
Popsicle Pairs 2
Prince Georges Equestrian Center
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Event Date: February 12, 2022
Closing Date: February 5, 2022



Another Winter Popsicle Pairs is coming up at the Prince George's Equestrian Center on Saturday, February 12th. You do not need to be a member of MGAA to enter and compete. This will be a 1-day competition. We are not brave enough to tempt Mother Nature with another 2-day.

There are 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. If you do not have a partner, enter as an individual and we will pair you up with another single. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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 to ensure their entry slot:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/MGAA1/PopsiclePairs2>

Matt Brown is the organizer for this competition. So please contact him with questions and mail your paper forms to Matt.

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 and the arena is similar to the other PGEC arenas we have used. The arena has a roof but no walls...BRRR. Footing is great as long as it does not freeze.
- Since this is only a one-day competition, we are allowing mixed pairs of Open, Over25 and Intermediate riders to compete in one Mixed Division. You may request a Fast heat or a more Sedate heat.
- Ponies may only compete in one division (Leadline is the exception.). Please submit one entry form for each rider/pony combination.
- Pairs will play 12 games per session. (Novice and Leadline will play 11) There will be two sessions for the day. The time limit for one heat will be a maximum of 45 minutes.
- 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.

Prince George's County Covid Guidelines: Face Coverings
Effective, Friday, October 1, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., all persons over the age of two will be required to wear a mask in all indoor public venues and businesses in Prince George's County, even if they are fully vaccinated. This includes, but is not limited to, restaurants, retail stores, entertainment venues, conference centers, and office settings. Some exceptions do apply, such as when an individual is actively eating or drinking or individuals who have a bona fide disability that prevents them from wearing a mask.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Divisions: * **Number of pairs accepted for each division may be modified as entries warrant.**

All Divisions will play two 10 game sessions. Each heat will be a maximum of 45 minutes.

The 2020 IMGA/MGAA Mounted Games Rulebook will be used. Competition Format is Informal Pairs

- **Mixed Pairs:** Pairs may be made up of any combination of Open, Over 25 or Intermediate riders. You will be asked to sign up for the FAST group or the SEDATE group on your entry. **Max of 20 riders accepted per speed group. Fast or Sedate.**
- **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. Riders who are comfortable riding in the Open, O25, and Intermediate divisions under any circumstance may not compete in the Novice division. The schooling of green ponies by Open, O25, and Intermediate riders is also not permitted in the Novice division. Novice riders are permitted to ride green ponies. **Max of 10 riders 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. Max of 10 Riders.**
- **Green:** GR15.1.1.1 Green Ponies. This is an opportunity to school your green ponies. 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**

Entry Fees	\$50 per rider/pony combination; Leadline \$25 per rider/pony combination
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Preliminary Schedule subject to change as circumstances warrant.

Max races for Mixed, Novice and Green = 10 per session; 10 for Leadline per Session, max time per heat = 45 min per session

	Saturday	
8:00 AM	Check in	Ring Crew Assignments
	TBD	

Games Order for each Session and Division:

AM Session	PM Session
Speed Weavers	Tack Shop
Ring Race	Bottle Shuttle
Bottle Swap	Hula Hoop
Association	2 Flag
Mug Shuffle	Pony Pairs
Carton	Joust
Litter Lifters (Mixed, Green, Novice)	Ring the Cone
3 Mug (Leadline)	
Sword	Balloon, Leadline will only pop 1 balloon per rider, all other divisions will pop 2 balloons per rider
Pony Express	Hoopla
4 Flag	Flag Fliers
Tie Breaker: Flag Fliers	

Order of Games listed in Program may be deleted or changed if weather is windy or time constraints. 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 Pairs play.

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. Hopefully this will make it easier for the rider to enter and the organizer to track rider information. Please feel free to enter using <https://www.cognitofrms.com/MGAA1/PopsiclePairs2>

Payment: Checks and money orders should be written to **Maryland Equestrian Foundation**. Mail checks to Matt Brown, 120 Long Acre Ct, Frederick, Maryland 21702. Payments may also be made by Venmo using the account of mdeqfnd@gmail.com.

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

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 Friday charge of \$35 for stall use. Additional stall days are \$25 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.** For those hauling in for the day only and not using a stall, here is a \$10 per pony daily fee.

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

Refunds: If weather causes the competition to be cancelled or you will be unable to attend due to weather, all entry fees will be refunded. All other entry cancellation reasons will be charged \$10. Any refund will have Venmo fees subtracted from the amount.

Change Requests: Any changes or cancellations **must** be made in writing using the organizer's mailing address or the organizer's email address: beaks535i@gmail.com Requests made via Facebook or text are **NOT** considered valid requests.

Camping: About 25 hookups are available at the Prince George's Equestrian Center @ \$30/night. Restrooms and showers are available for campers in the restroom near the covered arena and also in the W4 barn. Hookups include **electricity only**. Primitive camping is free for those hardy souls.

Motels nearby:

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

Executive Inn & Suites 301- 627-3969 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.

DOGS MUST BE LEASHED, PLEASE!!!

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ENTRY

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Only ONE pony/horse/rider per entry.

Rider Name: _____ Birth date: _____

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 Name & Pair Members:	Pair Name: _____ 1. _____ 2. _____	Fees
1. Division:	Mixed: ____ Fast or Sedate Novice: ____ Green: ____ Leadline: ____	\$ 50
2. Stalls	Stalls: Friday: \$35, Additional Days: \$25 If not using stalls, there is a \$10 daily haul-in fee.	\$
3. Camping	No of Camping Hookups ____ @\$30 per day Number of Days: _____	\$
	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 17.1**), along with rules of any affiliated association of MGAA.

All Chief Referee decisions are final.

MOUNTED GAMES ACROSS AMERICA (MGAA) COVID-19 AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of Mounted Games Across America (MGAA) allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity in a MGAA event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and; I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS must be followed to permit the continued running of events. Anyone not complying with protocols may be asked to leave the facility and forfeit their entry. As part of these protocols, I attest that:

1. I have not been exposed to any individual suspected to be suffering from COVID-19 or experiencing symptoms in the 14 days previous to coming onto the show grounds. (Except in the case that I am a health care worker and was wearing proper PPE at the time of exposure.)
2. I have not experienced any of the CDC listed symptoms of COVID-19 in the 14 days previous to coming onto the grounds.
3. I have not experienced a temperature over 99.5 F within 72 hours of coming onto the grounds.
4. I agree to follow any social distancing/COVID-19 guidelines set by the organizers of MGAA events.
5. I accept the fact that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that can lead to severe illness and death. By participating in this MGAA Sanctioned event/activity, I voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19."

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: _____
Parent Signature: _____
(if rider is under 18 years of age)

Date: _____
Date: _____

Completed Entry Packet must contain:

- _____ Popsicle Pairs 2 Entry
- _____ Popsicle Pairs 2 Competition - Release
- _____ Copy of current negative Pony Coggins (**current as February 11, 2022, 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 use acct MDEQFND@gmail.com for VENMO**)

Mail entry packet to the Competition Organizer by the Closing Date of February 5, 2022.

Matt Brown, 120 Long Acre Ct, Frederick, Maryland 21702
Cell: (240) 500-4906 email: beaks535i@gmail.com

Directions to Prince George's Equestrian Center:

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.

