



USPA NYTS QUALIFIER

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TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

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National Youth Tournament Series Host Club Information Packet

Hosting a NYTS Qualifier at your club is easy and a great way to incorporate your youth players into the club! NYTS Qualifiers are encouraged to run in conjunction with unrated junior polo chukkers and competitions for every level experience. The NYTS Qualifier itself has been designed for the upper-intermediate and advanced youth players, those capable of holding a minimum of a "B" handicap.

This Host Club Packet has been assembled to assist you as you plan your NYTS Qualifier! It contains information on:

- Your All-Star Committee- including Frequently Asked All-Star Questions
- A Template to use as an Entry Form for Your NYTS
- A Host-Club Checklist
- 2016 NYTS Tournament Conditions
- 2016 Circuit Event Application- sign and return to the USPA for approval
- 2016 Results Packet- your USPA Tournament Manager will take care of this!

In addition to this Host-Club Tournament Packet, the Player Development Team will be here throughout your NYTS planning process to assist you. Please email Amanda at NYTS@uspolo.org with any questions. We will also provide, if you so desire, a NYTS Tournament Manager to assist you on the day of your event and will take care of all NYTS paperwork and results reporting, assist with the trophy presentation, facilitate the All-Star Committee, and will be available to answer any questions about NYTS or the USPA. Your tournament manager can also assist with timing or scorekeeping, as needed throughout the event.

If you have any questions or want to schedule a NYTS Qualifier please email Amanda at NYTS@uspolo.org to get things started!



Your All-Star Committee

All-Star Committee Duties & Responsibilities

- 1. Assemble a recommended 3-5 person committee
- 2. Your committee ideally should consist of members without children of their own competing in the event who will be present to see the juniors compete
- 3. The All-Star Committee is responsible for selecting the tournament All-Stars
- 4. The All-Star Committee must be available for the Zone All-Star Committee to contact during the first week of August
- 5. The committee should use these categories as guidelines when selecting NYTS All-Stars: horsemanship, sportsmanship, playing ability at their current handicap, and how they play as a team player
- 6. We request that the committee members complete the below form for the All-Stars chosen and submit it to NYTS@uspolo.org by the first Monday in August
- 7. All-Stars should be submitted in ranking order
- 8. If a Tournament Manager is present, they will be responsible for administering the All-Star Committee

All-Star Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many All-Stars are awarded per tournament?

The number of All Stars selected is determined by the number of teams in the tournament. Four All-Stars are selected when the minimum two teams compete. One additional All-Star is selected for each additional team entered. (Example: 3 teams-5 All-Stars, 4 teams-6 All-Stars, 5 teams-7 All-Stars.)

2. Do All-Stars have to win the tournament?

No, All-Stars may be selected from any participating team.

3. What does it mean to be selected as an All-Star?

4 players and 2 alternates will be selected from the complete list of All-Star nominations submitted from all NYTS qualifiers that were held in each Zone. These 6 All-Stars will represent their Zone in the NYTS National Championships on Labor Day Weekend.

4. Who selects the 4 Zone All-Stars that advance to the National Championships?

There are Zone Selection Committees for each of the 4 U.S. Zones (see NYTS Zone Map) who will carefully review the list of All-Stars nominated at each event within their zone. The Zone Selection Committee will use the scorecards and game footage submitted by the host clubs when making their team selections.



2016 NYTS Qualifier ENTRY FORM (template)

As the host club- you can set

the entry fee. You can even

make it FREE!!

This form should be completed in full and signed by the participant (and parent) and returned to XYZ Polo Club to the above address, or emailed to bestcontact@thebestpoloclub.com.

2016 NYTS Qualifier

June 13-14, 2016

Advanced (NYTS):

Walk/Trot and Lead Line:

Intermediate:

Tournament:

Date:

Entry Fee:

Ambulance and Umpire Fees: Included in Entry Fee	The closing date will be two
Entry Closing Date: Wednesday May 27, 2016	weeks before your qualifier!
Teams will be assigned by the XYZ Polo Club Tournament Committee.	Remember to select a Host
 Conditions of Tournament: Players must provide their own horses, tack and equipment. Required equipment includes boots with heels and helmet with goggles or facemask. 	Club Tournament Committee to assist you in the decision making process!
 Player entry fee must be paid in full by Wednesday May 27, 2016 Players in the Advanced (NYTS) Level ONLY must hold a current USPA han www.uspolo.org A current XYZ Polo Club release form must be executed by all players/paren participating in tournament. 	-
Player Name(s) and Age(s):	
Division(s):	
Parent Name:Player's T-Shirt Size:Youth-SY-MY-LAdult-SA-MA-L Additional Parent T-Shirt for \$25:A-SA-M A-L A-LX	A-XL
E-mail: Phone No.:	You don't have to provide shirts, but it's a nice way to remember the NYTS!

