

2017 Nations Cup Championships

York Stables and Equestrian Center

LaGrange, Kentucky

September 3-9, 2017

The United States Mounted Games Association is proud to host the Eighth Annual International Mounted Games Association Nation's Cup Championships at York Stables and Equestrian Center in LaGrange, Ky. York Equestrian Center is a working horse farm on 160 acres near Louisville. It has 52 stalls, wash stalls and a 250 by 400 foot all-weather arena. It is 30 minutes from Louisville where the Kentucky Derby is held.

THE COMPETITION

The competition will consist of three qualifying sessions of ten games each and two finals. The tentative schedule for the qualifying sessions and the finals are as follows:

Session	Date and Time		
One and Two	Thursday	Sept. 7,	9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Three and Final One	Friday	Sept. 8,	9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Final Two	Saturday	Sept. 9,	10:00 a.m.

All games will be played. All USMGA props meet IMGA standards.

Awards and Scoring

Scoring will be according to international rules

Ribbons will be awarded after the final to each rider. The Nation's Cup trophy will be awarded at the final banquet.

A. PONIES

During the competition all ponies will be stabled on the grounds under the direction of the resident Chief Barn Manager Margaret Welsby and her assistants. Feed/water/supplements will be given under barn manager direction only. **Competitors should make no additions to the ponies' diet.** It will be each rider's responsibility to care for the pony, the stable manager will be there to assist. We expect that you will care for the ponies in the same way that you care for your own, that stalls will be kept clean, and that ponies will be hosed off and wrapped if needed. Ponies will be stabled at the York from Sunday before the competition until the end of the competition on Saturday. Practice schedules will be posted in the arrival packet and will be in designated areas, at designated times. Ponies may be sourced from anywhere you choose but there will be pool ponies available

A.1 Borrowing Ponies

Almost all ponies for this event will be loaned. Teams will be assigned team ponies with comparable amounts of skill, speed, experience and size. We will be using the information you send us on rider size to guide us in pony selection. Every effort will be made to properly match rider size and weight with appropriate-sized ponies. For this reason it is extremely important that you forward your rider selection to us, including weight and height, **as soon as possible**. We will have to supply up to eight teams with ponies. This would be difficult or impossible to arrange at the last minute.

A.2 Ponies at the Competition

- The competition grounds will have a large practice ring complete with props.
- Ponies will be kept in assigned stalls at York.
- Tack stalls will be allocated to teams.
- There will be a feeding and cleaning chart posted in all tack stalls for each team.
- Supplies such as buckets, forks, skills, and grooming tools will be supplied to each team.
- All tack except stirrups and leathers will be supplied.
- Barn managers and security will be on site 24 hours a day.
- Your arrival packet will include a section on what is expected in caring for your borrowed ponies as well as a detailed profile on each pony including experience, owner name and contact number, pros and cons, likes and dislikes, etc.
- There will be a veterinarian and blacksmith on call or on the grounds at all times.

B. ENTRY FEE

Since most of you will not be bringing your own ponies, entry fees cover:

- Entry fee
- Pony stall
- Tack room
- Stall bedding
- Pony feed and hay
- Cost of borrowing pony
- Cost of transporting the pony to competition grounds
- Lunch and evening meal each day from Sept. 3rd - 9th
- Trip to Churchill Downs racetrack, trip to horse breeding farm and outlet mall (for team and trainer), and final banquet cruise

B.1 Entry Fee Amount and Payment Deadlines (Funds are in US. dollars)

Deadline	Date
Commitment form and \$1000	June 1, 2017 entry fee payment and application
Total Team Entry Fees (including \$100 deposit for equipment) \$3,500 US Dollars per team due July 1, 2017	

B.2 Entry Fee Mailing Address

Entries to: Carol Jones
carol_wmga@hotmail.com

Payment to: Nations Cup, United States Equestrian Games Association Inc.
PNC Bank
12440 La Grange Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40245
Account number 3015415341
PNC Routing Number 083000108
S.W.I.F.T Code PNCCUS33

NATIONS CUP 2017
~ COMMITMENT FORM ~

NAME OF COUNTRY _____

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

C. TEAM ACCOMODATIONS

A list of hotels is provided in Attachment A. There are also a limited number of camper hookups available

D. TEAM SUPPORTERS

All team supporters are most welcome and encouraged to attend. Attachment A gives a list of hotels and camping available in the LaGrange area and a website for LaGrange hotels. All supporters are invited to attend our planned outside activities such as the final Banquet at the Ohio River cruise. Provision for their attendance will be sent to you and should be included in the final application. Late additions will be accepted on a "first come/first serve basis" if vacancies are available.

