

Mid Atlantic Games Series

Competition 4

August 5-6, 2023

Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern
626 Route 524—Allentown, NJ 08501
Closing Date: July 28th, 2023



Mounted Games Across America invites you to continue the fun you had at the Mid-Atlantics 1, 2 and 3 or start having fun now! Join us at the 4th of the six competitions of the Mid-Atlantic Games Series. There are divisions for Open, Over 25, Intermediate, Novice and Lead Line riders. You may enter as a team or enter as an individual to be placed on a team. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis (8 team entries for each division except Leadline) will be accepted. A completed entry consists of check and all required paperwork in the organizer's hands.

All riders are invited to compete in the Mid-Atlantic Series. You do not need to be a member of MGAA to enter and compete. All riders are welcome.

The Organizer reserves the right to scramble riders or form 5-man teams from individual entries. The Organizer also reserves the right to close entries before the closing date if the facility capacity is reached early. Closing date July 28th, 2023.

**** Receive a \$10 discount (\$65 member, \$75 non-member) if entry is postmarked or received by Saturday, July 22th, 2023. Entries postmarked (or entered in Cognito) after 7/22/23 but before 7/28/23=\$75 member, \$85 non-mem. There will be a late charge of \$20 for each individual's entry not postmarked or received by July 28, 2023. Additional \$20 fee for paperwork/money turned in at competition. Canadian riders excluded***

Information and updates about the competition will be posted on the MGAA Facebook page.

The Organizer and Chief Referee reserve the right to penalize and or ask competitors to leave the competition due to unsportsmanlike conduct, unsafe riding or unsafe mounts.

Divisions: * Divisions may be modified as entries warrant.

Cost: \$75 for MGAA members, \$85 for non-members. \$10 discount for entries postmarked or received by 7/22/23.

\$20 penalty for entries postmarked or received after 7/28.

All divisions will play two 10 game sessions on Saturday, and one 12-15 game Finals session on Sunday. The 2023 IMGA RULEBOOK/MGAA Rulebook ADDENDUM will be used.

Competition Format is TRADITIONAL TEAMS.

Divisions

MGAA GR15.1.1 Leadline: This Division is designed to allow riders to take part in a competition when they are not physically able to do so off-lead. Any Rider capable of navigating their own pony and handling their own equipment should move into the Novice Division. Each Rider must have a handler/leader and may have as much assistance as needed.

It is recommended that the Leadline Division be run as an unscored Division for Individuals or Pairs; all riders to be awarded equal prizes. This Division may have equipment set up in one half of the field of play with the B Line (Center) being used as the C Line (Changeover); exact dimensions need not apply. If there are not enough riders for a full Leadline Division, it is recommended that the Leadline Division be run in its own lane(s) at the same time and in the same playing field as the Novice Division. When the Referee signals the end of the race for the Novice Division, the Leadline race will also end. Leadline Riders may skip races and modify races as necessary, but not in such a way as to interfere with the duties of the Ring Crew.

MGAA GR15.1.1.1 Leadline Ponies: A pony used in the Leadline Division may be used in one other Division and is exempt from rule GR1.10, which provides race limits for ponies. This is the only case in which a pony may be ridden in more than one Division. Races completed by a pony in the Leadline Division are not included in its race limit count as stated in rule GR1.10.

MGAA GR15.1.2 Novice: The Novice Division is reserved for riders who are new to the sport of Mounted Games, or who are beginner riders. The emphasis is on riders' skill development and growth as Games riders in a safe environment rather than on strictly competitive aspects of the sport. Riders compete at a walk and trot and may canter between skills. Riders may be assisted on the field of play. Riders should be able to safely navigate their pony without a leadline, but a leader/handler may provide assistance with a specific task or skill. Leg-ups and Mounting Blocks in accordance with MGAA GR19.4, are permitted. This Division is open to Riders of all ages.

The Novice Division is not to Open or O25 Riders. An Intermediate Rider is permitted on a scored Novice Team riding a 'Green to Games' pony only. One Intermediate Rider is permitted per scored Novice Team. An Intermediate Rider may ride only their 'Green to Games' pony entered in the Novice Division and no other pony on the Team. An Intermediate Rider is not permitted to ride for points in the Novice Division in Pairs or Individual competition. An Intermediate Rider may ride a 'Green to Games' pony in scored Novice Team competition up to seven times per year.

MGAA GR15.1.3 Intermediate: (Addendum Revision for Intermediate – 3/21/22). 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. Ponies 'Green to Games' and ridden under control are allowed. This Division is open to Riders of all ages. One Open Rider/'Green to Games' pony combination is permitted on a scored Intermediate Team. Only one such combination is permitted per scored Intermediate Team. The Open Rider may ride only their 'Green to Games' pony entered in the Intermediate Division and no other pony on the Team. An Open Rider is not permitted to ride points in the Intermediate Division in Pairs or Individual competition. An Open Rider may ride a 'Green to Games' pony in scored Intermediate Team competition up to seven times per year, for a maximum of two years or they move on to the Open division, whichever comes first. If an individual Intermediate or Open Rider w/Green Pony, who is a 'Scramble Rider', and has submitted their completed entry by the closing date as listed on the entry form, the following applies:

- i) The rider may select their own team and declare their choice on their entry.
- ii) Any team that is not complete can inquire with the organizer about possible Scramble rider options and can ask a Scramble Rider to join their team.
- iii) One Open Rider w/Green Pony is permitted on a scored Intermediate team
- iv) A riding position is not guaranteed, and riders may need to ride in the Over 25 division if space allows and the rider meets the age requirement. Open Riders w/Green Ponies may ride in a Green Pony lane if available.

As of the closing date, Intermediate team composition is deemed to be complete

If an individual Intermediate or Open Rider w/Green Pony, who is a 'Scramble Rider', and has NOT submitted their completed entry by the closing date as listed on the entry form, the following applies:

- i) Riders will only be offered open positions on Intermediate teams if there are still teams in need of additional riders
- ii) Scramble riders who did not submit their entry until after the closing date will not unseat Scramble riders who have been selected for a team prior to the closing date.
- iii) One Open Rider w/Green Pony is permitted on a scored Intermediate team.
- iv) A riding position is not guaranteed, and riders may need to ride in the Over 25 division if space allows and the rider meets the age requirement. Open Riders w/Green Ponies may ride in a Green Pony lane if available.

MGAA GR15.1.4 Open: The Open Rider and pony combination are at the highest level of Mounted Games riding; the Open Rider generally has excellent vaulting skills. The skill level in the Open Division is such that a Rider plays safely and under control at all times and negotiates all aspects of Mounted Games playing at a fast pace. The Open Rider demonstrates maturity through their ability to remain focused under pressure, to maintain awareness and attention to the surrounding field, and to react instinctively and safely throughout the competition. Ponies 'green to games' are not permitted in the Open Division. This Division is open to Riders of all ages with the exception of Riders from the Over 25 Division.

MGAA GR15.1.5 Over 25 (Addendum Revision for O25 – 3/21/22): This Division is reserved for Riders 25 years of age and older as of January 1 of that year. The Over 25 Rider should be able to at least trot and canter most of the games. The Over 25 Rider should be a confident rider who knows the rules and how to play the races. Mounting Blocks are permitted in the Over 25 Division in accordance with MGAA GR19.4. Ponies 'Green to Games' and ridden under control

are allowed.

One Open Rider/'Green to Games' pony combination is permitted on a scored Over 25 Team. Only one such combination is permitted per scored Over 25 Team and the Open Rider must meet the division's age requirement. The Open Rider may ride only their 'Green to Games' pony entered in the Over 25 Division and no other pony on the Team. An Open Rider is not permitted to ride for points in the Over 25 Division in Pairs or Individual competition. An Open Rider may ride a 'Green to Games' pony in scored Over 25 Team competition up to seven times per year, for a maximum of two years or they move on to the Open division, whichever comes first. If an individual Over 25 or Open Rider w/Green Pony, who is a 'Scramble Rider', and has submitted their completed entry by the closing date as listed on the entry form, the following applies:

- i) The rider may select their own team and declare their choice on their entry.
- ii) Any team that is not complete can inquire with the organizer about possible Scramble rider options and can ask a Scramble Rider to join their team.
- iii) One Open Rider w/Green Pony is permitted on a scored Over 25 team.
- iv) A riding position is not guaranteed, and riders may need to ride in the Intermediate division if space allows. Open Riders w/Green Ponies may ride in a Green Pony lane if available.

As of the closing date, Over25 team composition is deemed to be complete

If an individual Over 25 or Open Rider w/Green Pony, who is a 'Scramble Rider', and has NOT submitted their completed entry by the closing date as listed on the entry form, the following applies:

- i) Riders will only be offered open positions if there are still teams in need of additional riders
- ii) Scramble riders who did not submit their entry until after the closing date will not unseat Scramble riders who have been selected for a team prior to the closing date.
- iii) One Open Rider w/Green Pony is permitted on a scored Over 25 team.
- iv) A riding position is not guaranteed, and riders may need to ride in the Intermediate division if space allows. Open Riders w/Green Ponies may ride in a Green Pony lane if available.

