



Wasatch Pony Club

Member Handbook

2022

wasatchponyclub@gmail.com

www.wasatchponyclub.com

1. WELCOME!

Wasatch Pony Club (WPC) is located in Northern Utah and is the proud steward of Golden Spike Cross Country Course. Our Pony Club is a service-focused organization where members and sponsor families work together to educate our members and build the sport of Eventing in Northern Utah.

Wasatch Pony Club members receive several unique benefits including reduced show fees, rally fees and riding lessons which are funded through proceeds of our fundraising shows. Successful shows require WPC members / families to volunteer annually in the following ways:

1. Fulfill a club-level volunteer position
2. Fulfill a show volunteer position
3. Maintain assigned Cross Country jumps
4. Volunteer a minimum of 10 hours at each of three shows (30 hours annually)
5. All members are expected to assist with set-up prior to and clean-up after the shows.

These volunteer opportunities are outlined in more detail below in item #7 - WPC Member / Family Expectations.

2. PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND PHILOSOPHY

Pony Club is the largest equestrian educational organization in the world. This is where it all begins! The cornerstones of our foundation are education, safety, sportsmanship, stewardship and FUN. Members learn riding and the care of horses through mounted sports. The skills, habits and values instilled through horsemanship will apply to every part of a member's life.

Participating members have access to the Pony Club online community, sponsor discounts, educational standards and achievements, a Pony Club Pin, and the chance to participate in activities such as lessons and certifications, rallies and competitions, Championships and Pony Club Festival. A host of additional programs such as international exchanges, USEF Pony Finals, Dressage for Kids, National Youth Board, National Youth Congress, scholarships, and the Visiting Instructors Program are available to members who develop and progress through Pony Club. Many of our graduates feel that Pony Club helped shape their character and the choices they have made as adults.

Wasatch Pony Club is an English-style riding club, focusing on Eventing as our primary discipline. **Wasatch Pony Club is a very unique riding club.** It's rare to find a club that provides the benefits that our club enjoys, funded by all-volunteer-staffed shows. We offer more member benefits and we expect more from our members and their families.

Pony Club Organization: In general, Pony Clubs are administered by parents and other

adults who volunteer to operate the club and organize activities. Individual adults will become Club Sponsors, from which the club leadership - District Commissioner (DC), Joint District Commissioner (optional), Club Secretary, and Club Treasurer - will be chosen. In addition to selecting officers, Club Sponsors are charged with oversight of a club's budget and calendar of activities.

Pony Clubs take a substantial time commitment from parents and other adult volunteers. Members are encouraged to participate as often as possible and parents are strongly encouraged to attend all club meetings and events, especially if the member is very young. Pony Club really is a family experience; it is an excellent investment of your time for the future.

Educational Opportunities: In Pony Club members will attend mounted and unmounted meetings and learn how to safely and confidently work around horses. They are also taught stable management and horse care in addition to riding safely and well. Refer to #4 below for additional information about lessons. Pony Club also offers opportunities to learn to be an instructor. This includes mentoring at camps and mounted meetings to help you and your fellow members reach your full potential.

Pony Club Rallies & Quiz: Opportunities abound for members to attend camps, rallies, Championships, and Festival. Camps are fun ways to be with friends, learn a ton of good horsemanship, and see a big jump in riding skills. Rallies give members the chance to learn what it is like to be a part of a team as well as how to be a leader. Rallies, Championships, and Festival give members valuable lessons in organization, communication, teamwork, and respect for themselves and others in a team competition environment.

Pony Club Rating: Members progress through the certification levels. Each level earned requires an increasing depth of knowledge and skills. The highest certification, the "A", distinguishes the member as an accomplished, professional horseman. Wasatch Pony Club organizes ratings yearly according to member needs.

WPC Members enjoy discounted rating fees and currently pay the following for each rating:

D1 - \$10	C1 - \$100
D2 - \$20	C2 - \$125
D3 - \$80	Additional ratings - TBD

3. WASATCH PONY CLUB - FAQ

Considering joining Wasatch Pony Club? Here are answers to our most frequently asked questions:

Q: Is there an age requirement?

