



NATIONALS 2018



THE APA INVITES YOU TO COME TO NATIONALS 2018 AT BEAUTIFUL HARVEST FARMS!

**OCTOBER 5, 6, 7, 2018 — HARVEST FARMS IN HARVEST, ALABAMA
832 HARVEST ROAD, HARVEST, AL 35749**

NATIONALS IS THE APA'S BIGGEST EVENT! JOIN US AND HAVE FUN SEEING PLAYERS FROM ALL ZONES AT THIS SEMI-CENTRAL LOCATION. MEET OLD FRIENDS; MAKE NEW ONES! WATCH GREAT PLAY IN A VARIETY OF DIVISIONS! GET GREAT PRIZES! BRING PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS ALIKE! WE WELCOME YOU AT HARVEST FARMS!

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING TO HAVE MASTERS AND WOMEN'S DIVISIONS. If you are interested, **WE WANT YOU!** Want a more relaxed pace than A or B Grade? Enjoy the fun of competition without those hot shot youths trying their hardest to upstage you! Need to have 9 players to have a division.

AWARD TO SIGN UP FOR:

U21 Best Rider Award: The APA would like to recognize knowledgeable, serious good riders in our sport. Your club nominates you, using these criteria:

- 1) Candidates will be someone who regularly comes to club practices;
- 2) Covers the range of someone who trains their own horse to someone who rides loaners;
- 3) Is a good to strong rider who uses all the aids to ask the horse to do things efficiently and humanely. This is not someone who just looks nice on a horse, nor someone who uses just hands or balances from the stirrups; this is someone who works *with* the horse in proper communication;
- 4) Candidates play in Nationals, where the winner will be named. **Clubs: send nominations to Laura Humphreys at lhumphreys@americanpolocrosse.org by September 1.**

OTHER AWARDS: Aside from 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, Best Player, Best Horse and Best Conditioned Horse, there are rotating awards given; usually during Saturday night dinner. Rotating awards are picked by previous winners: **The Friendship Cup, Best Presented Team, Most Fair and Best Polocrosse Sportsperson, Best Playing Junior, Tricia Cane, Best Umpire** and the **Big Joey**, for the Junior who shows great character, attitude and effort on and off the field. More info on these prizes will be on the web and in an E-News.

SILENT AUCTION: This is always fun and entertaining, usually done during Saturday dinner and sometimes open earlier. Please donate craft items, art items, decorative items, baskets, services, jewelry etc. and more. Ask a talented person or business you spend with to donate. See what is there! Start a bidding war! Keep track during dinner of who is bidding higher than you are...and go outbid them! This is shopping at its most convenient. At the announced time, bidding will stop, paperwork will be done and owners get to pay up! *Members and clubs will be contacted for a donation. Thanks for supporting the APA! Our Chair is Jen Kimbrough; please contact her at jenkimbroughphd@gmail.com She will be coordinating auction items!*

EVENT INFORMATION: **Play will start early Friday morning. Registration (mandatory for all players) will be Thursday afternoon, probably between 2 and 5 PM. Probably will be in the indoor arena.**

TEAM DECLARATIONS: PLEASE email your team list and what division you think you will play in to Laura Humphreys no later than September 1st. (BUT CLUBS WILL BE ASKED EARLIER!) This helps us know who wants to be in all divisions. Remember, ratings will be used to place teams in divisions.

Format: 6-man teams in all divisions if possible. Games will be six, 6-minute chukkas. If your division needs to be a sectional, we will contact you.

Changes: Please understand that things may change due to necessity. This might mean scheduling, format or other things.

Masters (over 40) and Women's Division: This is for recreational players looking for fun without the pressure of the other divisions. Need at least 3 sections to hold the division.

D, E Division: For newer adult players playing at a slower pace. Need at least 3 sections to hold division.

Junior Division: Not reached 18 as of 1.1.18 . Prizes/fees may differ if split for beginners. Need 3 sections.

Nationals players must be full APA members and have participated in an APA sanctioned tournament during the 12 months prior to Nationals competition. This is for ratings purposes.

Reminder: The Tournament Committee and Ratings Chair will decide the divisions according to ratings spreads. Divisions cannot be predicted and are dependent on when players get their entry forms in to the Nationals Chair. Please enter online before the deadline! Please have your club inform the Chair of who your team might be...we know things change, but need a numbers count.

Entry Fee: \$160 for those over 12 years old. \$100 for those 12 and under. Late Fee: \$35 fee added to entry starting September 17th; includes those signing up at registration. No exceptions.

