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# COVID-19 USPA Polo Tournament Stimulus Package Guidelines

**Tournament Support**: As the country continues to emerge out of the COVID-19 crisis, it is important for USPA Clubs to continue playing polo and hosting USPA Tournaments and Events. These events help support the club's activity as well as provide opportunities to support the polo community. The USPA Board recognizes the need to continue to support the Clubs during these times and has approved the extension of the USPA Polo Tournament Stimulus Package through 2021. Clubs must adhere to the USPA approved Return to Play Guidelines.

## Eligibility & Criteria:

- Available for USPA Member Clubs for two (2) USPA Tournaments held in 2021 at each club. Tournaments eligible under the COVID-19 USPA Tournament Stimulus Package (TSP) include:
  - All USPA Outdoor Events (Circuit, National, Sanctioned, NYTS) with an upper handicap limit of 12 goals or below.
  - All USPA Outdoor Women's Events with an upper handicap limit of 20 goals or below.
  - All USPA Arena Events (Circuit, National, Sanctioned)
  - \*Note: Sanctioned Events must have been approved pre-COVID-19 crisis
- Tournaments must have a minimum of four (4) teams competing in order to be eligible, team rosters to be verified two weeks prior to securing TSP benefits.
- Clubs that have only one (1) USPA tournament scheduled are eligible to participate in TSP and if they wish to take full advantage of the TSP, they may apply for an additional Circuit or National (pending availability) Tournament(s) through the normal approval process (i.e. Circuit Governor approval for Circuit and Tournament Committee/Board approval for National).
- Clubs that currently have not been awarded a USPA tournament and wish to take advantage
  of the TSP, may apply for a Circuit or National (pending availability) Tournament(s) through
  the normal approval process (i.e. Circuit Governor approval for Circuit and Tournament
  Committee/ Board approval for National).
- Clubs hosting new USPA-sanctioned tournaments and/or USPA National and/or Circuit tournaments in addition to their TSP qualified tournaments may do so subject to normal applicable USPA fees and benefits.
- USPA reserves the right to reschedule any tournament.
- Umpires are subject to availability.
- USPA prize money may not be used for other tournament or club expenses or for subjective awards including but not limited to Best Playing Pony or Most Valuable Player.
- Clubs participating in the matching Prize Money Program are not eligible for TSP.

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# For two (2) Eligible USPA Tournaments held at the USPA Member Club the COVID-19 USPA Polo Tournament Stimulus Package (TSP) Includes:

- **Tournament Fees Waived:** for USPA National, Circuit or currently approved Sanctioned tournaments.
- **Trophies:** Clubs will either be provided trophies by the USPA (ex. All 2020 National Youth Tournament Series events and select National Events) or they will be reimbursed up to \$500.00 for Circuit and Sanctioned Tournaments and up to \$1,200.00 for National Tournaments
- **Umpire:** USPA will provide one (1) Professional Umpire for the two (2) tournaments (up to 10 consecutive days per tournament) at no cost to the club.
- **Prize Money:** \$2,500.00 in prize money pertournament, no match required. All prize money MUST be awarded to the winning teams participating in the tournament upon completion of the event.

To take advantage of the COVID-19 USPA Polo Tournament Stimulus Package <u>complete this</u> <u>application form.</u>