

Mid Atlantic Pairs
April 30-May 1, 2022
Prince George's Equestrian Center
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Closing Date: April 16, 2022



Diane and I are excited to host an Mid Atlantic 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.

There are divisions for Open, Over 25, Intermediate, Novice, Green, and Leadline riders. You may enter as a pair or enter as an individual to be placed on a pair. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. **A pair's competition slot is not guaranteed until BOTH pairs' forms (fees, entry form, coggins, competition release and if necessary medical release) are complete and in the organizer's hands. The mail date of the second member of a pairs will be used to determine the pairs' acceptance date.** All pairs are placed on a waiting list until the entries and payments from both riders are received. The pairs's status will then change to accepted/reserved. After the maximum number of pairs for a division is received, the division will close and any other pairs entries will stay on the waiting list until a cancellation is received.

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

Incomplete entries will be subject to the \$20 late fee unless in organizer's hands before the closing date of April 16th. Paperwork turned in the morning of the competition is subject to additional \$20 fee.

Entries may also be registered using the Online Form:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/MGAA1/AprilPairs>

This competition fills up quickly so do not wait to get your entry information and payment in early.

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

All divisions will play two 10 game sessions on Saturday, and one 15 game Finals session on Sunday. The 2020 IMGA/MGAA Mounted Games Rulebook will be used. Competition Format is TRADITIONAL PAIRS.

Over 25: GR 15.1.4 This division is reserved for riders 25 years of age and older as of January 1, 2022. The rider should be able to at least trot and canter most of the games, know the rules and how to play the races and be a confident rider. The O25 division is not for Open Riders or Green Ponies. Mounting blocks are permitted in this division in accordance with MGAA GR19.4. **Maximum of 10 pairs accepted**

Open: GR 15.1.3 The Open Rider and pony combination are at the highest level of mounted games riding, and the Open Rider generally has excellent vaulting skills. The Open skill level is such that a rider can negotiate all aspects of mounted games playing at a fast pace safely and under control at all times. The Open Rider shows maturity through their ability to remain focused under pressure, exhibit awareness and attention to the surrounding field, and react instinctively and safely throughout the competition. Green ponies are not permitted in Open. This division is open to all ages. **Maximum of 5 pairs accepted**

Intermediate: GR15.1.3 Intermediate: The Intermediate Rider is not a beginner rider or new to the sport of Mounted Games. The rider should be able to trot and canter most of the games. The rider should know the rules and how to play the races. Green ponies ridden under control are allowed. This division is open to all ages. **Maximum of 5 pairs accepted.**

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. **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 4 Pairs**

Green: GR 15.1.4 This division is for the training of ponies that are new to Mounted Games competition: 'green to games'. Riders in this Division must be capable, experienced Riders at the Intermediate, Open or Over25 level. This is an unscored Division. **Maximum of 3 pairs accepted**

Other MGAA Division Definitions/Regulations for 2022: Open riders are permitted on scored Intermediate pairs/pairs on green ponies only. One Open rider is permitted per scored Intermediate pair/team. Open riders may only ride the pony they entered the competition with and no other pony on the pair/team. Open riders are not permitted to ride in the intermediate division in pairs or individual competitions for points. Open riders may ride green ponies in scored team competitions in the Intermediate division up to seven times per year.

Exemption: Open riders are allowed to ride on green pony with an Intermediate partner.

MGAA GR 15.8 In all cases, the Chief Referee may remove a rider or pony from any team, pair or individual if they deem the rider or pony as not riding in a manner consistent with the description of that division. This decision is at the sole discretion of the Chief Referee and is not subject to the Appeal Process CR21.1 - CR 21.4 or any additional challenge.

ENTRY FEES: Make checks or mail order payable to **Maryland Equestrian Foundation**. Mail checks to Sharon Brown, 15710 Union Chapel Rd, Woodbine, Maryland 21797. Payments may also be made by Venmo using the account of mdeqfnd@gmail.com.

Entry Fees	Postmarked by Closing Date April 16, 2022	\$20 Late Fee postmarked after closing date April 16, 2022
MGAA member	\$75.00 (\$25 for Leadline)	\$95.00 (\$25 for Leadline)
Non-Member	\$95.00 (\$25 for Leadline)	\$115.00 (\$25 for Leadline)

Paperwork turned after April 16th, 2022 is subject to additional \$20 fee.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

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 April 29.

Saturday	Sunday
Checkin for those who owe fees or paperwork: 7:30 am	Finals begin at 8:30 am
AM Session begins: 8:00 am	
Lunch/Leadline: 1:00pm	
PM Session: 1:45 pm	

Games Order for each Session and Division:

AM Session	PM Session	Sunday Finals
Speed Weavers	Agility Aces(Vault)	Speed Weavers
Ring Race	Bottle Shuttle	Carton
Bottle Swap	Association	Litter Lifters
Tool Box (Vault)	Hug A Mug	Bottle Swap
Sword	Carton	Tool Box (Vault)
Bang a Balloon	Litter Scoop	Ball & Cone
Three Pot	Needle and Thread	Sock and Bucket (Vault)
Two Flag	Hoopla(Vault)	Ball and Cone
Socks and Bucket (Vault)	Hi Lo	Bang a Balloon
Flag Fliers	Windsor Castle	Ring the Cone
		Pony Pairs
		Two Flag
		Hoopla (Vault)
		Mug Shuffle
		Flag Fliers
Tie Breaker: Flag Fliers		

Order of Games listed in Program may be deleted or changed if weather is windy or due to 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 MidAtlantic 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/AprilPairs>

Payment: Checks and money orders should be written to **Maryland Equestrian Foundation**.

Arena: One covered show ring, 150 feet by 300 feet with Equi Fiber footing; Schooling ring approximately 120 feet by 200 feet, with sand and stone dust footing.

Stabling/Facility Fee: There is a weekend charge of \$55 for stall. Additional stall days are \$25 per day per stall. You do not need to strip stalls when leaving. Riders who are not using a stall are charged a \$20 weekend PGEC Facility Fee. We will be using the South stalls only (S1 and S2 barns). These are in the two barns closest to the covered competition arena.

Tack Stalls: Tack stalls may be requested for the weekend at a fee of \$30 for the weekend.

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, 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. Requests made via Facebook or text messages 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. Hookups include electricity only. Primitive camping is free.

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 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: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Pony Name: _____ 2022 MGAA Member (Y/N): _____

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:	Over25: __ Open: __ Intermediate: __ Novice: __ Leadline: _____	\$ 75
2. Stalls/Facility Fee	Stalls: Weekend rate \$55 for Friday/Saturday. \$25 for additional days. (Includes the \$10 per day facility fee.) If no stall is used, there is a \$20 weekend Facility Fee per pony .	\$
3 Tack Stall	Tack Stall for the weekend @ \$30	\$
4. 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 Mid Atlantic Pairs the undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Mounted Games Across America organization, Mid Atlantic Pairs 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, Mid Atlantic Pairs 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 Mid Atlantic Pairs, 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: _____

Date: _____

(if rider is under 18 years of age)

Completed Entry Packet must contain:

_____ Mid Atlantic Pairs Entry

_____ Mid Atlantic Pairs Competition Release

_____ Copy of current negative Pony Coggins (**current as April 29, 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**) Mail checks to Sharon Brown, 15710 Union Chapel Rd, Woodbine, Maryland 21797. Payments may also be made by Venmo using the account of mdeqfnd@gmail.com.

Mail entry packet to the Competition Organizer by the Closing Date of April 16, 2022.

Sharon Brown, 15710 Union Chapel Rd, Woodbine, MD 21797

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

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.

