
Popsicle Pairs 2
December 7, 2024
Prince George's Equestrian Center
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Closing Date: November 30, 2024



Celebrate December holidays early with an **UGLY Sweater Contest** at Popsicle Pairs 2. Diane and I will hold our 6th Popsicle Pairs 2 competition at the Prince George's Equestrian Center on **December 7, 2024**. You do NOT need to be a member of MGAA to enter and compete. All riders are welcome. **Dig out your ugliest Holiday sweater and win a free entry to Popsicle Pairs 3.**

There are pairs divisions for Mixed(Open, Over 25, Intermediate), Novice, Leadline, and Green pairs riders. You may enter as a 2-man pair or a 3-man pair or enter as an individual to be placed on a pair. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Mixed Division will be split into a faster group and a more sedate group. If signing up for the Mixed Division, please pick which speed group you would like to compete in.

The Organizer reserves the right to scramble riders or form 2 or 3-man pairs from individual entries.
The Organizer reserves the right to close entries before the closing date if the facility capacity is reached early.

Riders are encouraged to register using the Online Form and to use VENMO (account @MDEQFND) to ensure their entry slot: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/MGAA1/PopsiclePairs2>

Sharon Brown is the organizer for this competition. So please contact her with questions and mail your paper forms to her. hcpc@yahoo.com

Special Rules:

- This is fun one-day competition so we are allowing either 2-man or 3-man pairs in each Division.
- The competition will be held in the PGEC 150x300 covered arena. The arena is similar to the other PGEC arenas we have used. The arena has a roof but no walls.
- Since this is only a one-day competition, we are allowing mixed pairs of Open, Over25 and Intermediate riders to compete in one of two Mixed Divisions. A faster division and a more sedate division.
- Please submit only one entry form for each rider/pony combination.
- Pairs will play 10 games per session based on time. There will be two sessions for the day. The time limit for one heat will be a maximum of 1 hour.
- To reduce the cost of holding this competition, we will be awarding no prizes or ribbons. Bragging rights only.
- We will need all riders to volunteer as Chief Refs, Equipment Chiefs, Assistant Refs, or Equipment crew for at least one Division/Session. If you have always wanted to try out being a Chief Ref or Equipment Chef, here is your chance. Contact the Organizer to reserve your request.
- If the arena footing is frozen or the weather is treacherous, the competition will be cancelled and rescheduled if possible. All fees will be refunded.
- We will be using the Rules for Short Arenas. This gives the riders more runout room at Line A.

Divisions:

Number of pairs accepted for each division may be modified as entries warrant. FIVE heats per session is the maximum accepted.

All divisions will play two 10 game sessions.

The 2024 IMGA/MGAA Mounted Games Rulebook will be used. Competition Format is Informal Pairs

- **Novice:** GR15.1.2 Novice: The Novice Division is reserved for riders who are new to the sport of Mounted Games, or are beginner riders. **Novice:** GR15.1.2 Novice: The Novice Division is reserved for riders who are new to the sport of Mounted Games, or are beginner riders. Riders are competing at a walk and trot and may canter between skills. Riders may be assisted on the field of play if necessary. Riders should be able to safely navigate their pony without a leadline, but a leader/handler may be used when needed for assistance with a specific task or skill. Leg-ups and mounting blocks in accordance with MGAA GR19.4, are also permitted. This division is open to all ages. The Novice division is not for Open, O25, or Intermediate riders. **Maximum of 5 Pairs accepted**
- **Leadline:** GR15.1.1.1 Leadline Ponies: Leadline Ponies may be used in other divisions and are exempt from rule GR1.10. This is the only division where a pony ridden in another division may take part. In turn, the races a pony being used in the Leadline Division takes part in will not count towards its race count limit stated in rule GR1.10. Entry fee is \$25 per rider. **Maximum of 3 Pairs or 3 Teams accepted if the schedule allows.**
- **Green:** GR15.1.1.1 Green Ponies. This Division is for the training of ponies new to Mounted Games. Riders in this division must be Intermediate, Open or Over 25 level riders. If the Chief Referee deems the pony unsafe, the pony/rider will be asked to leave the arena. Mounting blocks are permitted in this division in accordance with MGAA GR19.4. **Maximum of 5 Pairs accepted Green ponies will be accepted if there is room in the schedule.**
- **Mixed:** Pairs may be made up of a mixture of Over25, Open and Intermediate riders. No Green ponies or Novice riders allowed. Mounting blocks are permitted in this division in accordance with MGAA GR19.4. **Maximum of 20 Pairs accepted (10 Mixed Fast, 10 Mixed Slow) if the schedule allows.**

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Entry Fees	<p>\$50 per rider/pony combination. Leadline fees are \$25 for the day. \$10 Late Fee for entries after closing date</p> <p>There is a \$13 PGEC facility fee also charged. Stalls are \$30. Tack stalls are free if left clean.</p>
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Preliminary Schedule subject to change as circumstances warrant.

Max races for all divisions = 12 per session; max time per heat = 60 minutes

	Saturday	
7:00 AM	Check in	Ring Crew Assignments
8:00-9:00	Heat 1	TBD
9:00-10:00	Heat 2	TBD
10:00-11:00	Heat 3	TBD
11:00-12:00	Heat 4	TBD
12:00-1:00	Lunch or Heat 5	TBD
1:00-2:00	Heat 1	TBD
2:00-3:00	Heat 2	TBD
3:00-4:00	Heat 3	TBD
4:00-5:00	Heat 4	TBD
5:00-6:00	Heat 5 if needed	TBD

Games Order for each Session and Division:

AM Session	PM Session
Speed Weavers	Agility Aces(Vault)
Ring Race	Canadian
Sword	Mug Shuffle
Bottle Swap	Hug A Mug
Tool Box (Vault)	Carton
Bang a Balloon	Litter
Three Pot	Founders (Vault) Spell PAIRS
Two Flag	Hi-Lo
Ball and Bucket (Vault)	Four Flag
Ring the Cone	Flag Fliers
Tie Breaker: Flag Fliers	

Order of Games listed in Program may be deleted or changed if weather is windy or time constraints. Our goal is to play almost all of the the races during the Popsicle Pairs Series not to necessarily follow the guidelines for race determination found in a formal competition.

Tie Breaker Race will be used to determine outcome of each Division's Final if necessary.

For more information about these MGAA games and rules for games, please download the rulebooks from the MGAA website: <http://www.mountedgames.org>. We will be following the rules for informal Pairs play and the rules for **Short Arenas**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Payment Online Entries: Entries may be completed using the Popsicle Pairs 2 online form. You will receive an email giving the information you used to enter the competition. Please feel free to enter using:
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/MGAA1/PopsiclePairs2>

Payment: Checks and money orders should be written to **Maryland Equestrian Foundation**. Payments may also be made by VENMO using the account **@MDEQFND**

Arena: The competition is using the PGEC covered 150 x 300 ft. arena, and the outdoor warm up ring next to the covered arena.

Weather Plans: The competition will be cancelled if the weather has caused the arena footing to freeze or the weather is treacherous in the area. If for some reason the competition is cancelled, all entry fees will be refunded.

Stabling: There is a one-day charge of \$30 for stall use. Additional stall days are \$30 per day per stall. You do not need to strip stalls when leaving. Stabling is limited to **Barns S1 and S2 ONLY. No other barns may be used. The \$13 PGEC Facility Fee is included in the stall fee.**

Water: Water is available on the grounds. There are fast food places near the PGEC.

Refunds: If weather or a PGEC closure causes the competition to be cancelled or you will be unable to attend due to weather or illness, all entry fees will be refunded. There will be a \$5 fee for rider cancellation if using VENMO.

Change Requests: Any changes or cancellations **must** be made in writing using the organizer's mailing address: hcpc@yahoo.com. Requests made via Facebook or text messages are **NOT** considered valid requests.

Camping:

About 20 hookups are available at the Prince George's Equestrian Center @ \$30/night. Restrooms and showers are available for campers. Hookups include electricity only. Primitive camping is free of charge. Water is not available at the camp sites during the winter months.

Motels nearby:

For those who prefer to stay in a motel, there are several motels nearby.

Executive Inn & Suites 301- 6219-3969 5 minute drive	Comfort Inn 301-464-0089 15 minute drive	Sleep Inn 301- 599-9400 5 minute drive
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Volunteers: ALL RIDERS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK AS CHIEF REFS, EQUIPMENT CHIEFS, RING CREW OR ASST. REFEREES. Times will be assigned but if you are not riding, we hope that you are helping out.

DOGS MUST BE LEASHED, PLEASE!!!!

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ENTRY

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Only ONE pony/horse/rider per entry.

Rider Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Pony Name: _____

Please use the name of pony as listed on the attached coggins.

Volunteer Name **REQUIRED:** _____

Volunteer Email Address: _____

Rider/Pair Registration: If you are being placed on a scramble pair, please list your mounted games experience on the back of the form to assist in pair placement.

Pair Members: Pairs are named by first name of the Riders.	Pair Riders:	Fees
1. Division:	\$50 for all except Leadline \$25 Mixed Fast:____ Mixed Sedate:____ Novice:____ Green:____ Leadline: ____ \$10 Late fee after closing date	\$
2. Stalls	Stalls: One day \$30 per stall; Facility Fee: \$13 for riders not using a stall	\$
3. Camping	No of Camping Hookups _____ @\$30 per day Number of Days: _____ Primitive camping is FREE.	\$
	Total	\$

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RELEASE

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Please return this form with 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 the Popsicle Pairs 2 Mounted Games Competition the undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Mounted Games Across America organization, Popsicle Pairs 2 organizers, Prince George's Equestrian Center, its officers, sponsors and members and further release them from any liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury or illness to Undersigned or any horse owned by me or to any family member or spectator accompanying the Undersigned on the premises of the Prince George's Equestrian Center.

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, Popsicle Pairs 2 organizers, Prince George's Equestrian Center, or its masters, officers, directors, members, employees, or guests or any landowners, landholders or the persons making property available for the Popsicle Pairs 2, 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 119.1**), along with rules of any affiliated association of MGAA.

All Chief Referee decisions are final.

The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

Rider Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

(if rider is under 18 years of age)

Completed Entry Packet must contain:

____ Popsicle Pairs 2 Entry

____ Popsicle Pairs 2 Competition - Release

____ Copy of current negative Pony Coggins (**current as of Dec 8, 2024, pony name on the coggins must match the name on the entry form**)

____ MGAA Medical Release (Required, if rider is a minor, available on Mounted Games Across America website: <http://www.mountedgames.org>)

____ Entry Fees (**Make checks payable to Maryland Equestrian Foundation or pay via VENMO account @MDEQFND**)

If mailing entries, please mail entry packet to the Competition Organizer post dated by the Closing Date of November 30, 2024. Online entries must include entry, coggins, medical release for minor riders, and payment to be complete.

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Directions to Prince George's Equestrian Center:

**14900 Pennsylvania Avenue
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772**

From I-81 North: Take I-66 East to Front Royal/Washington. Merge onto I-495 South/Capital Beltway Exit 64A to Richmond. (I-495 & I-95 split. Be sure to stay on I-495, NOT onto I-95 to Richmond). Cross Woodrow Wilson Bridge and take exit 11A/MD Route 4, South/East/Pennsylvania Avenue to Upper Marlboro. Follow 7 miles to Upper Marlboro exit. Turn right at Stop sign. Prince George's Equestrian Center/Show Place Arena to the right.

From I-95 North: Stay on I-95 N until it merges with I-495. Stay on I-95/495. Cross Woodrow Wilson Bridge and take exit 11A/MD Route 4, South/East/Pennsylvania Avenue to Upper Marlboro. Follow 7 miles to Upper Marlboro exit. Turn right at Stop sign. Prince George's Equestrian Center/Show Place Arena to the right.

From Frederick I-70: Take to I-270 South. I 270 south becomes Capital Beltway I-495 East. Take I 495 East to exit 11A/MD Route 4, South/East/Pennsylvania Avenue to Upper Marlboro. Follow 7 miles to Upper Marlboro exit. Turn right at Stop sign. Prince George's Equestrian Center/Show Place Arena to the right.

From Baltimore I-695 E Baltimore Beltway: Take outer loop to Glen Burnie. Merge onto I-97/Exit 4 (in the left 2 lanes) to Annapolis/Bay Bridge. Take Route 32 W/MD Route 3 South, Exit 7 toward Bowie/Odenton. Route 3 becomes Route 301 South. Exit at Route 4 East/Pennsylvania Avenue toward Washington. Take first exit to Stop sign. Turn left into Equestrian Center.

