

Mid Atlantic Games Series Competition 4

Morven Park
41580 Sunday Morning Lane
Leesburg, Virginia 20176
September 11/12, 2021



Closing Date: August 28, 2021
Early Bird Discount Date: August 14, 2021

Join us for the fourth competition of the 17th annual MGAA Mid-Atlantic Games Series at the Morven Park Equestrian Center facilities. This year there are five team competitions that make up the Mid Atlantic Series. (See the MGAA website for all the competition dates and locations) **High point trophies will be awarded to top teams at the end of Mid Atlantic Series based on each team's best placings from all five competitions.** All riders are invited to compete in the Mid Atlantic Series. You do not need to be a member of MGAA to enter and compete. All riders are welcome.

There are divisions for Open, Over 25, Intermediate, Novice and Leadline riders. (Green ponies will be accepted on an available room basis only.) You may enter as a team or enter as an individual to be placed on a team. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. **A team's competition slot is not guaranteed until at least FOUR team members' forms (fees, entry form, coggins, competition release and if necessary medical release) are complete and in the organizer's hands. The mail date of the fourth member of a team will be used to determine the team's acceptance date.** All teams are placed on a waiting list until the entries and payments from four riders are received. The team's status will then change to accepted/reserved. After the maximum number of teams for a division is received, the division will close and any other team entries will stay on the waiting list until a cancellation is received.

The Organizer reserves the right to scramble riders or form 5-man teams from individual entries. The Organizer reserves the right to close entries before the closing date if the facility capacity is reached early.

Incomplete entries will be subject to the \$20 late fee unless in organizer's hands before the closing date. Paperwork turned in the morning of the competition is subject to additional \$20 fee.

Entries may also be registered using the Online Form:
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/MGAA1/2021MA4>

Divisions: * Number of teams accepted for each division may be modified as entries warrant.

All divisions will play two 10 game sessions on Saturday, and one 15 game Finals session on Sunday.

The 2021 IMGA/MGAA Mounted Games Rulebook will be used. Competition Format is TRADITIONAL TEAMS

- ❖ **Over 25:** GR 15.1.4 This division is reserved for riders 25 years of age and older as of January 1, 2021. The rider should be able to at least trot and canter most of the games, know the rules and how to play the races and be a confident rider. The O25 division is not for Open Riders or Green Ponies. Mounting blocks are permitted in this division in accordance with MGAA GR19.4. **Maximum of 8 teams accepted**
- ❖ **Open:** GR 15.1.3 The Open Rider and pony combination are at the highest level of mounted games riding, and the Open Rider generally has excellent vaulting skills. The Open skill level is such that a rider can negotiate all aspects of mounted games playing at a fast pace safely and under control at all times. The Open Rider shows maturity through their ability to remain focused under pressure, exhibit awareness and attention to the surrounding field, and react instinctively and safely throughout the competition. Green ponies are not permitted in Open. This division is open to all ages. **Maximum of 8 teams accepted**
- ❖ **Intermediate:** GR15.1.3 Intermediate: The Intermediate Rider is not a beginner rider or new to the sport of Mounted Games. The rider should be able to trot and canter most of the games. The rider should know the rules and how to play the races. Green ponies ridden under control are allowed. This division is open to all ages. **Maximum of 8 teams accepted.**
- ❖ **Novice:** GR15.1.2 Novice: The Novice Division is reserved for riders who are new to the sport of Mounted Games, or are beginner riders. Riders are competing at a walk and trot and may canter between skills. Riders may be assisted on the field of play if necessary. Riders should be able to safely navigate their pony without a leadline, but a leader/handler may be used when needed for assistance with a specific task or skill. Leg-ups and mounting blocks in accordance with MGAA GR19.4, are also permitted. This division is open to all ages. The Novice division is not for Open, O25, or Intermediate riders. Riders who are comfortable riding in the Open, O25, and Intermediate divisions under any circumstance may not compete in the Novice division. The schooling of green ponies by Open, O25, and Intermediate riders is also not permitted in the Novice division. Novice riders are permitted to ride green ponies. **Maximum of 6 Teams accepted**
- ❖ **Leadline:** GR15.1.1.1 Leadline Ponies: Leadline Ponies may be used in other divisions and are exempt from rule GR1.10. This is the only division where a pony ridden in another division may take part. In turn, the races a pony being used in the Leadline Division takes part in will not count towards its race count limit stated in rule GR1.10. **Maximum of 3 Pairs or 3 Teams accepted. Runs with Novice Division.**

Other MGAA Division Definitions/Regulations for 2021: Open riders are permitted on scored Intermediate teams on green ponies only. One Open rider is permitted per scored Intermediate team. Open riders may only ride the pony they entered the competition with and no other pony on the Intermediate team. Open riders are not permitted to ride in the intermediate division in pairs or individual competitions for points. Open riders may ride green ponies in scored team competitions in the Intermediate division up to seven times per year.

MGAA GR 15.8 In all cases, the Chief Referee may remove a rider or pony from any team, pair or individual if they deem the rider or pony as not riding in a manner consistent with the description of that division. This decision is at the sole discretion of the Chief Referee and is not subject to the Appeal Process CR21.1 - CR 21.4 or any additional challenge.

ENTRY FEES: Make checks or mail order payable to **Maryland Equestrian Foundation**. Or pay using Paypal account mdeqfnd@gmail.com.

Entry Fees	Early Bird Discount postmarked by August 14, 2021	Postmarked by Closing Date August 28, 2021	\$20 Late Fee postmarked after closing date August 28, 2021
MGAA member	\$70.00 (\$30 for Leadline) (\$35 for Green if room)	\$80.00 (\$30 for Leadline) (\$35 for Green if room)	\$100.00 (\$50 for Leadline) (\$55 for Green if room)
Non-Member	\$90.00 (\$30 for Leadline)	\$100.00 (\$30 for Leadline)	\$120.00 (\$50 for Leadline)

Paperwork turned after September 11, 2021 is subject to **additional \$20 fee**.

Team Reservations: Only teams with **four Paid** riders will be accepted as reserved teams for their division. Email may be used to send in entry forms, coggins, medical releases and/or competition releases. However, the paperwork must be emailed using the early bird date or closing date to qualify for the entry fee associated with that date.

Refunds: 100% of the entry fee will be refunded for all requests before or on the Early Bird Date of August 14, 2021. **Refunds after the Early Bird date will be subject to a \$25 processing fee.** Refunds for stalls/facility fees and camping will be refunded in total if written request is made before the competition move-in date of September 10, 2021.

Change Requests: Any changes or cancellations must be made in writing using the organizer's mailing address or the organizer's email address: hpcp@yahoo.com. Requests made via Facebook or text are NOT considered valid requests.

Online Entries: Entries may be completed using the following online form. You will receive an email giving the information you used to enter the competition. Hopefully this will make it easier for the rider to enter and the organizer to track rider information. Please feel free to enter using <https://www.cognitofrms.com/MGAA1/MidAtlantic4>

Payment: Checks and money orders should be written to **Maryland Equestrian Foundation**. Payments may also be made by PayPal using the Paypal account of mdeqfnd@gmail.com. All payments not made using the **Send to a Friend** option will be returned and must be resubmitted. Please add notes to the Paypal payment identifying who the payment is covering.

If you have questions, please contact:

Sharon Brown, 15710 Union Chapel Rd, Woodbine, MD 21797
Cell: 443-285-2603 email: hpcp@yahoo.com

Tentative Schedule and Race List

Schedule is subject to change as circumstances warrant.

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
TBD	Check in	8:30 AM	Finals Begin
	AM Sessions Begin		
	Lunch Break		
	PM Sessions Begin		

Saturday AM	Saturday PM	Sunday Finals
Speed Weavers	Rubber Ducky	Speed Weavers
Carton	Joust	Joust
Litter Pony Express – Novice/Leadline	Association	Bottle Exchange
Bottle Shuttle	Tack Shop	Tool Box – Open/Intermediate Tack Shop – Novice/Over25/Leadline
Tool Box	Hula Hoop Carton – Novice/Leadline	Association
Mug Shuffle	Three Pot	Hi Lo
Sword	Twitter Two Flag – Novice/Leadline	Sock
Four Flag	Three Mug	Pony Express
Sock	Windsor	Sword
Ring Race	Flag Fliers	Hula Hoop Carton – Novice/Leadline
		Two Flag
		Four Flag
		Hoopla
		Mug Shuffle
		Flag Fliers
TIE BREAKER ALL DIV	Flag Fliers	

Order of Games listed in Program may be deleted or changed if weather is windy or muddy.

Tie Breaker Race will be used to determine outcome of each Division's Final if necessary.

For more information about these MGAA games and rules for games, see the MGAA website:
<http://www.mountedgames.org>. You may also download a copy of the MGAA Rulebook from there.