\$50.00 Per Player (4 Chukkers) \$35.00 Per Player (2 Chukkers)

\$25.00 Per Player (2 Chukkers)



NYTS Host Club Checklist

Settin	ng your date:
	Select possible dates based on your calendar and other local schedules
	Contact Amanda Snow <u>NYTS@uspolo.org</u> to set your date
	Submit your completed Circuit Event Application to the USPA NYTS@uspolo.org
	that will be sent to your Circuit Governor for approval
Famil	iarize yourself:
	Review the complete NYTS Tournament Conditions
	Review the All-Star Duties and Responsibilities
	 Let Amanda know if you have any questions
Three	e weeks out:
	Inform Amanda of likely schedule so she can confirm with the Tournament Manager
_	and make appropriate travel arrangements
Ц	Inform Amanda how many people have signed up for your event (or how many
	your are capping the event at) to ensure trophies and awards are mailed out in a
п	timely fashion Verify your NYTS participant's handicaps with the USPA (Amanda or Liz)
	Assist with getting memberships renewed as needed
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	weeks out:
	Establish your All-Star Selection Committee
	Inform them of the All-Star Selection Committee responsibilities
	Schedule an EMT
	Schedule umpires for the event and arrange for umpire horses
Ц	Confirm with Amanda or Liz on final numbers so adjustments to trophies can be made
П	Try to find someone to videotape your games, a photographer is very important too!
	Make arrangements for jerseys- you can use the club's or ask teams to provide
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Week	of:
	NYTS prep call with Liz, Amanda, and your assigned Tournament Manager
	 Review any last minute details and questions
	 Inform Amanda and Liz of any last minute roster changes
	 Discuss game schedule, format and location to meet tournament manager
	Prepare your fields
	coaches if available. When making teams consider not only the player's handicaps
	halancina out, but also factor in years they have been playing, age, and their size



	Send out schedule
	Send out team assignments
	 It is recommended that you delay the distribution of team assignments for as long as possible to allow your tournament committee to make any last minute changes without any confusion.
	Remind all players of requirements – such as required eye protection and
	equipment
	Find timer/scorekeeper (your USPA Tournament Manager can help with this)
Da	y of:
	☐ Prepare a sign-in table where players can check in, take payment, and sign any waivers you need! (USPA Tournament Manager cannot assist with this)
	☐ Introduce your Tournament Manager to your All-Star Committee
	☐ Ensure umpires are wearing helmets
	☐ Trophy Presentation- your Tournament Manager will help you set up and
	distribute trophies!



2016 NYTS Tournament Conditions

* 2016 Changes in **Bold**

National Youth Tournament Series (NYTS) are to be played at USPA clubs between March 1st and the first Monday in August of the calendar year with the approval of the Circuit Governor. All NYTS regional qualifying events outside these dates shall require approval from the Junior Polo NYTS Sub-committee. NYTS are encouraged to run in conjunction with local level, unrated, junior polo chukkers/competitions and other qualifying USPA tournament events at the local club. The host club should submit the USPA Circuit Event Application to the USPA a minimum of 7 days prior to the event.

Circuit Events Qualifying for National Championships:

- 1) Lifetime, Student, Registered Player and Affiliate USPA Members who have not exceeded their 19th birthday on January 1st of the calendar year of the given NYTS will be eligible to compete.
- 2) Players must have a USPA handicap of B or above and must be in good standing with the USPA in order to participate.
- 3) The NYTS tournament goal level will be determined by the host club. Games will be 4 chukkers each consisting of 7 minutes and 30 seconds, and completed within the dates of the tournament.
- 4) When three or five teams are competing the USPA round robin format is acceptable (see Tournament Conditions VI. B. 2. c).
- 5) Players will be entered as individuals and team assignments will be determined by the host club.
- 6) The host club will assemble a Host Tournament Committee with a minimum of 3 members.
- 7) USPA Circuit Event Application must be approved by the Circuit Governor prior to the event.
- 8) Two teams of four players minimum are required to qualify as a NYTS tournament.
- 9) Multiple B rated players are allowed to play on the same team.
- 10) The Host Tournament Committee will be responsible for selecting All-Star players from the event. It is recommended to consult All-Star selections with the event umpires.
- 11) The number of All-Stars selected is determined by the number of teams in the tournament. Four All-Stars are selected when the minimum two teams compete. One additional All-Star is selected for each additional team entered. (Example: 3 teams-5 All-Stars, 5 teams-7 All-Stars.)
- 12) All-Stars may be selected from any participating team.
- 13) NYTS tournament results and All-Stars will be published in the USPA Blue Book.
- 14) The names of the All-Star Players must be submitted to the USPA office by the first Monday in August to be eligible for National Championship consideration.
- 15) All other USPA rules, forms and reporting guidelines will apply.
- 16) The entry fee for the NYTS will be determined by the host club.
- 17) There will be no tournament fee for hosting a NYTS regional event.
- 18) Multiple NYTS events may be awarded within the circuit.
 - a. Multiple NYTS events may be awarded to the same club.
- 19) Trophies and All-Star medals will be provided to the NYTS host club upon completion of the application process. First and second place trophies will be provided.



