

MGAA Open International Rider Application 2020

MGAA is proud to be accepting applications for the 2020 Open International Team. This year's team will be traveling to England to compete in the STRUK/XTREME "Rule the World" team competition June 20-21, 2020.

We are accepting applications from all MGAA riders including our Canadian members. Riders who have already taken part in previous trips are welcome to apply again, as each trip is different.

Applications must be received by Friday January 31, 2020. The MGAA Board of Governors will review each application and be selecting the team.

This team will be setting their own travel dates and arrangements and traveling as a five person team without a Manager/Trainer. Because of this, applicant maturity and independence is paramount. Although riders will be without a manager, the team will be inclusive for all riders and must work as a team in all aspects of the trip.

One rider will be listed as the organizer for the trip, and will coordinate with the rest of the team, and work with our international rep to plan the logistics and travel for the entire team. This team will also be responsible for their own transportation so a rider or two on the team will need to be capable and comfortable renting and driving a vehicle while on the trip for the team. This team may choose to rent an RV for transportation and accommodation or may choose to search for a bed and breakfast or Airbnb for the team and rent cars and or a van. While this team will be making their own arrangements, they will be traveling as a team, and adhering to the MGAA International Rep and Board of Governors requirements and standards.

Because this team will be determining the length of their trip, type of accommodation and transportation, and the plan for eating and any possibly touring, the expense to expect is variable. A suggested travel itinerary for a short trip with limited touring is June 17 - 23. Riders will be responsible for their own flight, a share of the rental vehicle and transportation,

accommodations, competition and pony expenses, as well as any food and spending money. This is the first time we will be sending an Open team on their own and excellent representation of MGAA is most important.

Applicant requirements:

- Be an MGAA member in good standing
- Be over 18 years of age or older as of January 1, 2020.
- Be confident and comfortable riding a variety of ponies.
- Be comfortable vaulting onto different size ponies.
- Be an experienced and skilled games player that has been actively participating in MGAA.
- Have strong horse management knowledge and experience. Taking exceptional care of all ponies is a primary necessity.
- Be mature and independent.
- Be financially responsible and prepared to fund their portion of the trip.
- Be an outstanding representative of MGAA.
- Be able to work as a team with different riders and accept coaching.
- Applicants will need a current passport.

2020 Open Rider Application:

Applicant Name:

DOB:

Age as of January 1, 2020:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Have you been an MGAA member in good standing for two years or longer?

Are you interested, willing and capable of being the team organizer? This requires you to coordinate with the team to book the trip including flights, transportation, and accommodations for the team. This is not a requirement to be a member of the team, and you should only say yes if this is something you are skilled at, capable of doing, as well as interested in doing.

Are you capable, and interested in being a driver while on this trip? This requires you to be able to rent (must be 25yo+ at the time of the trip) a vehicle, and also safety drive it. This is not a requirement to be a member of the team, and you should only say yes if this is something you are comfortable and confident at.

Please answer the following questions:

1. MGAA would like this to be the ideal experience for you, and would like to try and match riders up with their favorite travel companions as much as possible. Unfortunately, this may not be possible in every situation. Who are your preferred teammates?
2. Are you still interested in taking part if your preferred team is not possible?
3. Please list the MGAA competitions, both large and small, that you have ridden in since January 2017 (the past two years).
4. How have you given back to MGAA? Please list offices you have held or run for, committees you have sat on, clinics you have given, expos where you have volunteered to help promote MGAA, and competitions you have helped to run.
5. Please describe the care you feel is appropriate for a games pony that would be under your care while traveling.
6. What type of ponies are you strongest and weakest on?
7. What role do you usually play on a team?
8. How do you take coaching and instruction?
9. What is your favorite and least favorite part of meeting new people and traveling?

10. Please list two references from a non-family member who can attest to your suitability to form part of a traveling team.

11. Please describe any international games experience you have had in the past.

12. In reviewing the application requirements, which requirements concerns you the most and why?

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*Please email completed applications to Leigh Anne Patullo lpatullo10@su.edu
or Fred Barberra fsbar11@gmail.com*

Team Member Code of Conduct

- I understand that riding at any standard has inherent risk and that all horses may react unpredictably on occasions. I may fall off and could be injured. I accept that risk.
- I understand that instructions are given for my safety and agree to follow instructions given to me by the pony lender, and host. I understand that they may refuse to allow me to ride for safety, operational, or private reasons.
- I understand that the MGAA international rep, pony lender, and host make decisions based on the information I give them and agree to always be honest and volunteer information about:
 - my abilities and riding experience, particularly my mounted games experience.
 - any medical condition(s) which may affect my ability to ride.
- I understand that competing carries enhanced risk over and above general riding and agree that if I chose to participate in any competition or event, it is up to me to ensure that I have the experience and ability to compete on the pony I am given. If I am in any doubt, I will use my judgment and experience and withdraw myself.

Team members are always expected to:

1. Follow the directions of the pony lender and host.
2. Demonstrate a cooperative attitude.
3. Respect the privacy of others.
4. Be responsible for their own personal property.
5. Be inclusive of all team members.

MGAA TRAVEL WAIVER/RELEASE OF LIABILITY/INDEMNIFICATION

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY &
WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS**

I, the undersigned participant, request voluntary participation to travel to and from the USA as part of an MGAA selected international equestrian mounted games riding team.

I consent to my participation in traveling to and from, and participation in, the noted event(s) and acknowledge that I fully understand my participation in travel may involve risk or serious injury or death, including losses which may result not only from my own actions, inactions or negligence, but also from the actions, inactions, or negligence of others. This includes all travel to and from the event, including but not limited to all transportation being airplane, boat, train, van, car, horse and/or chartered bus regardless of who may have paid for such travel, or who may operate such mode of transportation. I understand that if I have any risk concerns regarding travel, I should discuss the risks associated with my participation with the activity coordinators and event staff, before I sign this document and before travel begins. In consideration of allowing me to travel to and from the event, I hereby release and hold harmless MGAA, the MGAA International Rep, members of the MGAA Board of Governors, and its officers, coaches, employees, members, volunteers, other participants, agents, pony lenders, hosts, competition organizers and officials, of and from, and do discharge and waive any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and liabilities that I may have or sustain with respect to any and all damage and/or injury, of any type, arising out of my travel to and from, and participation in, the below noted events. I also agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

MGAA Open International Mounted Games Team traveling to England in the year of 2020.

Applicant signature: