

Pick Your Ride (PYR) Rally Guidebook

Lake Shore Region is excited to bring you the Pick Your Ride (PYR) Rally. Attendees choose three (3) Phases to ride in and compete as Teams of Riders & Stable Managers. This is a great opportunity to try some different things and have fun with your fellow Pony Club members.

All disciplines offer non-qualifying divisions.

Qualifying opportunities for 2026 Championships are offered in Horse Management (including Vet Box), Dressage & Show Jumping.

WHO	WHEN	WHERE
D1 Members & up Unrated compete as D1	July 11-13, 2025	Big Creek Equestrian 375 N Big Creek Road Marquette, MI 49855

**Please forward any questions or concerns about an Attendee riding ability/certification level via email to Shelley Nevins at snevins@ponyclub.org for review.*

RALLY COMMITTEE & OFFICIALS		
Organizer & Facility Contacts	Rally Secretary	Officials
Rae Birr, VRS raeb@ponyclub.org Kristi Jenkins, HMO kljenkins524@gmail.com	Shelley Nevins, RS 1904 Tallgrass Circle Waukesha, WI 53188 lsrallypaperwork@gmail.com 262-370-8196	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chief: Eben Haber ● HMO: Kristi Jenkins ● AHMJ: Izzy Marini ● Official Scorer: Bruce Birr ● Advisory Vet: Rae Birr, DVM ● Dressage Judge: Madeline Erce ● Show Jumping Judge: Rae Birr ● Trail Judge: Shelley Nevins

Overall Schedule

(*Subject to Change based on Entries*)

	Friday 7/11/25	Saturday 7/12/25	Sunday 7/13/25
6:30 am		Barns Open	Barns Open
AM		Turn Out Inspections Dressage Rides	Show Jump Round 2 Cross Country Distance Ride Trail
PM	Move in 3:30 PM Distance Riding Clinic 6:00 pm Briefing, Helmet Checks, Jogs, Safety & Setup	Dressage Rides Continue Show Jump Round 1	Rides Continue as needed Awards Move Out

DIVISIONS

D Rally: all riders are certified D1-D3 Horse Management - may have a C-advisor in addition to stable manager. C-advisor: C1 Horse Management or higher certified member who assists the D Rally members with the experience of a Rally. C-advisor is in the barn with the competitors, guides the team to succeed but does not do the work. Advisor not a competitor. C-Advisor is not required.

Hybrid: Combination of D and C or higher certified members, must have a stable manager, no C advisors.

C & Up: All riders are certified C1 Horse Management or higher, may opt to compete without a stable manager.

RIDING DISCIPLINE LEVELS

<u>Dressage</u>	<u>Show Jumping</u>	<u>XC</u>	<u>Trail</u>	<u>Distance</u>
2023 USDF Intro Test A, B, or C 2023 USEF Training Test 1, 2, or 3 2022 WDAA Intro Tests 1, 2, 3, 4 2022 WDAA Basic level test 1, 2, 3, 4 2022 USEA Starter Test 2022 USEA Beginner Novice Test A or B Musical Keur – Standard Champs Additional Tests by Request	Ground poles 18" X's 18" Verticals 2' 0.70 m (2'3") 0.75 m (2'7") - Intermediate 0.90 m (2'11") – Novice Additional Standard Heights by Request	12" 18" 2' Starter Novice Beginner Novice VET BOX will be included with XC – this will meet HM VET BOX requirement for Championships	Rookie Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 *** 4 riders required to offer; backup option required in registration form	5 mi Ride With Vet Box midway *** 4 riders required to offer; backup option required in registration form

Entry Procedures & Registration Dates

Dates	Details
June 8, 2025	Rally Information Posted on Lake Shore Region Website & Facebook Group
June 9, 2025	Online Registration Opens on the Lake Shore Region Website "Events" Page
June 27, 2025	Individual Online Registration Closes
June 30, 2025	Club/Center Team Formation Closes – TEAM FORM
June 30, 2025	Competitors MUST submit documents by June 30th: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit digital copies of documents via HorseSpot upload or email to lsrrallypaperwork@gmail.com directly to Rally Secretary Only complete applications will be processed. If your application is incomplete, your spot will not be confirmed until all missing information is received. <p>Online forms completed by competitors/coaches etc. will be logged by Rally Secretary. Email confirmation will be sent to Club/Centers closer to Rally with a list of any missing paperwork/payment from Rally Secretary.</p>
July 1, 2025	All Club/Center's MUST postmark/submit payment form & payments to LSR by July 1, 2025. If paying online, proof of completed payment required.

Required Rally Paperwork	Checklist
Online Entry (per individual)	HorseSpot Entry
Online Team form - to be completed by your Club or Center	Clubs/Centers Complete Online (see confirmation emails)
Proof / Documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhino pneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to July 14, 2025.	HorseSpot Upload, EMAIL OR MAIL
Current Coggins** (per mount)	HorseSpot Upload, EMAIL OR MAIL
Rally Chaperone Form (Competitors ages 17 and under must have a Chaperone during event)	Chaperone Form
Emergency Contact form (for Competitors 18 and up)	Emergency Contact Form
Lake Shore Region Concussion & Code of Conduct Form (complete 1 per year)	Code of Conduct Form
USPC Coaching Form (each Show Jump Team is required to have a Coach onsite for Rally, other disciplines a coach is not required)	Coaching Form
Intent to Qualify Form for USPC Championships 2026	Intent to Qualify Form
Big Creek Equestrian Liability Waiver	EMAIL OR MAIL

****PLEASE NOTE THAT COGGINS dated before 07/14/2024 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE APPLICATION PACKET.** You must send a copy of your horse's Coggins, **current through 07/14/2025**, and bring the original with you to Rally (it should always travel with your horse). **If traveling from outside of MI, you must have your interstate health certificate with your horse. This is State law that we must follow.** Provide Proof / Documentation of Equine Influenza Virus & Equine Herpes Virus (EHV1 Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the event.

Costs		
	Description	Cost
Mounted Rally	1 Dressage Test, and 2 choice phases (Dressage, Show Jump, XC, Trail, Distance Ride), Lunches Included Saturday & Sunday	\$260 /rider
Rally Stable Manager	Lunches provided Saturday & Sunday	\$0
C Advisor	Lunches provided Saturday & Sunday	\$0
Distance Riding Clinic	Unmounted education about distance riding followed by Vet-In and Practice Ride	\$20
Stabling	Mix of stalls, round pens and paddocks	\$30/horse
Meals	Saturday & Sunday Lunches included in competitor fees. Pre-order additional lunches for family	\$10/extra lunch

Shavings

BRING YOUR OWN – stabling assignments will be shared to determine if you need

Housing

It is the responsibility of the members to secure housing as needed

Coaching

Coaching is required for Show Jump Discipline – all other disciplines coaching is optional - it is your responsibility to coordinate a coach for your member and/or team. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the rally committee. Please indicate your team coach(es) on the team registration form. ***Each coach must complete the [online coaching form](#).***

Volunteer Requirement

Pony Club is *VOLUNTEER BASED*. Every family is expected to volunteer. This includes a Parent/Guardian/aunt/grandpa/neighbor, etc. for each competitor.

WHERE CAN I SIGN UP?

- Sign up for your preferred Task on the online Volunteer Sign Up form (will be emailed to you about a week before rally)
- Select the “Tasks” you will Volunteer to complete during the rally.
- Members, parents, friends sign up for at least one slot of volunteering.
- We need to have EVERYONE volunteer but we realize not all parents will be at rally

If your parents cannot attend the rally, plan ahead and contact the rally Committee. We’ll have a job for you. Volunteering is necessary for a well-run rally!