Volunteers: ALL RIDERS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK AS RING CREW OR ASST. REFEREES.
TIMES WILL BE ASSIGNED. PLEASE PLAN TO BE AT THE VENUE UNTIL YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS COMPLETED, ESPECIALLY FOR THE FINALS.

All ring crew and officials will need to help with the manure pickup during each division session. If you are unable to complete your assignment, it is up to you to find a replacement and notify the organizers of that substitution.

Teams not providing at least 3 volunteers per session will have a 5 point penalty added to that session's totals.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Morven Park (<https://www.morvenpark.org/>) is located in Leesburg, Virginia. Listed below are Morven Park general regulations. Please be thoughtful guests and leave the grounds and facilities as we found them or better.

1. Morven Park is a 1,000-acre historic estate and horse park in Leesburg, Virginia, United States. Located on the grounds are the Morven Park Equestrian Center, Morven Park Mansion, the Winmill Carriage Museum, formal boxwood gardens, miles of hiking and riding trails, and athletic fields.
2. Morven Park Equestrian Center is a private non-profit and gets its income from donations and competition rental fees. It is not financed by Federal, State or Local taxes.
3. Please park in one of the two stonedust parking areas near the barns or in the parking area near the Indoor arena. If you do not need your trailer to camp in or to use as a tack room, please park your trailer near the Indoor arena. This will give the riders trailering in for the day more room to park and tie their ponies.
4. Do not block the entrances or exits to and from the parking areas.
5. You may not park within 25 feet of any barn by order of the Fire Marshall.
6. No smoking is permitted in any barn/building.
7. All biohazard materials must be placed in the **RED** biohazard containers located in each barn.
8. There are wash stalls outside the barns. Two barns have wash stalls inside (Barn 2 and Barn 4). The wash stalls in Barn 2 and Barn 4 provide hot and cold water. The wash stall in Barn 4 is a converted stall so doorway is a bit tight. The wash stall in Barn 2 is shared with the Therapeutic Riding Center and is not always available.
9. Ponies may be grazed by hand in the grassy areas near the barns but not in the areas around the arenas or other areas so marked.
10. **NO riding is allowed on the steeplechase/race courses or in the other competition arenas.** Please stay in the barn area and parking area at all times. You may warmup in the warmup arenas near Barn 2. DO NOT ride near the soccer and athletic fields area.
11. No drones allowed.
12. No pony paddocks are allowed to be setup or used.
13. No vehicle may be driven on the roadways around the arenas. They were built for ponies not cars and trucks.
14. There is a great observation hill where you can setup to watch the games at the end of the competition arena near the C line.
15. You may trail ride on the property **BUT you MUST** register at the office before you ride and you must pay a fee. You may NEVER ride on the steeplechase course or athletic fields however.
16. Morven Park is very proud of their new (in 2018) all weather competition arenas. This is the second time that a games competition has been held using one of their new arenas so we want to make sure that we treat it with respect. **We have been asked to clear all the manure from the arena footing during each Division's riding session.** Morven Park provides wheeled manure bins and manure forks for the task. Please use them as part of your arena party tasks.

Arena: The competition is held in the main arena which is an all weather footing fenced arena. (300 ft x 350 ft). 8 Lanes will be setup for the playing arena if needed.

Weather Plans: The competition will be held regardless of weather. If for some reason the competition is cancelled, competitors will be notified and entry fees refunded.

Stabling: Stalls are offered at \$70 for the weekend (Friday/Saturday nights, leave on Sunday). You may book additional stall days for a fee of \$30 per stall per day. If you trailer in just for the day and tie to your trailer, you are charged \$10 per day per horse. There is a minimum charge of 2 days for either option.

Food/Water: There are a few fast food places close to the grounds. There are NO showers available. Water for the ponies is available from the barns, wash areas and faucets in the camping areas.

Restrooms: There will be port-a-pots placed around the grounds. There is one restroom in the Morven Park office area. To get to it, follow the steps up to the office and use the outside back entrance to the office hallway. Do not use the doors on the front of the office.

DOGS MUST BE LEASHED, PLEASE!!!!

STALL INFORMATION/FACILITY FEES



There are 6 barns available for stabling and 143 stalls total. You must reserve your stall when you register for the event. There is a \$70 charge for stall usage (includes Friday and Saturday nights). There is an additional \$30 charge for each additional stall night required. Riders who are hauling in for the day are charged \$10 per day per pony.

All stalls must have a stall card including: (Think Pony Club)

- 1. pony name,**
- 2. rider name,**
- 3. contact phone number and**
- 4. contact's location during the competition.**

Diane and I will create these stall cards from the Google Document stall registration information so please provide ALL the specific information and not just a general pony owner last name or team name.

If you need a stall for the competition, we advise you to reserve your stall by using the MAG4 Stable Reservation Google Document. If you request but have not reserved a stall before the competition, we will reserve one for you. If you are reserving stalls for your team, please provide all the required information for each pony and teammate. **If you don't have that information, do not reserve a stall for your team mate. Please make sure that your teammate has their stall number if you register for them. Handling duplicates takes time for the organizers to straighten out and blocks stalls for someone else who might need them.**

Follow this link to the [MA4 Stall Reservation Google Document](#):

Once at the stall reservation document, review the stall map, choose your stall, and go to the signup area. If the stall is available (entry is blank), fill out the rider's name, the pony name, the contact's phone number and the contact's evening location during the competition. Close the document web page.

General Barn/Facility Rules:

1. NO nails or staples are ever allowed in the stalls or stall doors. There is a \$35 fine if they are found in your stall at the end of the competition.
2. You may use twine or other temporary equipment to tie up buckets, haynets, etc. during the competition but please remove at the end of the competition. \$35 fines will be charged if a stall is not completely empty of twine, hooks, nails, staples, etc. during the walkthrough at the end of the competition.
3. ALL stalls are required to have stall cards listing the 1) rider's name, 2) pony name, 3) contact phone number and 4) contact's location (home, hotel, camping, etc.). (Think pony club). There are plastic stall card holders (4"x6" cards) on each stall that may to be used to hold these stall cards. Diane and I will create the stall cards from the information found on this stall reservation form. Please make sure those four pieces of information are listed not just a team or rider name. If you make your own stall card, please list all the required information and use duct tape to attach to the stall. Please remove at the end of the competition.
4. Only bagged type of wood shavings may be used. NO other type of bedding is allowed. You do not need to strip the stalls when you leave.
5. DUMP your water buckets outside the barns and not in the stalls or aisles.
6. Please keep aisles and wash stalls clean of manure. All wash stalls must be cleaned after each use. Manure tubs and forks are provided in each barn. Please use them and place your manure in the manure pits located near each barn.

By reserving a stall at Morven Park, I am agreeing to abide by these Barn Rules.

ACCOMODATIONS

Camping: There is a \$30 charge per day for camping with or without electrical hookups. No water hookups.

Camping is extremely limited at Morven Park. Loudoun County Virginia does **NOT** allow public campgrounds in the county. You may however camp in the stone dust trailer parking areas but NO hookups are available. There are two stone dust trailer parking areas that may be used (Marked as Camp1 and Camp2 on the map shown above). Each has ONE shared electrical board with 5-7 electrical plugs. Some electrical plugs are 20amp and some are 30amp. Using these plugs requires a long or very long extension cords to access. Access to the electrical panel in Camp area 2 is usually blocked by cross country jump storage. The electrical hookups are not guaranteed to be available.

Camping Guidelines:

- ❖ NO Tent camping is allowed.
- ❖ You must camp in your trailer or camper.
- ❖ You may bring generators.
- ❖ Quiet time is from 10pm to 7am.
- ❖ There are NO showers and the only water is the water from faucets at either end of the stone dust parking arenas or in the barns or wash stall areas. Please bring a hose or share with another.
- ❖ No extension cords or hoses may be hooked up to the barns for camping.
- ❖ Campers should park along the back edge of the camping areas furthest from the barns and closest to the electrical plugs and water faucets. This will allow riders coming in for the day an area to park and tie ponies.

By signing up for camping at Morven Park, I am agreeing to abide by these Camping Guidelines.

Motels nearby:

For those who prefer to stay in a motel, there are several motels nearby. Many of the motels have discounts, just ask for the Morven Park discount.

Hampton Inn & Suites 117 Fort Evans Rd NE, Leesburg, VA 20176 (703) 669-8640	Best Western Hotel 726 E Market St Leesburg, VA 20176 (703) 777-9400	Comfort Suites 80 Prosperity Ave SE, Leesburg, VA 20175 (703) 669-1650
Clarion Hotel 1500 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176 (703) 771-9200	The Leesburg Colonial Inn 19 S King St, Leesburg, VA 20175 (703) 777-5000	Red Roof Inn 721 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176 (703) 777-6622
Homewood Suites 115 Fort Evans Rd NE Leesburg, VA 855-605-0320		

Directions to Morven Park Equestrian Center:

Morven Park's Equestrian Center is located one mile north of the Town of Leesburg off Route 15 on Route 740 (Tutt Lane). (Note: Traffic is terrible on Friday evening rush hour.)

