



QUIZ 2026 Information Sheet

The 2026 QUIZ competition will be held on Saturday, March 7th at the Locust Trace AgriScience Center in Lexington, Kentucky. (3591 Leestown Rd., Lexington, KY 40511) The competition will be held according to the 2025 QUIZ Rulebook which can be reviewed at www.PonyClub.org .

We will use the 2025 discipline rulebooks for all phases.

On March 7th, the registration table opens at 8:00 am EST and Competition begins promptly at 9:30 am EST. Packets will be handed out by club- please have a designated person for your club to pick up packets.

** All volunteers need to be present for orientation beginning at 9am in the Assembly room.

The organizing secretary for 2026 is: Kathleen Magsam, Email: magsamk@yahoo.com, Phone (484) 459-4473, Address is: 537 Boyers Chapel Rd, Sadieville, KY 40370

Opening date is: January 1, 2026

Closing date is: January 31st, 2026

Please send all checks and chaperone forms to the secretary no later than 2/7/26.

Entries will be online with the google form only. The link to the google form is

<https://bit.ly/midsouthquiz26>

The divisions and team compositions are as follows:

Starter D: Ages 5-9

Novice D: Ages 10-11

Junior D: Ages 12-17

Novice C: Ages 10-11

Senior D: Ages 18 and Up

Junior D and Up: Ages 12-17

Junior C and Up: Ages 12-17

Senior C and Up: Ages 18 and Up

- Unrated Pony Club members compete as D-1s and abide by D regulations.

Note: Younger age divisions can always compete up to older age division. *A competitor's age is determined by their age as of JANUARY 1 on the year of competition. We do not recommend that competitors ages 5-11 compete above Novice Level because of the changes in questions, conferring rules and overall expectations

Championships Qualification Process

Each individual Pony Club member who desires to compete at Championships **must compete in a Qualifying Regional Rally and be judged at the minimum Horse Management level and same competition level in which they intend to compete at Championships**. This constitutes the “individual qualification” of the competitor, and there are no exceptions to minimum age or certification requirements. *If no Quiz rally is available, complete an equine-knowledge based competition and participate in an unmounted club or center lesson.*

Championship Divisions are as follows (minimum requirements shown):

Championships Divisions

Division	Level	Age	Certification
Novice	D	10-11	D-2 HM
Junior	D	12-17	
Senior	D	18+	
Novice	C	10-11	C-1 HM
Junior	C & Up	12-17	
Senior	C & Up	18+	

- Championship divisions can be combined based on entry numbers and approval from the Vice President of Activities and the Overall Organizer. **There are no age and no certification exceptions.**

The invitation to represent the region at Champs is based on INDIVIDUAL placing, not team placing.

Team Configuration

1. Teams shall normally consist of 3 or 4 members with one member being designated as Team Captain. The team will belong to one division based on age and Horse Management certification.
2. At the Organizer's discretion, there may be an alternative configuration of teams based on entries.
3. No D may compete on a C and up team; and no C and up may compete on a D team.

Team Captains

Each team entered in the competition shall have one member designated as Team Captain who shall act as spokesperson for the team. Only the Team Captain may lodge a protest on behalf of any team member (see Article 64).

Exception for Midsouth competition regarding Certification level:

Since the opening date is so early for this rally, you have until the CLOSING date of January 31st to up rank your members if you want to enter them into a higher level of competition. If you decide to do this, send a note with the entry with the anticipated new level and make certain you notify the USPC national office and the RS **immediately** once that is complete. Member certification levels are checked against regional and national rosters prior to forming divisions so haste is required if you need to do this. If you do not, the member will be placed in the division where the rosters show they should be. *This is most important if a competitor is being entered into a qualifying division with the hopes of going to Championships.*

Fees:

- ❖ Entry fee per competitor: \$80.00(includes lunch). Lunch choice will be pork or chicken bbq, chips, a cookie and choice of water or lemonade. Soft drinks available for purchase. Additional lunches for non-competitors may be pre-purchased for \$15.00 per person. Please include those extra lunch payments with your entry.
- ❖ Extra lunches can be purchased the day of the event, but in order to have the correct amount of food please reserve your lunches.

***** No refunds for entries will be issued after the closing date – January 31st, 2026.**

There will not be a dance or dinner. There will be food trucks- Mexican, Pizza and a couple more- for dinner. You may also bring your own food. Awards will happen after the scores are finalized.

Table Decorating Contest: We will again have a club table decorating contest. This competition will be judged at 12pm by the ground jury. Each club will be allowed one table per 4 competitors. Please do not bring glitter and plan on having your tables cleaned up and put away prior to the awards ceremony so we can set up for the awards.

Vendors: There will be 3 clubs allowed to have vending space in the Library. They can use tables in the library but must put everything back as it was placed originally. The spots will be first come- first served. Shop Pony Club will be located in the front office of the school.

After- Competition Activities: The Locust Trace FFA will offer some team building activities in the indoor arena after competition is done.

Volunteers: Each club needs to provide the names of at least **TWO volunteers per team**. Any volunteer who works in a position that lasts at least 4 hours will be given a lunch voucher in appreciation for their support of the competition. A volunteer link will be sent out once we have all of the entries. If a volunteer has not signed up for a spot by February 1, 2026, then the volunteer coordinator will assign a job. We must have volunteer emails to schedule volunteers.

Reader/scribes: The rulebook addresses assistance during the written test... "**Any competitor may have his/her test read to him/her. A reader will be assigned by the Organizer.**" If you have a competitor who cannot complete the competition without assistance, please contact the secretary ***prior to the competition*** to discuss.

Hotel information: Locust Trace is a two-minute drive from Masterson Station Park. There are many hotels within a short drive of Locust Trace AgriScience Center. Some

include: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lexington Dtown Area-Keeneland 1780 Sharkey Way, Lexington, KY 40511•(859) 231-0656; Staybridge Suites Lexington,

125 Louie Pl, Lexington, KY 40511•(859) 233-2300

Chaperones: Each team requires a chaperone. Please include a chaperone form with your entry. Chaperones do not receive lunch but can purchase lunch with their entry or bring their own. Chaperones of Starter teams cannot volunteer, all other chaperones are welcome to volunteer.

Composite Teams: If you can contact other DCs and make up your own composite teams, that would be appreciated.

Competitor Attire for Quiz:

Pony Club Pins must be worn at all times.

Medical Armbands or Bracelets must be worn at all times.

Long pants, mid-length or longer shorts or modest length skirts made of khaki, chino or denim materials of any color, with no rips or tears, and a shirt with sleeves, are examples of appropriate attire for unmounted work in the barn and Quiz Competition. Athletic shoes are permitted for all phases EXCEPT the Barn Phase. During the Barn Phase competitors must wear proper unmounted footwear. Also, this year we will have the Barn Phase in a real barn, in February, so please bring a winter coat. **No paddock boots means elimination from barn phase; no pin means penalty points every phase; no medical armband with medical card or bracelet means CANNOT COMPETE!**