REQUIRED FOOTWEAR: Anyone entering the barn or working around the horses MUST wear barn appropriate shoes (no tennis shoes or flip flops). United States Pony Club (USPC) guidelines for Footwear “includes any boot with a heel, such as, rubber riding boots, jodhpur boots, paddock boots, or tall boots. For unmounted activities a shoe or boot that is securely fastened, entirely closed, covers the ankle, and has a thick sole is permitted.”

Rally participants must also wear their Medical Armband with up to date and complete medical card or Medical Bracelet meeting USPC criteria when on Rally grounds, during Rally hours. See link below for USPC requirements for Armband/Bracelet.

[Medical Armband Card](#)

[Medical Bracelet FAQ's](#)

Supervision Required - Outside of Rally Hours

When youth are not at the Rally facility, they are considered “off-grounds” and they are not part of the Pony Club activity and it is the **PARENT'S responsibility** to arrange appropriate supervision and transportation.

Lake Shore Region Cancellation/Refund Protocol

In the event of a cancellation after the closing date, Event Organizers will attempt to find a suitable replacement from the waiting list. If no suitable replacement is available, the following Regional Cancellation policy will be applied.

Cancellation Policy & Refunds

1. If a horse, rider or stable manager is injured before the official closing date for a Regional activity (rally, prep, clinic, camp etc.) and the organizer is notified prior to the closing date, a full refund will be made.
2. If a horse, rider or stable manager is injured before the start of the Regional activity but after the closing date, a full refund less \$25 dollar office fee will be made.
3. If a horse, rider or stable manager is injured at the activity prior to participating in any aspect of rally (i.e. written test, turnout inspection, riding) a partial refund will be allowed as follows: total fees less \$50 (\$25 office fee + less \$25 participation fee).
4. If a rider or horse is injured at Regional activity (rally, prep, clinic, camp etc.) after the start of the activity, there will be no refund.
5. Due to the expense of hosting testings, preps and clinics, once a member financially commits to attending an Upper Level Testing, there will be no refund. Failure to pay will result in limited opportunities to participate in regional activities.

No refunds will be granted without proper documentation from a physician or veterinarian. Such documentation should be forwarded to the Lake Shore Region Treasurer. Special circumstances can be presented at the next Regional Council meeting to consider leniency in individual cases if so requested. The Lake Shore Region Executive Board will make all decisions regarding regional refunds.

Team Chaperone Duties

Please submit online Google form

Chaperone Duties Shall Include:

The primary function of the "Official Team Chaperone" is to ensure that there is a contact person for each team or individual present and on grounds for the duration of the competition. Team chaperones must be available to officials and team members at all times.

1. Have a copy of and be familiar with the rules for the discipline rulebook, the current edition of the Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Rallies, and the USPC Guidebook to Championships. Rulebooks can be downloaded from the Rulebook webpage.
2. Uphold USPC Policy 0500 Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco. Chaperones must refrain from using alcohol or other substances when they are serving in their official capacity as team chaperone. Refer to USPC Policy webpage for full policy statement.
3. Be present and available to officials and all team members for the duration of the competition.
4. Delegate duties of the team chaperone to another responsible adult if for any reason you should have to leave the competition grounds during the hours of competition making it clear that they are to respond to officials and any team members in your absence.
5. Be sure to have a means of contacting parents or designated responsible person for all team members in the event that you should need to contact them during the hours that you are responsible for those team members (hours of competition).
6. Have a means of contacting all team members and the parent or responsible person for those hours after competition and when not on competition grounds (evening/ nights).
7. Administration of medications is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian.
8. Be familiar with the effects of heat and humidity and the potential risk for heat related illness. Take an active role in helping to keep all team members well hydrated; the importance of hydration cannot be overstated! Take every opportunity to encourage water breaks. Refer to the Uniform Officiation Rules, Section I of all rulebooks, and visit the Pony Club website Heat Illness page for more information and access to the CDC Training on Heat Illness.
9. The regional supervisors and discipline secretaries will determine the "Official Team Chaperone."
10. Be aware that USPC members are required to wear a current, up-to-date USPC medical card/bracelet on their arm at all USPC activities.

