it to your club's potential candidates. The application and this letter will also be posted on the Camino Real Website. <http://uspccaminoreal.org>

This notice has been sent directly to the current and incoming club officers that I have e-mail addresses for. Review the application with your club's potential candidates. Most riding disciplines in 2009 (except SJ – Developing Rider) required that the member must have been at least a C1. Quiz starts at 10 years old and a D2.

Please check on the USPC website – Publications – Rulebooks – see “Annual Newsletter” for each specific discipline for qualifying rating and age requirements. These are usually posted early February.

The PC member must be the qualifying age by 1/1/2010 and the qualifying rating by the date of the qualifying rally. For example if the discipline requires them to be 10 years old and a D2 (JR D quiz) then they must have turned 10 prior to Jan. 1, but they can get their D2 rating prior to the qualifying rally (April). Any changes to their rating after the qualifying rally will NOT affect their team placement. Again, for example, if they qualified as a Jr. D but got their C1 rating after the qualifying rating they would still participate at Championships as a Jr. D.

If a member only wishes to be a Stable Manager they do not need to pay the application fee but must submit an application and attend either the SJ/Dressage qualifier (May) or the Eventing qualifier (June) and be a SM for a team. It is important for the Eventing SM to understand the process that occurs in the vet box and so must be a SM at the Eventing rally.

DC's - you must make sure that all qualifiers from your clubs are aware of the discipline rules. Copies of the rulebooks may be downloaded at the USPC web site. www.Ponyclub.org

Thank you, and best wishes to all the qualifying candidates.

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Camino Real Region

Estimated Costs - 2010 West Coast Championships

At the November Regional meeting it was approved that the Region would allocate \$5,000 towards entry fees and coach's housing to be divided among those who qualify in all disciplines.

Estimated Regional Expenses For West Coast Championships

Entry Fees/Coach's Housing:

All Teams/scratch members	4,200.00
Coach housing -	800.00

Estimated Total Team Entry Fees \$5,000.00

Team Champ Camp: (food, facility and new equipment)	300.00
Regional Polo Shirts/pads (1 per team member and chaperone) *	1,800.00
Regional Pins (2 per competitor, 1 for chaperone) **	370.00

Grand Total Regional Costs \$7,470.00

*** Costs of shirts will be offset by qualifier entry fees – pads are extra and are sold at cost**

**** Currently we have a supply of pins and may not need to purchase more**

Your Expenses for West Coast Championships (approximate)

Horse transportation – Woodside is within driving distance for most CRR members – contact information for all those transporting horses will be provided so that we can “horse pool”! – Cost = gas \$ + wear & tear

Accommodations: 4 nights @ \$100.00 ***	400.00
Food 4 days @ 30.00/day	120.00
Feed & Bedding (hay and shavings) 4 days	100.00
Extra board (if needed) \$30/horse/night	80.00

Your Estimated Expenses \$700.00

***** Camping at Woodside (RV only), tent camping (6 miles away) are also available**

These numbers are estimates only!

Clubs may hold additional fundraisers to help the competitors pay for their expenses.

Please go to the Mid-Cal website at <http://midcal.ponyclub.org> and click on the “Rallies” tab and then the “2010 Championships” tab to get more information on Championships in general, and accommodations specifically on slides 22 – 25.

Championships Qualifier Information

Jan 2010

Only one application fee is required per qualifier. If you are eligible to qualify in more than one discipline, please check all disciplines you wish to attempt to qualify.

Because Eventing will be held separately from the other disciplines you may attempt to qualify for eventing (as a rider or SM) plus one other discipline. All other disciplines will be held concurrently so you can only enter one at Championships. However – you can attempt to qualify for more than one (ie. Tet and Quiz or Quiz and Dressage) but you will have to choose which one you will enter if you qualify for both.

This year the West Coast Championships will be held at Woodside Park near San Francisco, CA. The experience of qualifying and competing at Championships is an experience of a lifetime.