E. ABOUT THE UNITED STATES

- The US has extremely strict anti-drug and gun possession laws.
- Driving is done on the right side of the road. Most vehicles are automatic. Speed limits are imposed. An international driver's license is not required. The minimum driving age is 16. Most rental car companies impose an age restriction of 25 years of age. You must have a credit card to rent a car.
- Drinking age is 21 and proof of age is required in all drinking establishments. Young people will be carded. Drinking and driving strictly prohibited, if you plan to drink, have a designated driver.
- Most banks open at 9:00 AM till 5:00 PM with many banking centers open longer. Bank machines are available everywhere that are open 24 hours. Check with your bank to be sure your bank card will work in the US.
- Most transportation is by air or car. Some cities, such as Chicago, Washington and New York have good public transportation but many others do not. There are low airfare rates from Cincinnati and Louisville to many large cities if you choose to extend your stay and to see more of the United States.

F. WHAT TO BRING

- Valid passport - keep your ID in separate place in case of loss
- Light clothing, summer in Kentucky can be very hot and humid
- Saddle pads
- Helmet and boots
- Stirrups and stirrup leathers
- Country flag
- Small first aid kit
- Cheering section

NAME OF COUNTRY: _____

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE:

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

RIDER INFORMATION*

	Last name	First Name	Age	Weight	Height
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

*Each Rider must fill out and return a waiver with this application.

TRAINER:

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

USMGA host responsibilities commence Sunday Sept. 3, 2017 until Saturday Sept. 9, 2017. We would be glad to assist you with any sightseeing/travel arrangements if arriving earlier or staying later.

EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE: _____ AIRLINE _____ FLIGHT# _____

It's assumed that all riders and trainers will attend our planned events. The activities listed in bold are included with entry fee. The costs of all dinners, dances, and sightseeing tours etc., are extra costs for supporters. We will have an exact estimate of those costs before final payment is due. Please include a list of names of supporters that are attending along with payment in US Dollars.

RETURN FINAL APPLICATION AND FEES TO:

Carol Jones
carol_wmga@hotmail.com

Bank Details Provided Above

EVENT DATE: September 3 to September 9, 2017

EVENT NAME: Nation's Cup 2017

EVENT LOCATION: LaGrange, Ky

Note: Each Rider must sign and submit a Waiver to complete the application package.

Name of Rider _____ Date of birth: _____

Address _____ Country _____

Phone _____ FAX: : _____ Email _____

**THE FOLLOWING WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHT and LIABILITIES
 PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING**

The undersigned acknowledges the inherent risk involved in riding and working around horses, which risks include bodily injury from using, riding or being in close proximity to horses among other risks. And further that both horse and rider can be injured in normal use or in competition and schooling. In consideration for the privilege of riding and working around horses at the **Nations Cup Championships** the undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify **York Stables and Equestrian Center, the US Mounted Games Association**, its officers, sponsors and members and further release them from any liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury or illness to Undersigned or any horse owned by me or to any family member or spectator accompanying the Undersigned on the premises of the **York Stables and Equestrian Center**.

I fully understand that riding and the playing of mounted games are very dangerous activities. I fully understand that riding is a very dangerous activity with many inherent risks including (i) The propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the rider, trainer, groom or handler, (ii) The inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals. I wish to participate in these activities knowing they are dangerous. I accept and assume all the risks of injury (including death) to my property or me.

In exchange for being permitted to participate in these activities for myself, my heirs, guardian, and legal representatives. I release and agree not to make or bring any claim of any kind against **York Stables and Equestrian Center, US Mounted Games Association**, or its masters, officers, directors, members, employees, or guests or any landowners, landholders or the persons making property available for the **IMGA Nations Cup Championships**, for injury (including death), to me or any damage to my property whether from anyone's negligence or not, or any other cause, arising out of my participation in these dangerous horseback riding or related activities; and I also agree if anyone makes any claims because of any injury to me (including death), or for any damage to my property, I will keep all those released by this agreement free of any damages or costs because of those claims. My signature hereby indicates my agreement.

Rider Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____
 (if rider is under 21 years of age)

ATTACHMENT A: Accommodations

Listing of Nearby Motels

1. **[Best Western Ashbury Inn](#)** (BBB Rating: A+)
1005 New Moody Ln. LaGrange, KY 40031
(502) 222-5500
2. **[Super 8 Motel](#)**
1416 E Crystal Dr. LaGrange, KY 40031
(502) 225-9778
3. **[Comfort Inn & Suites](#)**
1001 Paige Pl. LaGrange, KY 40031
(502) 222-5678

Listing of Nearby Bed and Breakfast

1. **[Pillow and Paddock](#)**
Operated by: Francesca Jensen
Email: innkeeper@pillowandpaddock.com
3262 Old Sligo Rd. LaGrange, KY 40031
(502) 222-4372
2. **[Bluegrass Country Estate](#)**
1226 Bluegrass Parkway LaGrange, KY 40031
(502) 222-2009 | Toll Free 877-229-2009