Coaching Agreement & Guidelines

Please have your coach submit online Google form

Penalties for violating these coaching guidelines will be assessed by the discipline ground jury and/or overall ground jury under the rules governing unauthorized assistance. Any coach not adhering to the rules set forth below may be removed from their position for the duration of the phase and/or competition.

Coaches are mandatory for Show Jumping. Coaches are allowed, but not mandatory for Dressage, Eventing, Games, Polocrosse, Tetrathlon and Western Dressage Championships. There may be one or more coaches per team; the organizer or ring steward may limit the number of coaches in a warm-up area at any given time.

By signing this form, you:

- Agree to be familiar with and observe all USPC By-Laws, Policies and competition rules.
- Agree to be governed by Horse Management guidelines as expected of competitors, including appropriate attire, footwear and conduct.
- Agree to adhere to the USPC Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Policies in all your actions and decisions.
- Agree to conduct yourself in a fair and courteous manner.

Coaches Must

- Attend any official coaches briefings.
- Be familiar with, understand and comply with the current USPC discipline and Horse Management rules.
- Be aware of the welfare of horse and rider.
- Wear identification provided by the organizer during the competition times.
- Follow all discipline coach parameters outlined in the discipline rulebook.
- Assist competitors in learning and understanding all rules pertinent to the competition.
- Help any Pony Club competitor who asks for help or who is present without a coach.

Coaches Must Not

- Enter the barn except during authorized visiting times.
- Interfere with the immediate care of the mount under penalty of elimination of the competitor.
- Give lessons in the warm up area.
- Be the organizer, and member of the organizing committee or any other official of the competition.
- Be a team chaperone.

Coaching Duties

- Warming-up competitors for competition in the designated warm-up areas only. In addition, a coach may lead a competitor's mount into the arena area.
- Coaches may observe but not participate in (unless requested), soundness checks or horse inspections.
- Meet with the team to discuss ride times, planning and how to best utilize the coach within the team.

Communications between Coaches and Competitors

- Coaches may communicate with the competitors during the official briefing and any subsequent briefings as required by the organizer and in the warm-up area prior to and following the competitors ride.
- Coached may accompany competitors during their ride, arena inspection, course walks or any other subsequent times competition areas are open for warm-up, during which they may give advice and coach.

Competitors who wish to Coach while Competing

Championships competitors who are 18 years of age as of January 1 of the competition year may coach other members recognizing that:

- No scheduling changes will be made to accommodate coaching /riding times.
- Care of mount and other competitor responsibilities take precedence over coaching.

In addition to the above parameters, I agree to abide by the appropriate discipline specific Coach Guidelines as included in the current rulebook for the discipline I am coaching.

DRESSAGE & WESTERN DRESSAGE, SHOW JUMPING, EVENTING, TRAIL & DISTANCE RIDING

LAKE SHORE REGION, USPC, INC. PONY CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

Please submit online Google Form - once per calendar year

Members of the Lake Shore Region show respect for others.

- They consistently encourage and support others in the club/region
- 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 Lake Shore 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 let their teammates know that they are valued members of the team
- They show good sportsmanlike skills whether they win or lose
- They are responsible for knowing and complying with the rules of the activity

Members of the Lake Shore 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 attire
- They judge their own ability by what qualified instructors indicate and by their own progress toward their horsemanship goals.

Members of the Lake Shore Region 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 treat their horses kindly with consideration of the horses age and health in conjunction with the environment and weather.
- 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

CONSEQUENCES OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

The Lake Shore Region is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork, and well-behaved members. This region expects appropriate behavior for all members participating in any Pony Club activity, in accordance with USPC National By-laws and the rules of sport. Any member not conforming to the Behavior Code is subject to the following actions:

IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION FROM THE ACTIVITY WITH POSSIBLE EXPULSION FROM THE LAKE SHORE REGION CAMP WILL OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE FOLLOWING WITH IMMEDIATE CONSEQUENCES.

