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## High Hope Steeplechase to Host Pony Races

### *Pony Race Winner to Represent United States at Racing Festival in Abu Dhabi*

**LEXINGTON, Kentucky, August 28, 2018-** The High Hope Steeplechase, set to run on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 in Lexington, Kentucky at the Kentucky Horse Park, will host three pony flat races this year in addition to their regular card of sanctioned steeplechase races. High Hope has partnered with U.S. Pony Racing, who will organize and carry out their pony races. Races to be carded are for small, medium, and large ponies at least five years of age. Races are open to riders who have not reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. 5 years old and up

In partnership with the High Hope Steeplechase Races, the 2018 H.H. Sheikha Latifa Bint Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Racing Festival, the world's richest Arabian horse racing festival boasting nearly \$1.4M in prize money, will be hosting an International Ponies Cup. The "Cup" will compromise of a rider representing each of the following countries: Spain, Sweden, France, Belgium, New Zealand, Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States. Riders participating in this international pony race are required to be between the ages of 10-14 years old on race day and will be provided mounts by the Festival. The qualifying rider earning the most points in the High Hope Steeplechase Pony Races will receive a trip to the Festival, along with their parents, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates and have the opportunity to ride in an international pony race representing the United States on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Full specifications set forth by the H.H. Sheikha Latifa Bint Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Racing Festival, High Hope Steeplechase, and U.S. Pony Racing for the rider that will be chosen to represent the United States can be found at [www.usponyracing.com/AbuDhabiChallenge](http://www.usponyracing.com/AbuDhabiChallenge). Nominations for entries seeking points towards the opportunity to go to Abu Dhabi open on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and close September 12<sup>th</sup>. Entries close for entries not seeking points towards attending the Festival close on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Entries can be made at [www.usponyracing.com/HighHope](http://www.usponyracing.com/HighHope). For more information on attending the High Hope Steeplechase Races as a spectator or sponsor visit: [www.highhopesteeplechase.com](http://www.highhopesteeplechase.com).

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