

# **Maryland State Fair Pony Races** (NOTE: All rider/pony combinations must be preapproved before entry will be accepted, no exceptions.)

*Presented by The Maryland Million, Operated by US Pony Racing*

Timonium Race Track • Timonium, MD

## **Friday, August 26, 2016 • Post Time: est 5:30 pm**

### **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Races- Shetland Pony Steeplechase**

Restricted to registered and unregistered Shetland ponies, about 3 furlongs on the dirt over no more than 12 hurdles. Ponies must be under 46" and exhibit characteristics of a Foundation-type Shetland pony. Riders are not to have reached their 16th birthday as of the first of the year and must be size appropriate for mount. Multiple Divisions are planned if entries warrant. No not hesitate to enter more than one pony with the same rider.

## **Saturday, August 27, 2015 • Post Time: est 10:30 am**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Race- Pony Lead Line Trot Race**

For ponies ridden by juniors, who have not reached their 7th birthday as of the first of the year. Ponies must have lead line attached to their bridle and must be accompanied by an adult. About 80 yards on the dirt. Walk or trot; entries breaking out of the trot must pull up immediately and resume trotting, excessive breaking will result in disqualification. Riders must wear ASTM approved helmets. Yoke strap, overgirth & protective vest are highly encouraged. Racing silks encouraged, proper riding attire accepted. Indicate pony size when entering. Two or more divisions if entries warrant.

### **2nd Race- Large Pony Flat Race\***

For large ponies (over 13.2h, but not exceeding 14.2h), to be ridden by junior riders not to have reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday as of the first of the year. About 4 furlongs on the dirt.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Race- Pony Lead Line Trot Race**

For ponies ridden by juniors, who have not reached their 7th birthday as of the first of the year. Ponies must have lead line attached to their bridle and must be accompanied by an adult. About 80 yards on the dirt. Walk or trot; entries breaking out of the trot must pull up immediately and resume trotting, excessive breaking will result in disqualification. Riders must wear ASTM approved helmets. Yoke strap, overgirth & protective vest are highly encouraged. Racing silks encouraged, proper riding attire accepted. Indicate pony size when entering. Two or more divisions if entries warrant.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Small Pony Flat Race**

For small ponies (under 12.2 hands), to be ridden by junior riders not to have reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday as of the first of the year. About 2 furlongs on the dirt (main track).

### **5<sup>th</sup> Race- Shetland Pony Flat Race**

Restricted to registered and unregistered Shetland ponies, about 2 furlongs on the dirt. Ponies must be under 46" and exhibit characteristics of a Foundation-type Shetland pony. Riders are not to have reached their 16th birthday as of the first of the year and must be size appropriate for mount.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Race Medium Pony Flat Race**

For medium ponies (12.2h -13.2h), to be ridden by junior riders not to have reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday as of the first of the year. About 2 1/2 furlongs on the dirt (main track).

## **MAKE ENTRIES WITH: \*\*\*US PONY RACING\*\*\***

*Entries Close at Noon Monday, August 22, 2016*

Enter via [usponyracing.com](http://usponyracing.com) All entries must be prepaid via PayPal by the closing of entries.

Entry Fee \$30, PayPal: [usponyracing@gmail.com](mailto:usponyracing@gmail.com)

## **NO POST ENTRIES**

Ponies may be measured race day to ensure proper division placement, USEF cards will be honored, as will MSA cards. Ponies/horses may only compete in one race on the day. However, ponies may be used once in the lead line race and then in a non lead line race. All race entries (rider and pony) MUST be approved by US Pony Racing. Please email USPR as soon as possible to see about approval. Ponies who have run at the racetrack under TB racing rules in the last year are NOT permitted. All ponies must be at least 5 years old and have a current negative coggins and health certificate before they will be permitted onto the stable gates.

Proof of rider health insurance and signed release forms are required. Races may be combined, canceled, or split. Race order may change. Entry fees are non-refundable except in the case of cancelation.

**NOTE: Whips and blinkers are strictly prohibited in all pony races. All entries must wear current ASTM/SEI or NSA approved helmets. All ponies, except lead line trot entrants, must wear overgirths, yoke/neckstrap, safety vests and must have a proper bridle with a bit or a hackamore. All ponies should be healthy and sound, are subject to inspection, and may be turned away for any reason.**