A: No, any age can join Wasatch Pony Club. However, we recommend members be at least eight years old to best enjoy our club. There is no age maximum.

Q: Do I need my own horse?

A: If you want to participate in our mounted lessons you need to provide a horse. This can be a horse you own, lease, or borrow.

Q: Does Wasatch Pony Club provide horses?

A. No. You will need to provide a horse to participate in mounted lessons.

Q. Do I have to own a horse to be a member?

A. No. We welcome all members. You do not need a horse to learn from our winter unmounted lessons, participate in rallies and contribute to the shows. However, you will not be able to participate in all our club activities without a horse.

Q. Does Wasatch Pony Club have a barn where members keep their horses?

A. No. WPC does not have a dedicated barn for members. Our members keep their horses on property near their homes and transport their horses to the location of the mounted lessons, shows and rallies.

Q. Can Wasatch Pony Club transport my horse to lessons/shows/rallies for me?

A. No. WPC does not transport horses.

Q. How often does the club meet?

A. WPC holds unmounted instruction (not on horseback) 1-2 times a month during the winter. This instruction focuses on horse management knowledge needed to pass Pony Club ratings.

From late spring to late fall (depending on weather) WPC holds mounted lessons for members. Lessons average 2-3 times a month when school is in session and may occur more frequently during the summer.

Q. When does the club meet?

A. WPC conducts annual surveys of members to determine best days for mounted and unmounted lessons.

Q. What kind of mounted lessons are provided?

A. WPC focuses on the English discipline of Eventing, so our mounted lessons are typically jumping, dressage, cross country, and conditioning.

Q. How much is it to join Wasatch Pony Club?

A. Pony Club is an international organization which requires dues paid to both the parent organization (USPC) and the local club (WPC). Annual dues to US Pony Club are \$155 and annual dues to WPC are currently \$100, for a total of \$255 per member per year. There is no discount for multiple members in a family.

Q. What benefits come with Wasatch Pony Club membership?

A. Being a member of Wasatch Pony Club gives you the ability to contribute as a volunteer for three fundraising Eventing shows each year, and proceeds fund discounted activities for members including: mounted lessons, show entries, clinics, camps, and winter unmounted instruction.

4. WPC MOUNTED LESSONS

Discounted mounted lessons and/or clinics are a **privilege** to WPC members.

- Mounted lessons are held outside and are therefore subject to the weather. Most often lessons are scheduled late Spring through late Fall.
- Mounted lessons are conducted in small groups according to rider and/or mount ability.
- Mounted lessons are provided as a benefit for WPC members in good standing. Participants must be fully registered with WPC and follow USPC's code of conduct to participate.
- We enlist the expertise of various instructors and clinicians for our lessons, one of whom is a Pony Club alumni: Katie Cobia (Elevate Equestrian). When taking lessons at the Cobia's park along the road. Address: 489 S 2100 W Ogden, UT
- Parents are encouraged to stay on site during lessons. If drop-off occurs, please be prompt picking up your child from WPC lessons.
- The WPC Lesson Coordinator customizes each mounted lesson group to best meet each member's unique needs. Groups change according to which members RSVP to attend the lessons. To participate in mounted lessons/clinics members must:
 - Download the GroupMe app, accept invitations to WPC groups, and watch for updates on the GroupMe app. **ALL LESSON/CLINIC COMMUNICATION WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH GROUPME.**
 - Respond via GroupMe as instructed by the RSVP date. If you do not respond as instructed you may not participate. Tardiness is not acceptable. We expect all members to be saddled and ready to ride by their assigned time so the instructor can begin as scheduled without interruption.
 - An RSVP is a commitment to attend. Absences due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances will be addressed directly with the WPC Lesson Coordinator or via GroupMe.
- All unrated members and those rated D1-D3 must have a safety inspection by instructor or WPC member C1 or higher prior to mounting at each lesson/clinic.
- Required safety equipment must be worn at all times when mounted. This includes safety armband/bracelet and certified helmet. Safety vests are required when riding cross country.
- We expect our members to treat others with respect; this is especially true of instructors who often donate time to teach WPC members.
- WPC members are guests. **Please leave the grounds cleaner than you found it.** If your horse poops anywhere on the facility grounds, pick it up and dispose of it properly; i.e.: if your horse poops by your trailer, scoop it up and place it into your own trailer; if it poops in the arena, pick it up (parents can help or after your lesson).

