



July 13-15, 2018
Grange Equestrian Park and Fair Ground
Centre Hall, PA.

Welcome to the 11th annual MGAA Nationals. This is the only three day Mounted Games event in the USA, open to all riders. It is similar to a European or British championship level games competition and features a social atmosphere and festival vibe. Choose to camp or stay at a hotel and plan for the Saturday night event that is in the works - with an American Ninja Warrior type of activity it will be sure to appeal to your competitive side! The party is free for all riders, their families, supporters, and officials. Additional details will be announced as the event gets closer.

Prizes at MGAA Nationals are numerous and generous, including sponsored race prizes sprinkled throughout the competition along with great overall prizes based on Teams' final placement. Back by popular demand, the Open Division will run as two separate events: Friday there will an Individual competition including two sessions for a total of sixteen races. Intermediate Riders participating in the Intermediate Team competition may elect to ride a different pony in this competition as well (IMGA rule GR1.10). Great prizes will be on offer - Plan to get in on the Individual action!

The second Open Division event is a two day team competition like our Mid-Atlantic Series. Saturday features two sessions of ten races each; a twelve race final on Sunday determines the overall placements. Plan to enter for a chance at many sponsored race prizes, overall placement prizes, a perpetual trophy for the winning Team, and the Saturday night party for everyone! Riders may opt to compete in one or both of the Open competitions on the same or different ponies.

Novice, Intermediate, and Over25 Divisions will each run as a three day team event with two sessions of ten races on Friday and again on Saturday. The final session of twelve races will take place on Sunday. Leadline riders may ride in as many or as few Novice division races and sessions as they wish! This will be great fun for the whole family! Lots of fun, social interaction and tons of competition prizes!

Come join the fun and aim to take home one of the Division Championship Trophies for the year!
ENTRY CLOSING DATE: June 13, 2018 ~ NOTE *\$50* late fee

Please check the email address you have provided on this form for updates as the event gets closer. Updates will also be listed on the MGAA Facebook group page.

DIVISIONS

\$100 - Novice, Intermediate, and Over25 includes five sessions over three days.
\$30 - Open Individual competition on Friday - a total of sixteen races (optional).
\$80 - Open Team competition - two sessions on Saturday and the Final on Sunday (optional).
\$100 - Both Open competitions - Individuals and Teams
\$20 - Leadline division - run alongside the Novice division - the Rider opts to complete as many races/sessions as they wish. Participation prizes awarded - this is an unscored division where everyone is a WINNER!

ACCEPTING SPONSORS – YOU, your team, your competition or your business can sponsor nationals. There are tons of ways to do so. One of the easiest ways is to select a division, and select a race, send in \$50 and the winner of that race you selected, in the division you selected will win a prize! Your name, team, competition or business will be announced as the sponsor of that race.

You can also choose to sponsor in many other ways. Shoot Krista or Wendi and email to discuss.

OTHER EXPENSES

\$80 - Stall Flat Fee for the duration of the event. We will not be providing or selling shavings this year. See the Grounds Office staff to make your own shavings purchase arrangements - they are located opposite the bathrooms.

\$20 - Nationals shirts, final design pending - Likely this will be the same shirt style as last year in black, think it is a wicking sports shirt, nice and ventilated, with a collar, available in Unisex sizing. Must be pre-ordered - Extras are not available at the event.

\$30 - Non-member fee for USA riders. All international guests are exempt from this fee. Membership may be purchased up until Nationals begins. See the MGAA website for the membership form.

\$35 - Camper Hook up per night.

\$15 - Primitive camping per night (no electric).

\$50 - Late fee for any entry not submitted and/or payment not made by June 13, 2018.

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday, July 12 - Move-in.

Friday, July 13 - 8 a.m. - Session 1: Novice, Leadline, Intermediate, and Over25 divisions. Open Individuals qualifying session.

Friday, July 13 - 1 p.m. - Session 2: Novice, Leadline, Intermediate, and Over25 divisions. Open Individual Finals.

Saturday, July 14 - 8 a.m. - Session 3: Novice, Leadline, Intermediate, and Over25 divisions. Open Division Team Session 1

Saturday, July 14 - 1 p.m. - Session 4: Novice, Leadline, Intermediate, and Over25 divisions. Open Division Team Session 2

Saturday, July 14 - 7 p.m. - Social Event - free to everyone!

Sunday, July 15 - 9 a.m. - Session 5: Novice, Leadline, Intermediate, and Over25 divisions. Open Division Team Session 3

Stalls: Stalls will not be assigned. Use stalls in the new large barn attached to the indoor unless otherwise advised by the organizer. Please label stalls using ONLY removal tape/signs and label ONLY stalls that will be used. MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT THE PERSON KNOWS THAT YOU ARE RESERVING A STALL FOR THEM AND THAT THEY WILL BE USING THE STALL. Please confirm all stall reservation arrangements with all parties involved.

Please do not take a stall labeled for someone else. If it is clear that a stall is not being used and YOU HAVE SEEN THE PONY IN ANOTHER STALL - remove the label/sign immediately.

Games to be played: Races and rules will come from the 2018 IMGA Rulebook and the 2018 MGAA Rulebook Addendum. All riders are expected to be familiar with the games and the rules.