MGAA GR15.1.6 Green Pony: This Division is for the training of ponies that are new to Mounted Games competition: i.e., green to games. Riders in this Division must be capable, experienced Riders at the Intermediate, Open or Over 25 level. This is an unscored Division. A Green to Games pony on a scored team may have a maximum of two full seasons of team play in the Intermediate or Over 25 division OR have not competed at the MGAA Open Team level, whichever comes first. This provision is effective January 1, 2022, at which time the two-year count begins. If at the end of the two-year period, a pony is deemed to require additional time, the pony may be ridden in a "Green Pony" lane, Pairs and/or Individual competitions, or be ridden as part of an unscored team.

MGAA GR15.1.7 At all competitions except Regional and National Championships, the Organizer has the right to adjust the Divisions according to their needs; safety is paramount.

MGAA GR15.1.8 In all cases, the Referee may remove a Rider or pony from any Team, Pair or Individual if they deem that the Rider or pony is not riding in a manner consistent with the description of that Division. This decision is at the sole decision of the Chief Referee and is not subject to the Appeals Process, CR21.1-CR21.4, or any additional challenge.

MGAA GR15.1.9 Riders starting the season in an appropriate division that have later been identified by Referees to have improved to the point of exceeding the level of play described for that division will be allowed to finish out the season in the division they started if they so choose. These riders will be verbally notified of their growth and success by Referees. These riders are expected to move up to more appropriate divisions for the following season.

MGAA GR15.1.10 Riders may ride up a level in up to two team competitions per year as a means to determine if this move is appropriate for division them or to fill out an incomplete team. Riders must be playing safely and in control at the level described in the division description.

Lead Line: Will be offered if space allows \$25. No Early Bird discount or penalty for late entry

*** The organizers reserve the right to place teams in the appropriate division.**

Tentative Schedule

Schedule subject to change as circumstances warrant.

Please note: The first session of play could begin as early as **7:30 am** Saturday but no earlier.
The Finals sessions will play a minimum of 12 games.

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
7:00 AM	Check-in		
8:00 AM	O 25 Session 1	8:30 AM	O 25 session 3
9:15 AM	Intermediate Session 1		Intermediate Session 3
10:30AM	Open Session 1		Open Session 3
11:45AM	Novice Session 1, Leadline		Novice Session 3, Leadline
1:00PM	Lunch Break		
2:00PM	O 25 Session 2		
3:15PM	Intermediate Session 2		
4:30PM	Open Session2		
5:45PM	Novice Session 2, Leadline		

Times for all sessions will be adjusted based on assignments, competitors riding in more than one division, competitors also coaching, etc. Attempts will be made, as always, to avoid conflicts and to meet everyone's needs. Please understand that there are sometimes limits as to the adjustments that can be made in the schedule. We know that no one wants to be out there riding or judging at 9pm at night!

Games to be played (selected from this list):

Agility Aces (Stepping)	Hug A Mug (MGAA)	Speed Weavers (Bending)
Association (MGAA)	Joust	Socks & Bucket
Balloon	Keyhole	Sword
Bottle Shuttle	Litter Lifters	Three Legged
Ball and Bucket (USPC)	Mug Shuffle	Three Mug
Ball and Cone	Multi-Flag	Three Pot Flag
Canadian Race	Needle & Thread (USPC)	Tire (Hula Hoop)

Carton	Nine Ring	Tool Box
Flag Fliers (5 flag)	Pony Express (MGAA)	Two Flag
Founders	Pony Pairs (Rope)	Twitter
Four Flag	Ring the Cone	Windsor Castle
Hi Lo Hoopla	Run and Ride Tack Shop	Quoits Rubber Ducky

The list of games for each division will be selected from the games above. The final list of games for each division will be sent out with a definite schedule.

For more information about these MGAA games, see the MGAA website: <http://www.mountedgames.org>. You may also download a copy of the MGAA rulebook from there.

Ring Crew: MA4 will provide all necessary games equipment organized by the equipment chief in each division. **Each team** will be responsible for providing 4 riders to help as assistant referees and as ring crew. Failure to show up for your assignment will result in a 5 point deduction off of your team's final score.

Tie Breaker For All Divisions FLAG FLIERS

General Information

Payment: ALL Checks written to Mounted Games Across America (MGAA).