What is Qualifying?

Qualifying is the way in which we select Pony Club Members for Regional Teams that compete at the USPC Championships. There are criteria to qualifying for a Regional Team in any discipline:

- you must be eligible per the USPC discipline rulebook and meet the Regional & Club participation requirements
- you must submit a Qualifier Application by the due date
- you must compete in your disciplines at the Championship Qualifier (CQ) Rally
- Teams are Selected
- you, and your parents must make a commitment to compete if you qualify
- each club/riding center is asked to support their qualifiers

These points are defined in the following section.

Eligibility

Quiz - Any Camino Real pony clubber, who is **at least 10 years old** on January 1, 2010, is a **member in good standing** of the Region and their Club and is **recommended** by their District Commissioner is eligible to qualify. Remember, for Quiz each competitor must hold a **D-2 rating, prior to the qualifying rally's closing date**. All qualifiers must be familiar with the current 2007 Quiz Competition Rulebook.

Riding Disciplines – Please see Discipline Newsletters on the USPC website for specific ratings and ages. For most disciplines the member must be 13 on Jan 1 and at least a C1. SJ now has a division for D3 – Developing Horse & Riders. 2010 Discipline Newsletters and the rules specified in the West Coast Gold book will be the ultimate criteria that we will follow to determine eligibility.

Qualifiers List

Is a list of those Pony Clubbers who have sent to the Regional Supervisor, a **Qualifiers Application** (attached). The application must be received by the Regional Supervisor no later than the specified closing dates for each discipline noted on the application, with a club check for \$50.00 for each applicant (personal checks for Riding Center members).

Championship Qualifying (CQ) All disciplines

You must **enter** either on your club's team or as an individual competitor on a scramble team. Qualifier List Candidates are given **entry priority** at CQ Rallies. You must **meet all qualifying eligibility requirements** as provided **both** Nationally and Regionally.

Experience

The Qualifier's rally experience will be given significant consideration in team selection. Candidates shall submit a copy of their **Regional Membership Record**, signed by their District Commissioner, on which the **member's rally/clinic/camp participation** has been noted. All candidates shall be given consideration, even those without experience, and it is possible for candidates without much experience to make a team. **One rally point** shall be awarded for each Regional rally, clinic, or regional camp that each qualifier has attended during 2009 through the Eventing Rally June 2010. One point is added if the qualifier competed at the Pacific Coast Championships in 2009. These points shall be **added (or subtracted depending on the discipline)** to the individual scores in the determination of ranking order. See list of events that qualify for a regional point at the end of this letter.

Team Selection

Region shall try to form one or two teams per discipline per level – this will depend on whether Mid-Cal will allow more than one team per discipline per level. After the CQ Eventing Rally, a Long List will be published which **ranks candidates by their score** to date within their division. The score plus (or minus) the Regional rally points are used to come up with a total score. A candidate's experience, maturity and parent commitment are also taken into consideration. Should any of the selectees be unable to accept a place on the team or choose to be on a Regional Team in another discipline, then the **next candidate from the Long List** in their division would take their place. Although placements are known after the rally, **team selection occurs in July** after the conclusion of the last qualifying rally, (as there may be candidates that qualify in other disciplines). Depending on the rules for the West Coast Championships the top four or eight candidates with the best score in each division shall be on the Regional Team(s).

The **SHORT LIST**, published after selection of all teams, will show the final teams/scramble member by division. Team selection shall be made by the Regional Supervisor based on qualifying criteria.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selecting a team is a process which consists of applying the following to the Long Lists for each discipline:

noting their discipline of choice (s) for each qualifier,
noting their score from the chosen CQ rally,
noting their "rally points" combined with the CQ rally score,
distribution of the Short Lists requesting acceptance of team positions,
fill all refusals from the Long List.