5. WPC FUNDRAISING SHOWS

Please save the dates for WPC's annual fundraising shows! WPC members benefit from the funds generated at these shows, so all families are expected to volunteer.

WPC members benefit from up to two discounted registrations per WPC show. Watch for GroupMe announcements on registration and how to utilize the WPC member discount. WPC members are encouraged to register as soon as possible because our shows sell out! We do prioritize WPC members on the waitlist.

Chicken Event Schooling Show- Golden Spike Event Center, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden

Set Up - Friday, May 13, 2022

Show - Saturday, May 14, 2022

Golden Spike Horse Trials - Golden Spike Event Center, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden, UT 84404

Set Up - Thursday, June 9, 2022

Show - Friday - Sunday, June 10-12, 2022

Pumpkin Event Schooling Show - Golden Spike Event Center, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden

Set Up - Friday, September 9, 2022

Show - Saturday, September 10, 2022

Show Date Conflicts: We understand life gets busy, but we are a small group of all volunteers that rely on you to complete your assignments. If you have other plans that conflict with scheduled WPC shows, you must email notification of the conflict to both WPC DC and Show Organizer **prior to March 15th** of the show year, or before joining Wasatch Pony Club if joining between March 15th and September 15th.

WPC Show Code of Conduct: In addition to following [USPC's Code of Conduct](#), we expect WPC families to model positive behavior during WPC shows including:

1. Good sportsmanship is required at all times. WPC members must treat everyone with respect and practice self-control. Inappropriate language, cheating, and disrespect will not be tolerated and jeopardizes your membership in the club.
2. Have a positive attitude. Remember we are the hosts of the show, so any issues WPC members have during a show should be reported to the show organizer for resolution and not shared publicly.
3. Help. It takes a village to host a successful show. Jump in and help when you see a need, even if it's not your assigned show job. We rise together.

6. TYPICAL COSTS & WPC MEMBER BENEFITS

Dues:

Annual United States Pony Club (USPC) Dues: \$155.00 per member paid to Pony Club (International Parent Organization) - *as of 2022 - subject to change.*

Discounts are offered to prior members who renew early.

Annual Wasatch Pony Club (WPC) Dues: \$100.00 per member paid to Wasatch Pony Club. It is distributed this way (*as of 2022 - subject to change*):

- \$50 WPC membership
- \$35 Intermountain Region PC membership
- \$15 adult sponsor

Dues can be paid via www.wasatchponyclub.com website.

New members receive a Wasatch Pony Club shirt, a pony club pin, and a D level study guide.

If a member chooses to participate, the chart below shows WPC member pricing on activities and the savings our club members enjoy, with total annual benefits of WPC membership.

Typical WPC Costs and WPC Member Benefits:

Typical Item	Non-Member Price	WPC Member Price	WPC Member Annual Savings / Benefit
WPC Schooling Show Entry	\$142 entry + \$15 per schooling round	\$40 per show \$117-132 savings per schooling show	\$264
Golden Spike Horse Trials Entry	\$388 entry + \$15 per schooling round	\$100 entry (Intro-Training) \$303 savings	\$303
PC Rally Fee	\$150	\$0 (one paid entry/year)	\$150
Mounted Lesson Fees	\$40+ / lesson	\$0 / lesson	\$45 / lesson x 30+ = \$1,350+ annually
Mounted Clinic Fees	\$80-\$300	\$40 - \$150	\$40 - 150 / clinic x 3+ = \$360+ annually
Possible Annual WPC Member Savings / Benefit			\$2,427+ Benefits

As you can see, it really pays to be a Wasatch Pony Club member!