- 20) Games may be played on the flat or with a handicap.
- 21) Player equipment in addition to as described in the USPA White Book: Eye protection must be worn by all participants competing in the event and players must wear heeled boots.
- 22) NYTS are encouraged to run in conjunction with local level, unrated junior polo chukkers/competitions and other qualifying USPA tournament.
- 23) Equine Safety: protection of the horse by boots or bandages will be used on the front and hind legs, and players are required to compete using two reins.
- 24) In the event of a tie, a shoot-out will take place, using the outlined procedure below:

NYTS Shootout Tiebreaker Procedure:

- 1) In the event of a tie in a game of bracket play or the NYTS Qualifier Final, the "Penalty Shootout" system will be used to determine the winner.
- 2) The shootout will take place immediately following the completion of the
- 3) General conditions will follow the procedures outlined below:
 - i. The Penalty shootout will be supervised by the game umpires and one experienced adult goal Judge.
 - ii. Players eligible to take part shall be restricted to those who were listed on the team entry form for the tournament or those who played the whole of the last qualifying match. All four players from each team must take the penalties. When there are more than four players on the roster the four players from each team, who played in the last chukker, will participate in the shootout procedure.
- iii. Teams will draw for the order of taking penalties.
- iv. Players will be kept on one side in team groups and called forward individually to take the penalty. ONLY the players who are participating and umpires are allowed on the field. The player has only one hit at the ball and may not be defended.
- v. Once the umpire has called "play" any contact with the ball will count as one hit.
- vi. Teams will take four 40-yard penalties as individual team players in the order of the draw i.e.; a member of team 1 will be followed by team 2, who will be followed by a member of team 1, etc. until all teams have completed their 40-yard penalties.
- vii. The team with the least number of goals will not qualify, and, if the teams are level after the penalties, players from each team shall continue in the same order to take one penalty each from the 40-yard line until one has less goals than the other having taken the same number of penalties.
- 4) In all other aspects USPA rules apply

National Championship Event:

- 1) USPA circuits will be divided into 4 geographical zones; each zone will have a Zone All-Star Selection Committee (ZASC) of 3 or 5 members.
- 2) A player may only represent their affiliate USPA Club Zone in the National Championship Event. USPA Club affiliation will be determined by where the participant has registered as of January 1st of the calendar year or the affiliation after that date.
- 3) The Zone All-Star Selection Committee will choose up to two teams consisting of 4 players



- and 4 alternates to represent their Zone in the NYTS National Championship from the list of All-Stars who are registered and have competed in their Zone.
- 4) The selected players must conform to the team handicap requirement established the first Monday in August by the USPA Junior Polo Committee.
- 5) A player may compete in one or more qualifying NYTS event in any zone.
- 6) In the event of a tie, a shootout will take place. See NYTS Shootout Tiebreaker Procedure outlined in the NYTS Circuit Event conditions (21).
- 7) NYTS National Championship host center locations will be determined by the USPA Junior Polo NYTS Sub-committee. Championships will rotate between geographical areas of the United States. Host centers must qualify and adhere to host site criteria outlined by the Junior Polo NYTS Sub-committee. The application to host the NYTS National Championship must be submitted to the USPA office a minimum of six months prior to the event. The application must be approved by the Junior Polo NYTS Sub-committee and the Tournament Committee. 8) From the time of the draw through the final game the Host Tournament Committee shall apply and enforce all USPA and NYTS rules and policies and make decisions regarding interpretation of such. The Host Tournament Committee is to present and protect the vision of NYTS to the fullest extent, including but not limited to: player substitution, schedule changes, and weather related or other unforeseen circumstances as they arise.
- 8) Trophies will be provided to the NYTS National Championship host center.
- 9) One or two divisions may be played.
- 10) NYTS Championships will be played on the handicap.



