

Popsicle Pairs 3

March 19, 2022

Woodstock Equestrian Park

20207 Darnestown Rd, Dickerson, MD 20842



The Popsicle Pairs series is finishing up with a competition at the outdoor arena located at the Woodstock Equestrian Park in Dickerson, Maryland. You do not need to be a member of MGAA to enter and compete. All riders are welcome.

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 or enter as an individual to be placed on a pair. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, **first-serve basis with priority given to those who rode in PP1 or PP2.**

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 Paypal to ensure their entry slot: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/MGAA1/PopsiclePairs3>

Val Hoke is the organizer for this competition. So please contact her with questions and mail your paper forms to her.

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 Woodstock Equestrian Park Main Arena. It is 230x350 arena. We will be running a maximum of 6 lanes.
- 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.
- Please submit one entry form for each rider/pony combination.
- Pairs will play 10 games per session. 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. If the Equestrian Park is closed for any reason by the Montgomery County Parks, all fees will be refunded.**

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 24 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 12 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 6 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 3 Pairs accepted**

Entry Fees	\$45 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	Agility Aces
Bottle Swap	Canadian
Carton	Ball and Cone
Litter	Balloon
Tool Box	Socks and Bucket
Mug Shuffle	Hug A Mug
Needle and Thread	3 Mug
2 Flag	Pony Pairs
Sword	3 Pot Flag
Four 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 3 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.cognitoforms.com/MGAA1/PopsiclePairs3>

Payment: Checks and money orders should be written to **Maryland Equestrian Foundation**. Payments may also be made by **PAYPAL** using the account of val4055@yahoo.com. Please pay using the Paypal **Friends and Family** option to avoid additional fees.

Arena: The competition is using the Woodstock outdoor 230x350 ft. 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. If Montgomery County Parks closes the Equestrian Center for any reason, all fees will be refunded.

Stabling: There is a **very limited** option for stabling nearby. Contact Val Hoke if needed. The stalls are not on the Equestrian Park property and will require you to haul your pony to the competition. Payments must be made directly to the barn manager and not PP3.

Water: There is water on the grounds.

Lunch: A pizza lunch will be provided for all competitors as part of your entry fee.

Change Requests: Any changes or cancellations **must** be made in writing using the organizer's mailing address or the organizer's email address: val4055@yahoo.com. Requests made via Facebook or text are **NOT** considered valid requests.

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

Event Date: March 19, 2022

Closing Date: March 12, 2022



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: _____	\$
2. Stalls	There are limited stalls at a farm near the Equestrian Park. Stalls must be arranged with Val Hoke by closing March 12, 2022. Payments for a stalls must be made to the barn manager providing the stall.	\$0.00
	Total	\$

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RELEASE

Event Date: March 19, 2022

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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 3 Mounted Games Competition** the undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Mounted Games Across America organization, Popsicle Pairs 3 organizers, Woodstock Equestrian Park, 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 **Woodstock Equestrian Park**.

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 3 organizers, Woodstock Equestrian Park, or its masters, officers, directors, members, employees, or guests or any landowners, landholders or the persons making property available for the Popsicle Pairs 3, 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: _____

Date: _____

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

Date: _____

Completed Entry Packet must contain:

- Popsicle Pairs 3 Entry
- Popsicle Pairs 3 Competition - Release
- Copy of current negative Pony Coggins (**current as March 18, 2022.**
The 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 accnt Val4055@yahoo.com for PAYPAL)

Mail entry packet to the Competition Organizer by the Closing Date of March 12, 2022.

Val Hoke, 37923 Britain Rd, Lovettsville, VA 20180

Cell: (703) 509-8789 email: val4055@yahoo.com

Directions to Woodstock Equestrian Park, Dickerson, Maryland:

Address: 20207 Darnestown Rd, Dickerson, MD 20842 There are two entrances to the Woodstock Equestrian Park. One on each side of the road. Turn at the entrance on that has "cross country and ring" on the sign.

Use the William Rickman Equestrian Center Entrance



Parking is available past the ring. Gravel parking plus parking on the grass available.