Methods of Payment. Dues and all other payments to WPC can be made via:

- a. Check payable to Wasatch Pony Club (give to WPC treasurer)
- b. Paypal - wasatchponyclub@gmail.com (list in notes what payment is for)
- c. Cash (give to WPC treasurer)

7. WPC MEMBER / FAMILY EXPECTATIONS

We want you to have a great time and enjoy being a part of Wasatch Pony Club. To create a safe and welcoming space for all, we expect WPC members and their families to follow [USPC's Code Of Conduct](#). Pony Club is proud of its reputation for good sportsmanship, horsemanship, teamwork and well behaved members. USPC expects appropriate behavior from all members, parents and others participating in any USPC activity. Inappropriate behavior may include, but is not limited to: possession, use or distribution of any illegal drugs or alcohol; profanity, vulgar language or gestures; harassment (i.e., using words or actions that intimidate, threaten or persecute others before, during or following USPC activities); failure to follow rules; cheating; and abusing a horse.

WPC Volunteer Expectations

WPC members / families are expected to volunteer annually in the following ways:

1. Fulfill a club-level annual volunteer position
2. Maintain assigned Cross-Country jumps at Golden Spike Cross Country Course
3. Fulfill a minimum of one WPC show volunteer position
4. Volunteer a minimum of 10 hours at each of our three shows (30 hrs annually)
5. Assist with set-up and tear-down for each show

If you feel you cannot volunteer as expected, you must arrange a private meeting with the DC and Show Organizer to discuss the issue.

Details about each volunteer expectation for WPC members are below:

1. Club-level annual volunteer position: We need your help! When everyone contributes the club is able to accomplish needed educational, social and service goals. This is an annual volunteer position that you'll be responsible to fully execute throughout the calendar year. **Most of these positions rely ONLY on YOU to get the job done**, and benefit from volunteer initiative to improve on what's been done in the past. You'll find WPC club leadership is eager to support you in these positions and empowers you to make improvements.

Below is a list of typical club-level positions that need volunteers. Please let WPC's D.C. or Volunteer Coordinator know your preference of position:

- Club Officer (voted by membership at Fall Sponsor meeting)
- Membership / Volunteer Coordinator
- Mounted Lesson Coordinator
- Horse Management Lesson Coordinator
- Rally Coordinator
- Ratings Coordinator
- Communications / Website

2. Maintain Assigned Cross Country Jumps. Wasatch Pony Club is solely responsible for upkeep, maintenance and development of the Golden Spike Cross Country (XC) Course, which we utilize for our fundraising shows and is a significant benefit to the local Eventing community. We ask that all WPC families contribute to the maintenance of the XC course before and during the show season. As we all have busy families, we are assigning each family a set of jumps to **prepare by May 8th and maintain throughout the show season** as your schedules allow. WPC provides needed supplies such as oil, paint, brushes, etc.

Each family is assigned a series of obstacles in proximity to each other; most have jumps in each of the levels - please review all pages for your assignments in this [Google Doc](#). Some jumps are used in multiple levels. "Work Needed" has been assessed by our course designer, and includes items to be completed now and in the future. Please do NOT build, modify or remove jumps. Adri will be coordinating with WPC on getting this accomplished throughout the summer. Thank you for your help!

Details of this task include:

- Weed eat around jumps & mow or weed eat 10 feet before and after jump for take-off and landing. Complete 1 week before each show to allow timely aeration of footing.
- Oil wood and logs annually. Do not oil painted surfaces. (Usually completed before Golden Spike Horse Trials in June)
- Stain or paint as directed. (Usually completed before Golden Spike Horse Trials in June)
- Spray with weed killer at the base of your jumps, annually or as needed.
- Clean as directed or needed.