- Possession, use, or distribution on any illegal drugs or alcohol
- Possession of any object considered to be a weapon
- Assault
- Use of tobacco at any Pony Club function

REPRIMAND OR SUSPENSION OF PARTICIPATION FROM PONY CLUB ACTIVITIES MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE FOLLOW:

- Profanity - vulgar language or gestures
- Harassment - using words that intimidate, threaten, or persecute others
- Defiance of authority
- Failure to follow stated rules
- Abusing a horse
- Intentionally destroying property

If suspension/expulsion occurs, parents may be asked to remove their child from the activity grounds. I/we have read and agree to abide by the above.

HorseSpot Registration

1. Online Entries: [Lake Shore Region HorseSpot](#)
2. Stable Managers & C Advisors – Enter “UNMOUNTED” for Horse Name when registering
3. EVERYONE: Use your Club or Center Name for Trainer
4. Fees:
 - Mounted Competitors should select Rally Fee & Stall (if sharing a horse I can manually adjust the stall fee to split the cost before charging)
 - Extra Lunches – Competitor Lunches are included, these are additional purchases
5. Stable Managers and C Advisors – Select Class 0S or 0C accordingly
6. All riders MUST pick a Dressage Test as Ride #1
7. Ride #2 and #3 may be any combination of additional Dressage Test, Trail, Distance Ride, Show Jump and Cross Country
8. All Riders must select 3 rides. Exceptions:
 - Standard Champs Qualifiers for Show Jumping – select 1 dressage test and 3 Show Jumping Rides – all at the height you intend to qualify at
 - If selecting Trail or Distance Riding, please select a 4 ride as a backup because these options have a 4-rider minimum to run.

Class Number	Class Name	Class Number	Class Name
0	Distance Riding Clinic	23	Distance Ride - 5 mi - Ride #2 or #3
0S	Stable Manager	24	Show Jump - Ground Poles - Ride #2
0C	C Advisor	25	Show Jump -Ground Poles - Ride #3
1	2022 USEA Starter Test	26	Show Jump -Cross Rails - Ride #2
2	2022 USEA Beginner Novice Test A	27	Show Jump -Cross Rails - Ride #3
3	2022 USEA Beginner Novice Test B	28	Show Jump -18" - Ride #2
4	2023 USDF Intro A	29	Show Jump -18" - Ride #3
5	2023 USDF Intro B	30	Show Jump -2' - Ride #2
6	2023 USDF Intro C	31	Show Jump -2' - Ride #3
7	2023 USEF Training Level Test 1	32	Show Jump -0.70m - Ride #2
8	2023 USEF Training Level Test 2	33	Show Jump -0.70m - Ride #3
9	2023 USEF Training Level Test 3	34	Show Jump -0.75m - Ride #2
10	2022 WDAA Intro Test 1	35	Show Jump -0.75m - Ride #3
11	2022 WDAA Intro Test 2	36	Show Jump -0.75m - Standard Champs
12	2022 WDAA Intro Test 3	37	Show Jump -0.85 m - Ride #2
13	2022 WDAA Intro Test 4	38	Show Jump -0.85 m - Ride #3
14	2022 WDAA Basic Test 1	39	Show Jump -0.85 m - Standard Champs
15	2022 WDAA Basic Test 2	40	Cross Country - 12" - Ride #2 or #3
16	2022 WDAA Basic Test 3	41	Cross Country - 18" - Ride #2 or #3
17	2022 WDAA Basic Test 4	42	Cross Country - 2' - Ride #2 or #3
18	Musical - Ride #3 - Dressage Standard Champs	43	Cross Country - 0.70m (Starter)- Ride #2 or #3
19	Trail - Rookie Level - Ride #2 or #3	44	Cross Country - 0.79m (Beg. Nov.) - Ride #2 or #3
20	Trail - Level 1 - Ride #2 or #3		
21	Trail - Level 2 - Ride #2 or #3		
22	Trail - Level 3 - Ride # 2 or #3		