HORSE INFO:

Stalls: There are limited stalls available (8) for those whose horses cannot stay in an electric pen. The fee for these is \$100 for the weekend. Included in this price are shavings and clean up when you leave. Stalls will be marked with your name, please have your emergency number listed on the entry. Sign up early.

Electric Pens: Horses kept in electric pens will all be in the fenced field area. See map in this document for where your horses will go. No horse fee for electric penning.

Clean Up: Paddocks, Pens, Stalls: Harvest Farms will clean your area when you leave, but, YOU MUST RAKE MANURE TO THE CENTER OF EACH AREA. Please help the staff with this for easier clean up.

Paddocks: There are 3 small grass paddocks & one pasture for horses who cannot use an electric pen. They are \$100 for the weekend, first come, first served: you need to contact Laura Humphreys. Payment reserves these pens, so pay this early. Only 3 horses per paddock. (Other pens for farm use only.)

Umpire Horses: Teams should prepare to bring one each.

SERVICES:

Feed/Care: Hay, grain and shavings are for sale in the nearby area. Harvest Feed Mill or 53 Farm and Hardware. Phone numbers and store hours will be in the program. Veterinarians and farriers will be on call. EMT's will be on site. Our sponsors, Triple Crown and Uckele are expected to have tents in the vendor area!

Camping: Camping allowed ONLY in or near your trailer. No fires allowed. No water or electric hookup. Please keep your areas clean.

Arrivals: Arrivals may begin starting Tuesday, October 2nd. Coggins (for all horses you bring) must be scanned or mailed to arrive to Laura Humphreys by September 28th. (if mailing, put in mail by Sept 23) Please be sure to put an emergency phone number to contact you during Nationals on the entry form. You will be send a liability form in case you ride before registration on Thursday, please sign and send to Laura H; or you will need to find her on the site before you ride.

Trailers: all vehicles to be parked in the designated area. See map at the end of this document.

DINNERS/MOTEL INFO:

Meals: Friday and Saturday dinners free for players both nights; non-players pay \$15 for Friday night and \$25 for Saturday night. We will plan to have concessions on the grounds Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Extra meals need to be purchased with online entries. No meals sold after September 25th. We do not want to run out of food!

Motel: Holiday Inn Express; 2600 Old Fairway Road, Huntsville, AL 35806. Phone: 256.837.7171. We have a block of rooms priced at \$104 per room plus tax (comes to \$121.60) per night. Mention the American Polocrosse Association for this rate. No smoking, no pets. The block of rooms saved ends September 4th. You must book before then. Reserve early; rooms with double beds go quickly. About 14 minutes away.

PLAYER INFO:

All players must be current full APA members (not day members) who have played in a sanctioned tournament during the 12 months prior to Nationals.

Foreign players: Present APA policy states that there is one foreign player allowable per US team (6-man or 3-man sectional) in the regular format for placings at Nationals. They will play in A Grade or must have played in a sanctioned tournament 12 months prior to Nationals to obtain a current APA rating.

Registration: Thursday afternoon from 2—5, probably in the indoor arena.

Rules Clinic: Thursday late afternoon about 5 PM, probably in the indoor arena.

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DEADLINE: Have entry information and fees in online September 15th. Late fee starts Sept.16th.

ADS/SPONSORS:

If you know someone who would like to be an APA sponsor, we have space in the program, and on our sponsors banner! Contact Laura Humphreys (lsshumphreys@gmail.com) for information. Computer ready ads are due no later than September 1st. Advertise your club or let your friends know you support them!

MORE INFO COMING TO PLAYERS and CLUB CONTACTS BY MASS EMAILS: divisions, umpire horses, registration place and more. Questions? Contact Laura Humphreys at lsshumphreys@gmail.com

FACILITY RULES: *please make life pleasant and fun for all!*

- APA approved helmets (APA rulebook standard) and appropriate footwear must be worn at all times when mounted - NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Please do not get on your horse until you sign releases. If someone arrives early, they cannot mount until releases are signed. If arriving early, you will need to find Laura Humphreys on site.
- Trucks, trailers and cars to be parked in the designated areas only, away from horse penning.
- Do not practice on any of the polocrosse fields. They are for games only.
- DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH OR CONFINED AT ALL TIMES. \$50 FINE IF LOOSE.
- Children must be under supervision at all times.
- No open fires at the camps; no smoking in stable areas.
- No glass bottles near any of the fields.
- Dumpster between facility barns: bagged trash only, no loose items.
- NO trash in the portapotties! APA got fined last Nationals. Use the trash cans please!
- Rake manure in pens/paddocks/stalls to the center of your area before you leave.
- Do not block roads on site with vehicles.
- NO TOLERANCE FOR MINORS DRINKING.