Qualifier's Commitment

Applying to Qualify is a **commitment** to:

- accept a place on a Regional Team (if selected and physically able)
- attend the **Champ Organizing meeting** (in July – riding disciplines only to work out transportation issues and prepare regional rally trunks)
- compete at Championships
- to conduct yourself with a demeanor consistent with the Pony Club principles of good horsemanship and good sportsmanship and beneficial to Pony Club. *Violations of the USPC Code of Conduct at any club or regional function will result in removal of the member's name as a qualifier.*
- Your parents are also making a commitment to assist the Region in preparing, transporting and supervising the Regional Teams.

Qualifier's Club/Riding Center's Responsibilities

A club must actively support and encourage those who desire to qualify for Championships. DC's/ Riding Center Administrators must be **familiar** with all championship plans and requirements. However funds are obtained, fees and expenses for CQ candidates and Regional teams will be paid to Region with a **club check**. Riding center members may pay fees/expenses with personal checks.

It shall be the District Commissioner's **responsibility** to guide any child wishing to qualify for the West Coast Championships by providing them with, or access to any/all study materials as well as providing the child and families with a copy of this letter. It is the responsibility of the District Commissioner to make an honest recommendation, based upon the qualifying criteria above for each qualifier. It is the qualifiers responsibility to be come familiar with all rules and requirements.

GENERAL - All Disciplines

Spring Newsletters - it is your responsibility to read these. All Spring Newsletters are published in mid-February and will be available at the USPC web site.

All "rally points" shall be accumulated from January 2009 through June 2010. Attendance must be for the full day of the activity.

Listing of Events that Qualify for One Rally Point for Qualifiers

01/09 Quiz
02/09 Horseless Rally
02/09 Standards & Ratings
03/09 Combined D
03/09 C camp @ Galway
03/09 Teaching to Teach
05/09 Mega Rally
07/09 Regional Camp
08/09 – Pacific Coast Championships
09/09 Dressage Rally
10/09 Show Jumping Rally
01/10 Standards & Ratings Clinic
01/10 Teaching to Teach Clinic
02/10 Tet Rally
02/10 Horseless Rally
03/10 Combined D Rally
04/10 Quiz Rally
05/10 SJ/Dressage Rally
06/10 Eventing Rally



Camino Real Region, USPC, Inc.

2010 USPC CHAMPIONSHIPS REGIONAL TEAM QUALIFIERS LIST APPLICATION

RETURN APPLICATION TO:
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WITH \$50 CLUB CHECK PAYABLE TO CAMINO REAL REGION

PONY CLUB		APPLICANT'S NAME		NOTE: No fee for those applying for Stable Manager only	
DATE OF BIRTH	RATING	ADDRESS			PHONE WITH AREA CODE
POLO SHIRT SIZE	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE		E-MAIL ADDRESS		

INTENT TO QUALIFY

This application, with fee attached, declares your intention to attempt to qualify for a Regional Team for which you are eligible. Such Team will participate in the USPC West Coast Championships, and this application places your name on the Qualifier's List. It does not guarantee you a place on a Regional Team. You must still qualify in accordance with the Rules of the USPC, Inc. and the Policies of the Camino Real Region. The Region will select members for the Regional Teams only from those on the Qualifiers List who meet the selection criteria annually specified by the Region. Qualifier's Application Fee may be refunded at the discretion of the R.S.

DISCIPLINE CHOICES

You may attempt to qualify for a Regional Team in any or all of the disciplines for which the Region is forming Championship Teams. You may also try to qualify for a position as a Stable Manager for a Regional Team. **NO FEE** is required if you want to qualify as a Stable Manager **ONLY**. SM shall be appointed by the R.S. **Check Box(es)**.

Teams shall be determined after the final qualifying rally.

I wish to attempt to Qualify for a Regional Team for the USPC West Coast Championships to be held at Woodside Park August 8 – 15, 2010.