3. WPC Show volunteer position: Proceeds from our three shows fund the majority of benefits our members enjoy. Our group of dedicated volunteers are small yet mighty! Each member / family will lead a show volunteer position that you'll be responsible for at each of the three shows throughout the year:

- Show Organizer
- Show Secretary
- Dressage Coordinator
- Show Jump Coordinator
- Cross Country Course Coordinator
- Cross Country Jump Judge Coordinator
- Show Volunteer Coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator
- Hospitality Coordinator
- Safety Coordinator
- Prizes Coordinator

Contact Show Organizer if you need a show position or would like to change your assignment. We volunteer our time to ensure our club and those attending the shows are set up for success. There are many ways to contribute so pick the one that is most appealing to you! We all find that it really becomes as much about the comradery than the work. It's a lot of fun and very rewarding!

4. Volunteer a minimum of 10 hours at each of our three shows, for a total of 30 hours annually. Hours can be completed by WPC members, family, and/or friends. We especially need jump judges to fill these hours! Volunteers are responsible for tracking their hours using this [Google form](#). All hours must be logged by the end of the calendar year.

5. Assist with set-up and tear-down for each show. Each WPC member and/or family should participate in the set-up and tear-down of each show. Working together, this goes quickly. WPC will share a SignUpGenius link for volunteer sign-ups prior to each show, and utilize GroupMe “WPC Discussions” thread for day-of announcements of volunteer needs. **Time spent setting-up and tearing-down counts towards your minimum volunteer show hours.**

WPC Contact Information

WPC officers serve the club and its members. Please reach out with any needs or questions:

WPC Club Officers			
Title	Name	Phone	Email
DC/President	Mejken Greenwood	801-510-3489	mejken25@yahoo.com
Co-DC	Stacey Hess	435-881-7986	staceyhess10@gmail.com
Co-DC	Jill Mayer	801-510-8084	jill.mayer@gmail.com
Co-DC / Show Organizer	Kim Johnson	801-916-7015	kimbeejohnson@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Ruth Beebe	435-512-5484	ruth.beebe26@gmail.com
Secretary	Erika Mueller	801-771-4219	lieblingspferd2@gmail.com
RESOURCES AND WEBSITES			
National Pony Club	ponyclub.org	Log in to member area for additional resources	Shop Pony Club to find books, clothes, swag, etc
Wasatch Pony Club Paypal wasatchponyclub@gmail.com ail.com	Website wasatchponyclub.com	Email wasatchponyclub@gmail.com ail.com	To Pay WPC dues wasatchponyclub.com/events-1/wasatch-pony-club-membership-2021

Acknowledgement of WPC Expectations

I have read and agree to the WASATCH PONY CLUB MEMBER HANDBOOK including code of conduct and volunteer expectations.

I understand there will be age-appropriate consequences for inappropriate behavior and failure to meet WPC expectations. These consequences include being asked to leave lessons or the show grounds, losing a position or privilege, and/or denial of renewal of membership or revocation of membership from Wasatch Pony Club without compensation.

Printed Name of Child Member: _____

Child's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Adult Member or Parent (if member under 18): _____

Adult's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Photography Release

I agree to allow Wasatch Pony Club to utilize photographs, video, and audio recordings of members of my family on the WPC website, social media and/or promotional materials.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent or Member (18 years or older)

Release and Waiver of Liability

I acknowledge the inherent risk of horse-related activities. I understand under Utah law (78-27b-101), an equine activity sponsor or professional shall not be liable for any injury to, or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities. I voluntarily assume the risk and danger of injury involved with Wasatch Pony Club (WPC) activities, lessons, shows, clinics and other activities. I release, discharge and promise not to sue Wasatch Pony Club, its officers, employees and members for any loss, damages or injury (including death) that might occur to myself, my property and my family while participating in WPC activities.

Printed Parent/ Member Name

Signature

Date