CIRCUIT EVENT APPLICATION

FOR THE YEAR: 20_

UNITED STATES POLO ASSOCIATION

9011 Lake Worth Rd. • Lake Worth, Florida 33467 • Telephone: (800) 232-8772 • Fax: (888) 391-7410 Website: www.uspolo.org E-mail: tournaments@upolo.org

		Polo Club hereby applies to b	e Host Club for the	following event:
(Club Name)		OUTDOOD		
□ 8-12 Intra-Circuit □ 4-8 Officer's Cup □ 0-4 Player's Cup □ Governor's Cup □ Centennial Cup		Amateur Cup Constitution Cup Congressional Cup Sportsmanship Cup Masters Cup	☐ *National You ☐ *USPA/ PTF S	S. Brown
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 □ 12+ Circuit Arena Championship □ 9-12 Circuit Arena Chairman's Cup □ 6-9 Circuit Arena Delegate's Cup □ 3-6 Circuit Sherman Memorial 		0-3 Circuit Arena Amateur Cup Circuit Arena Congressional Cup Circuit Arena Constitution Cup Circuit Arena Sportsmanship Cup	*Arena Wome *Arena Museu Challenge Cu Arena Master: *3-6 General I	m of Polo Hall of Fame
*Specific Tournament Conditions app Note: Special Circuit Events may be a	-	ed to multiple clubs in the same ci	rcuit	
Tournament Information (Requir	ed)			
Goal Level Expected Dates://	ative: _	oires? □ Yes □ No □Trophy Reimbursement Pro		nge Cup)
HOST TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (see p Please list members of the host tourn	age 2 fo	_	nsibilities):	
SPECIFIC TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS: Please list specific tournament conditi	ons that	will be used for the tournament (example:	instant replay, shoot out,	etc.)
PROFESSIONAL UMPIRES: Preference will be given to a Host C	luh aare	eing to employ USPA Professional Umpire	· c	
LIABILITY INSURANCE: Effective January 1994, USPA C	lubs wi	ishing to host USPA National, Circuit	and Sanctioned Events	, must produce a certificate of Insurance WITHOUT A CURRENT CERTIFICATE
Signature:Club Delega		Pho	one #:	Date:
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USPA Circuit Governor

HOST CLUB TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Host Club is responsible for the collection and remittance of all USPA entry fees, contract fees, club dues, player dues, Host Club entry fees, and any other charges related to the event.
- B. The Host Club shall communicate the details of the event in such a way as to encourage maximum participation.
- C. The Host Club shall receive entry forms from all teams participating in the event on forms supplied by the USPA, and shall receive waiver, indemnity, assignment and hold harmless agreements from all individuals participating in the event on forms supplied by the USPA. The Host Club agrees to indemnify, defend and hold USPA harmless against and from any and all suits, claims, demands, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including reasonable counsel fees) arising out of USPA's use of photographic, broadcasting, taping, filming, television or similar rights, of any kind, of teams or individuals participating in the event who have not signed the prescribed USPA forms.
- D. The Host Club shall appoint a Tournament Committee which shall be responsible for conducting the event. As a condition for awarding the USPA National Event to the Host Club, the Board of Governors may reserve unto itself the right to designate and/or approve appointments to the Host Club Tournament Committee. The responsibility of the Club Tournament Committee starts at the time of the draw and end at the conclusion of the final game.
- E. The Tournament Committee shall select officials, including timer, scorer, and flaggers, for all matches. When possible, Umpires shall conform to the following standards:

Upper handicap limit of 22 goals and over handicap limit of 22 goals and below Upper handicap limit of 16 goals and below Upper handicap limit of 12 goals and below Upper handicap limit of 8 goals and below Upper handicap limit of 4 goals and below Upper handicap limit of 4 goals and below

AA Certified Umpire Upper AA-A Certified Umpire AA-A-BB Certified Umpire AA-A-BB-B-CC Certified Umpire AA-A-BB-B--CC-C-CT Certified Umpire

USPA Certified Umpires, if available, should be used. As a condition for awarding the USPA National event to the Host Club, the Board of Governors may reserve unto itself the right to designate and/or approve the umpires to be employed for the event. The USPA may also require that the Host Club enter into a contract with the USPA for the provision for umpires.

As a condition to awarding National, Circuit, or Sanctioned tournaments with an upper handicap limit of 20 goal and above, the Host Club will be required to contract with the USPA for at least two professional USPA certified umpires. In addition, horse emergency equipment (i.e. designated horse ambulance, screen, leg splint) must also be at field side during all tournament games.

F. The Host Club Tournament Committee shall apply and enforce USPA Rules and Policies throughout the event and shall, where necessary, make decisions regarding the interpretation of such Rules and Policies. The decision of the Committee is final, subject only to the authority of the USPA Board of Governors.

In events with an upper handicap level of 20 goals or more, the Host Tournament Committee may choose the Defended or Undefended procedure for Penalty No. 3.

G. The USPA owns all TV rights to USPA Tournaments. Prior to TV coverage, contact the USPA office for authorization and approval. For events to which USPA By-Law Section 5 applies, the Host Club shall obtain and grant to the USPA the right to use, and to permit others designated by the USPA to use, the name and pictures of the Host Club and all facilities and grounds used in connection with or related to the event, and the likenesses or pictures of all personnel, participants, spectators and any other related subjects at the event, in television and radio broadcasts, motion pictures, and similar media, and in advertising, publicizing and promoting the events.

USPA National Youth Tournament Series

Results Package For Blue Book

Host Club:	
Circuit:	
Play Dates:	
Number of Teams: _	
Zone:	



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This packet must be received by the USPA office no later than the 1st Monday in August to be eligible for National Championship consideration

Please Send to:

United States Polo Association

9011 Lake Worth Rd Lake Worth, FL 33467

Email: <u>tournaments@uspolo.org</u>

SUMMARY OF TEAM ENTRIES

TEAM:		TEAM:	
1	HCP_B	1	НСР
2	НСР	2	НСР
3	HCP	3	НСР
4	HCP	4	НСР
ALT	НСР	ALT	HCP
TEAM:		TEAM:	
1	НСР	1	НСР
2	НСР	2	НСР
3	HCP	3	НСР
4	HCP	4	HCP
ALT	HCP	ALT	НСР
TEAM:		TEAM:	
1	НСР	1	НСР
2	НСР	2	НСР
3	НСР	3	НСР
4	HCP	4	HCP
ALT.	НСР	ALT.	НСР

NYTS All-Stars

- I. The number of All Stars selected is determined by the number of teams in the tournament. Four All-Stars are selected when the minimum two teams compete. One additional All-Star is selected for each additional team entered. (Example: 3 teams-5 All-Stars, 5 teams-7 All-Stars.)
- II. Selected All-Stars do not need to compete in the final game or on the winning team.
- III. All-Stars will be chosen by the Host Tournament Committee based on skill, horsemanship, sportsmanship and riding ability.
- IV. There is no set number of All-Stars required for each team. (Example: If there are 3 teams competing in the event, the 5 selected All-Stars can be from any combination of teams).
- V. Zone All-Star Selection Committees will be responsible for naming 4 players and 2 alternates from the list of Regional All-Stars submitted to the USPA office for the National Championship event.

Email win photo to: tournaments@uspolo.org

Vinning Team:	
Names Left to Right (please print - no initials, no nicknames)	
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Injuries during Tournament:	
Equine:	
Player:	
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PLEASE REVIEW COMPLETE NYTS TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS IN YOUR USPA RULE BOOK PRIOR TO HOSTING A NYTS EVENT. WINNING TEAM MEMBERS DO NOT NECESSARILY QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONSIDERATION.

SUMMARY OF GAMES

Host Club:			CIR	CUIT:
Dates:			_ Handicap L	evel:
		Game 1		
TEAM:	Score:	vs Team:		Score:
		Game 2		
TEAM:	Score:			Score:
		Game 3		
TEAM:	Score:	vs Team:		Score:
		Game 4		
TEAM:	Score:	vs Team:		Score:
		Game 5		
TEAM:	Score:	vs Team:		Score:
		Game 6		
TEAM:	Score:	vs Team:_		Score:
		Game 7		
TEAM:	Score:	vs Team:		Score:
		Game 8		
TEAM:	Score:	vs Team:_		Score:xt page for additional game.
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TEAM:	Score:	vs Team:_		Score:
Umpires:			Referee	e:

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- II. Selected All-Stars do not need to compete in the final game or on the winning team.
- III. All-Stars will be chosen by the Host Tournament Committee based on:
 - 1. Playing ability at their current handicap

- 3. Horsemanship
- 4. Sportsmanship

- 2. Team playing ability
- IV. There is no set number of All-Stars required for each team

 Example: if there are 3 teams competing in the event the 5 selected All-Stars

 can be from any combination of teams.
- V. Zone All-Star Selection Committees will be responsible for naming 4 players and 2 alternates from the list of Regional All-Stars submitted to the USPA office for the National Championship event.

VI. The following scorecard will be used to help assess the players as All-Stars:

Shirt Color	# Jersey	sey Participant Name Handicap Team Player Ho		Horsemanship (1-10)	Playing Ability at Current Handicap (1-10)	
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Comments on All-Stars and Participants: