

# MGAA U18 International Rider Application 2020

MGAA is proud to be accepting applications for the 2020 U18 International Team. This year's team will be traveling to England to compete in the STRUK/XTREME "NextGen" team competition August 1-2, 2020. As usual this trip will last approximately two weeks and including touring and sightseeing in addition to the competition. Tentative travel dates will be July 30 - August 14. Final dates will be set with the team that is selected.

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 and a completely different tour is in mind.

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

Each rider selected for the team will be required to deposit \$1700 into the team account before departing the country. This will cover pony expenses, fuel, team food, accommodations, sightseeing, rental vehicle (a small RV), and all other team expenses. Each rider will also be responsible for their flight, plus 1/5<sup>th</sup> of both the Trainer and Manager flights as well as some of their own food and all of their own shopping expenses. Any money remaining in the team account after the trip will be divided and returned to the team members.

Although parents and supporters are welcome to travel and spectate, they will not be touring or traveling with the team and must make their own arrangements. The team will be traveling and billeting together with the team Trainer and Manager for the duration of the trip.

Likely the team will be living out of and traveling in a small RV, staying at friends' houses and campgrounds. The team will be living in close quarters and "roughing it".

## **Applicant requirements:**

- Be an MGAA member in good standing
- Be 17 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2020 (Under18 division)
- 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. You will be traveling without your family for two weeks.

- Be prepared to live in close quarters with the team selected for two weeks, “roughing it”. We will not be staying in hotels and privacy is limited.
- Be financially responsible and prepared to fund their portion of the trip including flight, team expenses, and spending money.
- 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.

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### **2020 U18 Rider Application:**

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**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?**

**Please list a guardian and their phone & email address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

**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 requirement concerns you the most and why?

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*Please email completed applications to Leigh Anne Patullo [lpatullo10@su.edu](mailto:lpatullo10@su.edu)  
or Fred Barberra [fsbar11@gmail.com](mailto:fsbar11@gmail.com)*

*Please contact Krista with any questions about the proposed trip -  
[krista4902@gmail.com](mailto:krista4902@gmail.com) 540-226-4902*

### **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 my Trainer, team Manager, pony lender, and host. I understand that they may refuse to allow me to ride for safety, operational, or private reasons.
- I understand that my Trainer, team Manager, 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 trainer, team manager, pony lender and host.
2. Demonstrate a cooperative attitude.
3. Respect the privacy of others.
4. Keep their hands and feet to themselves.
5. Be responsible for their own personal property.
6. Remain with the assigned group.
7. Allow the Trainer and team Manager to inspect their luggage and/or bags.
8. Adhere to assigned curfews.

Team members shall not be allowed to:

1. Under age use/possess tobacco products or consume/possess alcohol.
2. Consume/possess illegal substances (drugs).
3. Be disrespectful.
4. Violate any laws.
5. Exhibit inappropriate displays of affection or participate in any sexual activity.

Team members are expected to follow accepted norms of behavior. These rules are not intended to be inclusive but rather a guide for conduct.

Team members who violate these rules may be sent home at parent/guardian/self expense per the combined decision of the team Manager and Trainer. Parents/team members must understand that refunds of monies paid towards any trip will not be refunded if any team member is sent home for disciplinary reasons.

Applicant signature:

Parent or guardian Signature:

**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 and parent, 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/minor's participation in traveling to and from, and participation in, the noted event(s) and acknowledge that I fully understand my/minor's participation in travel may involve risk or serious injury or death, including losses which may result not only from my/minor's 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/minor's participation with the activity coordinators and event staff, before I sign this document and before travel begins. Release – Minor Participant's Rights: In consideration of allowing me to travel to and from the event, I hereby release and hold harmless MGAA, Krista Wilson, the team manager (to be named), 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 U18 international Mounted Games Team traveling to England in the year of 2020.*

Applicant signature:

Parent or guardian Signature: