

# Pacific Coast Arena Polo League 2025

## **OVERVIEW**

The Pacific Coast Arena Polo League is a multi-location polo competition. Teams will compete throughout the season at three different clubs. Players and teams compete to earn season-end awards. Teams must sign up for the entire league (substitutions allowed per USPA Arena Rule 3) and have a designated team representative. Players need to be prepared to play and work duties at their assigned times. Please note that we cannot always accommodate player time requests and that there may be games played on Fridays.

## **DIVISIONS**:

There will be 4 divisions of competition. The divisions are as follows:

A Flight: 3 to 6 goal – 4 chukkers, 2 games per event B Flight: 0 to 2 goal – 4 chukkers, 2 games per event C Flight: -3 (beginner players) - 2 chukkers, 2 games per event 7-10 Goal: 4 chukkers, 1 game per event

All participants must be USPA members. No individual player handicap may exceed the upper handicap limit of the event (i.e. no player with a handicap above 2 goals may play in the 0-2 goal flight).

### ENTRY FEE:

League portion of entry fee must be paid up front to secure a team's spot in 2025 PCAL: for A and B Flights - \$300/player or \$900/team, for C flight \$50/player or \$150/team/event, and for 7-10 goal \$450/team

In addition to League fees, each host club will charge \$250/player/weekend for that club's event for A and B flights.

C Flight entry fee is \$175/player/event (\$50 to league and \$125 to host club).

7-10 goal is \$525/team/event (1 game per event - \$150 to league and \$375 to host club).

Each team must designate a Team Representative who will be the point of contact for their team and responsible to collect and submit all payments and required paperwork.

To secure your teams' spot in 2025 PCAL, league fees must be paid in advance. Remaining host club amount will be paid to host club(s) prior to their events.

| DATE      | HOST CLUB | LOCATION  |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| May 2-4   | OC        | Silverado |
| May 16-18 | Lakeside  | Lakeside  |

June 13-15 CA Polo

Los Angeles

In case of inclement weather, PCAL reserves June 27-29 as a make-up date.

#### AWARDS

Awards will be given in each game – MVP, BPP, Sportsmanship Player Awards – Every player in PCAL will receive limited-edition PCAL swag. End of League awards shall be provided for the following categories:

- Team Awards based on number of teams in the flight.
- Most Valuable Player A, B and C Flight
- Best Playing Pony A, B and C Flight
- Best Sportsmanship A, B and C Flight
- Best Team Player A, B and C Flight
- Most Improved Player A, B and C Flight
- Additional Awards may be added

#### RULES

- PCAL will not be using a point system for 2025. We will be pivoting to a teambased system. Teams will receive awards for their place finish in the League. Individual awards will also be given as listed above.
- Each club will host 1 league tournament.
- Umpires plus 1 representative from each host club will select MVP, BPP and Sportsmanship for each game.
- In case of extreme heat, PCAL Committee will cancel or postpone the event.
- Game awards will be presented immediately following the game, please be ready for your photo at the awards location.

### HOST CLUB REQUIREMENTS

- 2 professional umpires will be secured from USPA Umpires LLC, Bradley Biddle. Host clubs are responsible to pay the per umpire fee for their event. Host clubs should contact Robin with a list of umpires they want to take advantage of training opportunities during PCAL and organize Friday afternoon pre-PCAL "umpire refresher" session at their club.
- Provide awards (tournament committee will select awards) for MVP, Best Playing Pony, and Best Sportsmanship for each match.
- Each host club must have a minimum of 3 full 4 chukker players in A or B Flight each day and/or 24 chukkers played per weekend. Players must be USPA registered with that club.
- Scan and email scoresheets for all divisions to Robin within 3 days of tournament PLEASE HAVE SCOREKEEPERS CLEARLY MARK WINNING TEAM, MVP, BPP & SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE SCORESHEET.
- Each club will provide a minimum of 3 people to be trained on PoloSK scorekeeping

- Have the arena prepared and provide a working PA system
- Provide a food truck or concession stand. For 2025, players will be expected to purchase their own food. This change is in lieu of raising entry fees.
- Have clean stalls and water available for rent plus ample trailer parking.
- Provide announcers (to be arranged in advance with tournament committee)
- EMT onsite at all games

#### TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

One representative from each Host Club will serve on the Tournament Committee. These individuals will evaluate and rule on problems that may arise during the tournament and assist in selecting MVP, BPP, Sportsmanship awards. Each Host Club has one vote in the event of a disagreement. In case of a particularly sensitive issue, the committee reserves the right to call in a neutral 3<sup>rd</sup> party to help get it resolved.

| Orange County: | Heather Perkins |
|----------------|-----------------|
| CPC:           | Rodney Fragodt  |
| Lakeside:      | Nicole Bankhead |
| USPA:          | Robin Sanchez   |

Tournament Committee members are eligible to play 1 spot at each tournament for no charge from club (club does not owe league fee).

Tournament committee will have a debrief conference call after each tournament to discuss issues/review handicaps. Handicap changes can take place for future PCAL games if majority of committee members agree.