

# Maryland State Fair Pony Races

*Presented by The Maryland Million, Operated by US Pony Racing*  
Timonium Race Track • Timonium, MD

## **Friday, August 25, 2017 • Post Time: 5:10 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 26, 2017 • Post Time: 10:30 am**

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

For ponies ridden by juniors, who have not reached their 8th 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.

### **2<sup>nd</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).

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

For ponies ridden by juniors, who have not reached their 5th birthday as of the first of the year. Ponies must have lead line attached to their bridle and may be accompanied by an adult in addition to leader. 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 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- 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.

**SEE PAGE TWO FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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

*Entries Close at Noon Monday, August 21, 2017*

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

**NO POST ENTRIES Entry Fee \$25, PayPal: [usponyracing@gmail.com](mailto:usponyracing@gmail.com)**

Ponies may be measured race day to ensure proper division placement, USEF cards will be honored. Ponies/horses may only compete in one race on the day. However, ponies used in the lead line may also be used in one 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 cancellation.

**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.**