From Washington, DC:

Take the Dulles Toll Road/Greenway (VA-267) West approximately 28 miles. Take exit 1B for US-15 N/VA-7 East toward Frederick, Md. Continue NORTH on US-15 N Bypass for about 3.5 miles. Following the light at Battlefield Parkway, the north-bound lanes will split from the south-bound lanes. Just after they merge again, enter the left turn lane to turn LEFT onto Tutt Lane (Route 740). Continue .5 mile to the Morven Park entrance on the LEFT.

Option from VA-7/Leesburg Pike

Take VA-7 WEST toward Leesburg, exiting at US-15 N/Leesburg Bypass. Travel NORTH and continue to follow directions above.

From points west:

Take VA-7 EAST to US-15 N/Leesburg Bypass NORTH or take I-66 EAST or Route 50 EAST to US-15 NORTH. Take US-15/Leesburg Bypass NORTH. Following the light at Battlefield Parkway, the north-bound lanes will split from the south-bound lanes. Just after they merge again, enter the left turn lane to turn LEFT onto Tutt Lane (Route 740). Continue .5 mile to the Morven Park entrance on the LEFT.

From points north:

Take US-15 SOUTH toward Leesburg. After the light at White's Ferry Road/Raspberry Falls, watch for the third road on the right, Tutt Lane (Route 740). You will turn onto Tutt Lane just before the US-15 Business and US-15 Bypass split. Continue .5 mile to the Morven Park entrance on the left.

From Warrenton, Va., and points south:

From US-15 N/US-29 North:

Take James Madison Hwy./US-15 approximately 22 miles. At VA-7, turn right and continue on the ramp onto US-15 Bypass NORTH. Continue on US-15/Leesburg Bypass NORTH. Following the light at Battlefield Parkway, the north-bound lanes will split from the south-bound lanes. Just after they merge again, enter the left turn lane to turn LEFT onto Tutt Lane (Route 740). Continue .5 mile to the Morven Park entrance on the LEFT.



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ENTRY

Closing Date: August 28, 2021
Early Bird Date: August 14, 2021

All information is required – fill in all blanks – use n/a if necessary. Both pages of this form must be completed with all membership information and fees. Only ONE pony/horse per form.

Online Entry Form may be used: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/MGAA1/2021MA4>

Event: Mid-Atlantic 4 Event Date: September 11/12, 2021

Rider Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Pony Name: _____ Current 2021 MGAA Member? _____

Volunteer Name **REQUIRED:** _____

Volunteer email address: _____

Games Registration: If you are being placed on a scramble team, please list your mounted games experience on the back of the form to assist in team placement.

Team Name & Team Members:	Team Name: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Fees
1. Division:		\$
2. Stalls	Stalls: \$70 total for Friday/Saturday Or No Stalls (Daily fee): \$20 total for Saturday/Sunday <i>(Do not pay this fee if you are using stalls)</i>	\$
3. Camping	Camping: \$30 per day per spot. Very limited electric, no guarantee on electrical hookups, no water hookups, no tents.	\$
	Total	\$

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RELEASE

September 11/12, 2021



Please return this form with your entry.

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 Mid Atlantic 4 Mounted Games Competition the undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Mounted Games Across America organization, Mid Atlantic 4 organizers, Morven Park Equestrian Center, 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 Morven Park 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 me or my property.

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 the Mounted Games Across America organization, Mid Atlantic 4 organizers, Morven Park Equestrian Center, or its masters, officers, directors, members, employees, or guests or any landowners, landholders or the persons making property available for the Mid Atlantic 4, 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.

The undersigned competitor agrees to abide by MGAA rules and Code of Conduct along with rules of any affiliated association of MGAA.

Rider Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

(if rider is under 18 years of age)

Completed Entry Packet must contain:

____ **Mid Atlantic 4 Entry**

____ **Mid Atlantic 4 Competition - Release**

____ **Copy of current negative Pony Coggins (current as September 10, 2021)**

____ **MGAA Medical Release (Required, if rider is a minor (under 18), available on**

Mounted Games Across America website: <http://www.mountedgames.org>)

____ **Entry Fees (**Make checks/money orders payable to Maryland Equestrian Foundation****
or use PayPal account Mdeqfnd@gmail.com)

Mail entry packet to the Competition Organizer by the Closing Date of August 28, 2021.

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