Weather Plans: The competition will be held regardless of weather except in the case of thunder/ lightning or unsafe footing. If for some reason the competition is cancelled, competitors will be notified.

Stabling: Stabling is \$45/stall for one night, \$55/stall for 2 nights, \$65/stall for 3 nights. There is a \$25 fee to move in on Thursday night. The stall fee applies to tack stalls. Stall fee does not include any bedding. There are (276) 10'x10' stalls available. Stalls do not need to be stripped at the end of the competition. Use of straw or hay as bedding costs an additional \$10/stall straw/hay clean-up fee per stall. Shredded paper bedding is permitted with no additional clean up fee.

Shavings/Hay: Please bring your own .

Food/Water: Water is available on the grounds. There will be a food booth on the grounds on Saturday and Sunday.

Health Certificates: Health Certificates are required for all out of state ponies and horses within 30 days of the show. Organizer will not ask to see them.

Dogs must be leashed! Unleashed dogs are subject to capture and/or fine and removal from the Horse Park by Upper Freehold Twp Animal Control. There is a \$75 per dog per occurrence fine. Please keep your dogs leashed.

Accommodations:

Camping:

There are about 60 camping locations available at the NJ Horse Park @ \$45/day. There is an on site dumping station. The \$45/day fee includes water and electric hook-up and use of the central dumping

station. ALL VEHICLES PARKED IN A CAMPER SPACE ARE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR A CAMPER SPACE WHETHER PLUGGED INTO UTILITIES OR NOT. Campers are not allowed to park in undesignated areas. If you damage a camper hook-up, you will be responsible for paying for the repair. Restrooms and showers are available for campers. No open fires are ever permitted on any part of the NJHP property. This is a state regulation. Barbecue grills may be used in the camper area only. These 2 rules are strictly enforced.

Tents or camping in tents is permitted on Horse Park grounds only in specified areas and at your own risk. Tent campers must sign a release of liability which is included at the end of the entry info. Tent campers may camp on the grass or in the camping area without hooking to electric. Cell phones and fans may be plugged in at no charge.. Coffee pots (other than use contained within a camper in the camper hook-up area) and electric heaters are prohibited on Park grounds.

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ENTRY

Closing Date: July 28, 2023



All information is required – fill in all blanks – use n/a if necessary. Both pages of this form must be completed with all membership information and fees. Only ONE pony/horse per form.

Event: Mid-Atlantic 4 Event Date: August 5&6, 2023

Rider Name: _____ DOB _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Pony Name: _____ Current '23 MGAA Member? _____

Games Registration:

If you are being placed on a scramble team, please list your mounted games experience on the back of the form to assist in team placement.

	Team Name (or Scramble) List other team members if you have made plans	Fees
1 Division:		\$
2 Stall (including TackStalls if available)		\$
3. Camping		\$
	Total Fees	

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO MGAA, PAYPAL to DEVONKAJA@comcast.net,
[VENMO](#) TO @Wendi-Walker-4

Stabling /Trailing in(no stall), Camping Hook Up:

Trailing in for weekend (commuting) \$16/weekend Total \$ _____

No of Camping Hookups _____ @ \$45 per night Total \$ _____

No of Stalls: _____ @ \$45 for 1 night, \$55 for 2 nights Total \$ _____

Tack Stall (only if extras are available)? _____ (same rate as regular stalls)

Grand total \$ _____

CIRCLE nights needed for camping: FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

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Release



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 4 Mounted Games Competition** the undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the **Mounted Games Across America, Inc. organization, Mid Atlantic 4 organizers, Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern**, 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 Horse Park of New Jersey. **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 4 organizers, Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern, or its officers, directors, members, employees, or guests or any landowners, landholders or the persons making property available for the Mid Atlantic 4, 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.

Rider Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

(if rider is under 21 years of age)

Completed Entry Packet must contain:

- _____ Mid Atlantic 4 Entry—Cognito entry preferred
- _____ Mid Atlantic 4 Competition Release
- _____ Tent Camping Liability Release if camping in a tent
- _____ Copy of current negative Pony Coggins—uploaded to MGAA Coggins File
- If horse is trailered in from outside of the state of NJ a health certificate is Required (also called CVI). The facility can request to see this. We will not.
- _____ 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 Mounted Games Across America)
- _____ PAYPAL is preferred—send to Devonkaja @ Comcast.net (friends and family)

If mailing entry (prefer Cognito—give it a try! It's really easy!), please mail to:

Wendi Walker, 750 Swedesford Rd, N. Wales PA. 19454