



2006 Tetrathlon International Exchange

To qualify for the USPC Tetrathlon International Team the competitor must be between 16 and 21 years of age on Jan. 1, 2006 with a minimum rating of C-3 at time of application.

International Teams consist of the top four boys and girls. The Selection Panel determines the teams using information in the applications and recommendations. The Selection Panel will consider a candidate's ambassadorial attributes as well as the technical, athletic and teamwork abilities of each candidate. The Tetrathlon Committee is responsible for training and fielding International Tetrathlon Teams.

International teams will join teams from England, Ireland, and Canada at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA for the competitions in the U.S. and Canada. The exchange begins July 26, 2006 at the Virginia Horse Center and ends in Canada on August 11, 2006.

CHECKLIST

___ Tetrathlon International Exchange Application completed and signed. forms page of website

___ 2006 Medical Release Form: http://www.ponyclub.org/get_file.php?id=1392

___ Tetrathlon International Exchange Release/Code of Conduct (3 pages) forms page of website

___ Tetrathlon International Exchange Uniform Size Sheet forms page of website

___ Apply for or renew Passport (required for expeditious return to U.S.)

___ Tetrathlon International Exchange Recommendation Form sent to my DC.

Name of my DC _____

___ Tetrathlon International Exchange Recommendation Form sent to my RS.

Name of my RS _____

___ Recommendation Form sent to a Pony Club Official.

Name and Position _____

___ I understand that it is my responsibility to send the above listed Recommendation Forms and to follow up on their completion and receipt by the due date. I have read Appendix II of the Tetrathlon rulebook and understand the procedures outlined and understand the procedures have been modified for this year, by having no Selection Trial.

Signature _____

Name: _____

Tetrathlon Exchange 2006

Competitor Application

Selection Criteria for Competitors

Each participant must:

- Be a C3, B, H, H-A or A level Pony Club member in good standing.
- Be 16 to 21 years of age as of January 1, 2006.
- Have strong Horse Management skills.
- Have a strong record of service to Pony Club.
- Have high Ambassador qualities.
- Have a strong background in riding borrowed horses, Eventing at the Training level, and Show Jumping at 3'6".
- Have recommendations of your:
 - DC
 - RS
 - And one other Pony Club official (RIC, HMO, NE, BOG, Committee member, etc.)
- Assist with fundraising.
- If necessary, be able to meet prior to the official start of the Exchange to begin work as a team (location to be determined).
- Sign and adhere to a Code of Conduct.
- Complete all application requirements.

Instructions:

If you are able to meet the requirements listed above, please:

1. Complete the applicant information on this form. Have someone verify your running and swimming times. Have your DC sign the application. Then send the application recommendation form to the RS.
2. Give the DC, the RS and your 3rd reference a blank recommendation form and a stamped envelope addressed to:

Emsie Parker
PO Box 4155
Edwards, CO 81632
970-926-5280
970-926-5281
eparker@vail.net

3. Application, Uniform Sheet, Checklist and Recommendation forms must be postmarked by February 15, 2006.
4. Questions about this Exchange may be directed to Sue Smith, Exchange Committee Chair at Cedarbank@mindspring.com.

Name: _____

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**Competitor
Application**

If candidate is related to DC/RS, please have another club/regional officer write the recommendation.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. FULLY COMPLETED (REFERENCES INCLUDED) APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2006.

Name: _____

First

Middle Initial

Last

Address _____

City

State

Zip

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Email: _____

Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Pony Club member since: _____

Region: _____

Rating: _____

Club: _____

Swim Time: _____ **over 200 meters** _____ **over 200 yards** (only one required)

Event: _____

Event Date: _____

Signature & Title of person verifying time

Date

Run Time: _____ **over 3000 meters on a flat paved track**

Signature & Title of person verifying time

Date

Name: _____

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7. In what ways have you “given back” to Pony Club throughout your membership?

8. Why do you wish to participate in this exchange?

9. What are your future plans (within Pony Club as well as outside of Pony Club)?

Name: _____

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**Competitor
Application**

RS Name _____ Region _____

DC Name _____ Club _____

3rd Reference Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

_____	_____
Your Signature	Date

Parent: I support my child's application for the 2006 Tetrathlon Exchange. USPC Policy 6850, Attachment A, Funding: "The funding for International Exchanges is the responsibility of the participants". All International Exchanges run on a break-even basis. Participants are expected to fundraise to defray costs. Participants can raise money through personal solicitations or by paying for their portion of the event themselves. The USPC Development Office is available for advice and assistance in fundraising. I support my child's application for the 2006 Tetrathlon Exchange. I understand that the cost of his/her participation will be borne by his/her family and that it is estimated to be \$1,800 to \$2,000.

_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

DC Signature _____ Date _____

RS Signature _____ Date _____

Name: _____

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**Competitor
Recommendation**

Duplicate as necessary

This recommendation should be completed by the DC, RS and another Pony Club official (Instructor, RIC, HMO, NE, BOG, Committee member) and returned to **Emsie Parker, PO Box 4155, Edwards, CO 81632**. It must be **postmarked by February 15, 2006**. If the candidate is related to the DC or RS, please have another club/regional officer complete this form.

Potential Participant: _____

Pony Club: _____ Region _____

Person writing reference:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

How long have you known applicant?

Please use the reverse side of this form (or attach a letter to this form) to tell us what you can about this applicant that would help us to know him/her better. Please address each of the following points in your recommendation of the candidate. It is essential that you be totally candid in your assessment of the candidate's suitability for participation in the Tetrathlon Exchange. All replies will be confidential. We very much appreciate your interest in writing on behalf of this applicant.

- Riding capability/ability on borrowed horses
- Excellent Horse Management skills
- Strong record of Pony Club and support of Pony Club ideals
- Does the candidate relate well with peers and adults?
- Are there particular qualities that will make this person an effective team member and a good ambassador for the USPC, i.e. maturity, social skills, patience, team experience and demonstrates consistently high standards of behavior.

Signature