

Popsicle Pairs 1 Gambler's Choice Weekend

**December 11/12, 2021
Prince George's Equestrian Center
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Closing Date: November 27, 2021**



Woo Hoo....Diane and I are excited to start the 2021/2022 Popsicle Pairs competitions with a weekend informal Gambler's Choice pairs competition at the Prince George's Equestrian Center. You do not need to be a member of MGAA to enter and compete. All games riders are welcome. For those who are not familiar with a Gambler's Choice type of format, the organizers pick your partner's name from a hat before the session starts. You will have a new partner for each session. This is a great way to pick up tips from and have fun with riders you may not have ridden with before. We will pick the Saturday AM Session partners on Friday AM so you will know in which heat you are riding for that first session. You all will be notified via email.

This is a fun informal competition and we welcome Mixed Pairs, Novice Pairs and Leadline Pairs. All Mixed Division Pairs can be made up of a mixture of Open, Over 25 or Intermediate riders. 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 want to ride in on your entry.

This is a fun competition only and there will be no prizes given out. Scores will be tallied for bragging rights only. However, we will give out one special prize per division to the best partner at the competition based on the individual scores for all three sessions. You may sign up for the Saturday Sessions only, the Sunday Session only, or for both days. This gives you the chance to ride with three different partners for the weekend.

The Organizer reserves the right to close entries before the closing date if the facility capacity is reached early. Since we are running only one 5 lane arena, divisions will close quickly.

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 riders accepted for each division may be modified as entries warrant.*

There will be two 10 game sessions on Saturday and one 15 game session on Sunday.

The 2021 IMGA/MGAA Mounted Games Rulebook will be used. Competition Format is Informal Pairs. **However, we will be playing a few team races as Pairs races for this fun day competition.**

The actual number of riders accepted will be determined by the schedule and how many heats/divisions can be accommodated in the 5 lane covered arena on Saturday. We do have lights in the covered arena and will use if necessary.

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 20 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.**

ENTRY Information: Entries may also be registered using the Online Form:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/MGAA1/PopsiclePairs12>

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Division	Entry Fees
Mixed and Novice Riders All Sessions Saturday and Sunday	\$75.00
Mixed and Novice Riders – Saturday Sessions only	\$50.00
Mixed and Novice Riders – Sunday Only	\$40.00
Leadline Riders - Each Day	\$25.00/\$50.00

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Preliminary Schedule subject to change as circumstances warrant. Once the final division heats are determined a Final schedule will be distributed a few days before Friday December 10.

Saturday	Sunday
7:00 am Arena Setup. We would appreciate anyone's help in this task.	
Checkin for those who owe fees or paperwork: 7:30 am	Sunday Sessions begin at 8:30 am
AM Sessions begins: 8:00 am	
Lunch: 12:45pm	
PM Sessions: 1:15pm	

Games Order for each Session and Division

Each games session will be 45 minutes in length. There will not be a big time buffer between Sessions. We will try to accommodate riders and their volunteer tasks as best we can. We have lights in the covered arena and will use if necessary.

AM Session	PM Session	Sunday Finals
Speed Weavers	Tool Box	Speed Weavers
Bottle Swap	Ball & Cone	Canadian *
Founders (Modified to use only the letters K, C, and I in that order.	Mug Shuffle	Ball & Cone
Needle and Thread *	Hug A Mug	Tool Box
Bang a Balloon	Carton	Bottle Swap
Canadian *	Litter Scoop Novice can try if they want. Leadline will skip	Carton
Socks And Bucket	Hula Hoop	Socks And Bucket
Twitter * Novice can try if they want. Leadline will skip.	Pony Pairs Leadline will play Speed Weavers.	Needle and Thread*
Three Pot	Hi Lo	Bang a Balloon
Flag Fliers	Three Mug	Pony Express*
		Litter Lifters Novice can try if they want. Leadline will skip
		Mug Shuffle
		Two Flag
		Four Flag
Tie Breaker: Flag Fliers for all divisions for all heats		Flag Fliers
<p>* Designates Team Races modified for Pairs usage by the organizer. Most rules of play are self evident.</p>		

Order of Games listed in Program may be deleted or changed if weather is windy or due to time constraints. Tie Breaker will be used in each session to break a pairs tied score.

For more information about these MGAA games and rules for games, please download the rulebooks from the MGAA website: <http://www.mountedgames.org>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Payment Online Entries: Entries may be completed using the Popsicle Pairs 1 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/PopsiclePairs12>

Payment: Checks and money orders should be written to **Maryland Equestrian Foundation**.
Mail checks to:
Maryland Equestrian Foundation
Sharon Brown, 15710 Union Chapel Rd, Woodbine, MD 21797

Arena: The competition is using the PGEC Covered Arena which is 150 x 300 ft in size. There is an outdoor warm up ring next to the uncovered arena. There will be a maximum of five competition lanes per heat.

Stabling/Facility Fee: Stall fees are \$25 per day. You do not need to strip stalls when leaving. **ONLY the SOUTH (S1 and S2) barn stalls may be used.** These are the two barns closest to the covered arena. Please park your empty trailers in the main trailer parking area. There is also another trailer parking area across from the S2 Barn. This will allow room for those hauling in for the day.

Tack Stalls: Tack stalls may be requested for a fee of \$15 per day. The tack stalls must be cleaned or a \$10 fee will be assessed.

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

Refunds: If a PGEC closure causes the competition to be cancelled or you will be unable to attend due to illness or weather, all entry fees will be refunded.

Change Requests: Any changes or cancellations **must** be made in writing using the organizer's mailing address or the organizer's email address: hcpc@yahoo.com or by text. **Requests made via Facebook 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: _____ 2021 MGAA Member (Y/N): _____

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

Volunteer Name **REQUIRED**: _____

Volunteer Email Address: _____

Pair Name	Circle your Division Choice:	Fees
	Mixed Fast Mixed Sedate Novice Leadline	
Division:	Saturday Only: \$50, Sunday Only: \$40, Both Days: \$75 Leadline: \$25 each day	\$
Stalls/Facility Fee	Stalls: \$25 per day, pony stalls do not need to be cleaned(Includes the \$10 per day facility fee.) If no stall required, there is a \$10 weekend Facility Fee per pony per day charge.	\$
Tack Stall	Tack Stall \$15 per day; These stalls must be cleaned or an additional \$10 fee will be charged.	\$
Camping	No. of Camping Electrical Hookups: _____ @\$30 per day No. of Primitive Camping Sites: _____ @\$0 per day per site 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 1 Mounted Games Competition the undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Mounted Games Across America organization, Popsicle Pairs 1 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 1 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 1, 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 1 Entry
 - _____ Popsicle Pairs 1 Competition - Release
 - _____ Copy of current negative Pony Coggins (**current as Dec 10, 2021, 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**)
Mail checks to Maryland Equestrian Foundation
Sharon Brown, 15710 Union Chapel Rd, Woodbine, MD 21797
- Mail entry packet to the Competition Organizer by the Closing Date of November 27, 2021.

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Cell: 443-285-2603 email: hcpc@yahoo.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.