No changes shall be accepted after closing dates.
Due Feb. 6 for Tet
Due March 27 for Quiz
Due May 8 for Dressage/SJ
Due June 12 for Eventing

I WISH TO ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY FOR

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Stable Manager ONLY [] List Discipline choice here																		

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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CANDIDATE AND PARENT COMMITMENT

It is understood that applying to Qualify is a commitment to accept a place on a Regional Team (if selected and physically able); attend the Team Preparation Camp; compete at Championships; and conduct yourself with a demeanor consistent with the Pony Club principles of good horsemanship and good sportsmanship and not detrimental to Pony Club. Parents are making a commitment to assist the Region in preparing, transporting and supervising the Regional Teams. Failure to meet these commitments will be cause for immediate removal from the team.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION

The above named Pony Clubber is a Member in Good Standing of our club and is recommended as a candidate for a Regional Team, which will participate in the USPC Championships.

D.C. SIGNATURE	DATE
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REGIONAL SUPERVISOR APPROVAL

The above named Pony Clubber is a Member in Good Standing of the Camino Real Region and has been included in the Regional Team Qualifier's List.

REGIONAL SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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Code of conduct

The United States Pony Clubs, and the Camino Real Region, 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 Pony Club activity.

Inappropriate behavior includes:

- Possession, use, or distribution of any illegal drug or alcohol
- Use of tobacco at any Pony Club activity
- Profanity, vulgar language or gestures
- Harassment – using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following Pony Club activities
- Failure to follow rules, National and Regional
- Cheating
- Abusing a horse
- Possession of any object considered to be a weapon
- Assault
- Stealing
- Intentionally damage or destruction of another persons property
- Failure to support continuity for the benefit all pony clubbers

I understand that the local club to which I belong is under the governance of National, Regional and Club Bylaws and Policies. I understand that I have access to these Bylaws and Policies, and that it is my responsibility to read them. As specified in the Bylaws, membership may be denied or terminated at any time, with or without cause. Should my membership be terminated for any reason, I understand that there will be no refund of national or regional membership dues. Participation in any USPC activity constitutes a release to be photographed and/or videotaped.

I am aware of the Camino Real Regional Policies, Article 11 CHAMPIONSHIPS, sections 11.1 thru 11.13.2 in it’s entirety.

I am aware of the Qualification Affidavit as required for the Eventing discipline. (on line)

I have access to a copy of the Camino Real Region Championship Qualifiers Information letter (Qual Letter, on line)

I understand and agree to the terms of the Camino Real USPC Championships Regional Team Qualifiers List Application.

I understand that the qualifying application fee may be waived or refunded only at the sole discretion of the Regional Supervisor.

I understand the consequences of inappropriate behavior, and that if suspension, removal, or expulsion occurs, parents may be asked to remove themselves or their child from the activity grounds.

Members of the Camino Real Region show respect for others.

- They consistently encourage and support others in the club/region
- They try to involve all members in the club/region in all activities
- They do not tease, call people names, or do things that might hurt others’ feelings
- They do not use profane language, derogatory slang or gestures
- They are kind and considerate to other members and adults

Members of the Camino Real Region are team players.

- They let every member know that they are happy that they are part of the team
- They work together to help each member do his or her best
- When something doesn’t go well for members of the team they still let their team-mates know that they are valued members of the team
- They take pleasure in competition and are gracious in victory and defeat
- They are responsible for knowing and complying with the rules of the activity

Members of the Camino Real Region show respect for themselves.

- They set goals for themselves
- They come to Pony Club activities properly and safely prepared with the correct equipment and correct dress
- They do not judge their own ability by what others are saying but rather by their own progress

Members of the Camino Real Regions show respect for their horses.

- They care for their horses in a safe and timely manner
- When borrowing or leasing a horse, they care for that horse in a safe and timely manner
- They do not physically abuse their horses
- They use good judgment in determining if mounted activities are too difficult or strenuous for their own ability level or for the ability/fitness level of the horse

I have read and agree to abide by the above. (please use blue ink for signatures)

Original Signature of USPC Member	Date	Original Signature of Parent (s) or Legal Guardian	Date

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