Tie-Breakers: Any ties that affect placement into the Final Heats or overall placement results will be broken by a tie-breaker race. In all instances the tie-breaker race will be Two Flag.

Team Attire: All teams are responsible for providing their own helmet band for use by their fourth rider in each race. Teams should wear matching shirts, approved helmets and proper footwear as per the IMGA 2018 rulebook.

Bitting and Tack: Please refer to the 2018 IMGA Rulebook and the 2018 MGAA Rulebook Addendum for all rules regarding bits and tack.

Work Assignments: DO NOT BE LATE FOR YOUR ASSIGNED WORK SHIFT. It will cost your team five points.

Food: A concession stand will be available on the grounds.

Awards: Awards will be presented in the ring following the final session of each heat. The total points earned by each team during the three preliminary heats will determine the team's Finals heat placement. (A Finals, B Finals, etc.). If only one heat of teams is taking part in any one division, the final placing will be determined by adding up all of the points accumulated during the entire competition. If there is more than one heat, the points from the two final heats will be totaled for the final competition result.

EMT: MGAA volunteer first aid will be onsite and ring side. An ambulance will be called if needed.

Vet/Farrier: On-call vet service provided by Centre Equine Practice: 814-364-1921. Owners are responsible for all vet fees. On-call farrier is Randy Rider: 814-574-3196

Refund Policy: Because Nationals requires prizes and awards to be ordered in advance, all refunds after the closing date are subject to a \$50 fee. Any withdraws after July 1 will not be refunded. Extenuating circumstances will be considered; ie, death in the family, extreme injury (ex. broken arm, not stubbed toe), lame pony that was unable to be replaced, etc. Exempt from this is a rider who enters as a scramble rider hoping to be placed on a team when a team was unable to be found. A full refund will always be awarded in this case.

Weather Plans: This competition will be played outdoors in an all-weather arena, rain or shine.

MGAA GEAR: Will be available for sale at this event! Come visit the Booth.

Payment must be received in FULL by the deadline - *June 13, 2018* - to avoid the late fee.

To avoid late fees you must have your payment postmarked on or before 6/13/2018.
Krista Wilson - 540-226-4902 - Feel free to text- please include your name! -
Krista4902@gmail.com 7192 Trissels Rd. Broadway, VA. 22815
International Riders may pay in USD Cash upon arrival.

If mailing in entry, what to include:

- _ Entry (the page after this one – same one the release is on)
- _ Payment
- _ Release (the page after this one – same one the entry is on)
- _ Medical Release if under 18YO (found on MGAA website)
- _ Coggins

Entry

Rider Name: _____ Pony: _____

Team Name: _____ Division: _____

Team Members: _____

Address: _____ Current Member? _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Costs:

Division: Leadline (\$20) _____

Novice, Intermediate, Over25 (\$100) _____

Open Individuals (\$30) _____ OR Open Teams (\$80) _____ OR BOTH (\$100) _____ **Riding Total** _____

Stall (\$80/flat ea) **Stall Total** _____

Camping Hookup(\$35/night): _____ Dry (\$15/Night): _____ **Camping Total** _____

Shirts (\$20ea) How many in which sizes? _____ **Shirt Total** _____

Non Member fee (\$30) Does not apply to International Guests **Non Member Total** _____

Late Fee if paid after June 13 (\$50) **Late Fee Total** _____

Over All TOTAL: _____

Competition Release Form

Please sign the competition Release Form before submitting your entry.

The Undersigned acknowledges the inherent risk involved in riding and working around horses, which risks include bodily injury from using, riding or being in close proximity to horses among other risks, and further that both horse and rider can be injured in normal use or in competition and schooling.

In Consideration for the privilege of riding and working around horses at MGAA Nationals the Undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the MGAA, organizers, Grange Fairgrounds, its officers, sponsors and members, and further release them from any liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury or illness to the Undersigned or any horse owned by me or to any family member or spectator accompanying the Undersigned on the premises of the Grange Fairgrounds.

I fully understand that riding and the playing of Mounted Games are very dangerous activities. I fully understand that riding is a very dangerous activity with many inherent risks including (i) The propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the rider, trainer, groom or handler, (ii) The inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals. I wish to participate in these activities knowing they are dangerous. I accept and assume all the risks of injury (including death) to me or my property.

In exchange for being permitted to participate in these activities for myself, my heirs, guardian, and legal representatives, I release and agree not to make or bring any claim of any kind against the Mounted Games Across America organization, MGAA Nationals organizers, Grange Fairgrounds, or its masters, officers, directors, members, employees, or guests or any landowners, landholders or the persons making property available for the MGAA Nationals, for injury (including death), to me or any damage to my property whether from anyone's negligence or not, or any other cause, arising out of my participation in these dangerous horseback riding or related activities; and I also agree if anyone makes any claims because of any injury to me (including death), or for any damage to my property, I will keep all those released by this agreement free of any damages or costs because of those claims. My signature hereby indicates my agreement.

The undersigned competitor agrees to abide by MGAA rules and Code of Conduct (**GR 17.1**), along with rules of any affiliated association of MGAA.

_____ Rider Signature _____ Date

_____ Guardian if Rider is under 18YO _____ Date