BIG CREEK EQUESTRIAN, LLC.
RELEASE OF LIABILITY

This Release of Liability is made and entered into on this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by and between **BIG CREEK EQUESTRIAN, LLC.** and **Kristi Jenkins, Jason Jenkins and their employees**, hereinafter designated as OWNER/MANAGER and (please print name) _____, hereinafter designated as RELEASOR(S); and if RELEASOR is a minor, RELEASOR'(S) parent or guardian. In return for permission of the above - named RELEASOR(S) to visit, enter the property, observe, utilize the facilities, receive lessons, and/or ride horses on the premises, today and on all future dates at the property of the OWNER/MANAGER, the above - named RELEASOR(S), his/her/their, heirs, assigns, and legal representatives, hereby expressly agree to the following:

1. It is the responsibility of the RELEASOR(S) to carry full and complete insurance coverage on his/her/their horse, personal property, and himself/herself.
2. RELEASOR(S) AGREE(S) TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS INVOLVED IN OR ARISING FROM RELEASOR'(S) USE OF OR PRESENCE UPON OWNER/MANAGER'S PROPERTY AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE RISKS OF DEATH, BODILY INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, FALLS, KICKS, BITES; COLLISIONS WITH VEHICLES, HORSES OR STATIONARY OBJECTS; FIRE OR EXPLOSION, THE UNAVAILABILITY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE, OR THE NEGLIGENCE OR DELIBERATE ACT OF ANOTHER PERSON.
3. RELEASOR(S) agree(s) to hold OWNER/MANAGER and all of their successors, assigns, subsidiaries, franchisees, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, and agents completely harmless and not liable and release them from all liability whatsoever and AGREE(S) NOT TO SUE them on account of or in connection with any claim, causes of action, injuries, damages, costs, attorney fees or expenses arising out of RELEASOR'(S) use of, or presence upon, OWNER/MANAGER'S property and facilities, including consequential damages, except if the damages are caused by the direct, willful and wanton misconduct of the OWNER/MANAGER, its agents or employees.
4. RELEASOR(S) agree(s) to waive the protection afforded by any statute or law in any jurisdiction whose purpose, substance, and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing the Release.
5. It is mutually understood and agreed that the above Release of Liability constitutes a waiver of liability beyond the provisions of the Michigan Equine Activity Liability Act (1994 P.A. 351)

The parties hereto understand and acknowledge that under the Michigan Equine Liability Act, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of the equine activity.

6. RELEASOR(S) agree(s) to abide by all of the OWNER/MANAGER'S rules and regulations.
7. If RELEASOR(S) is/are using his/her/their horse, the horse shall be free from infection and contagious or transmissible disease. OWNER/MANAGER reserves the right to bar any horse from the premises if it is not in proper health or if said horse is deemed dangerous or undesirable.

This contract is non-assignable and non-transferable and is made and entered into in the state of Michigan and shall be enforced and interpreted under the laws of this state. Should a clause be in conflict with the laws of the State of Michigan, then that clause is null and void. When the OWNER/MANAGER and RELEASOR('S) and RELEASOR('S) parents or guardian, if RELEASOR is a minor, sign this contract, it will then be binding on both parties, subject to the above terms and conditions.

The undersigned further declares and represents that no promise, inducement or agreement not herein expressed has been made to the undersigned, and the Release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and that the terms of the Release are contractual and not a mere recital.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE
AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE SAME.**

Signed, sealed and delivered this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

BIG CREEK EQUESTRAIN, LLC
OWNER/MANAGER Signature

RELEASOR'S Signature
(or parent/guardian if under 18)

Address & Phone of Big Creek Equestrian:

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Address & Phone of RELEASOR

Description of Horse ridden by RELEASOR:

