

Texas A&M Polo Club

Alumni Tournament Fall 2023 Information Sheet

When: November 4-5, 2023

Where: 800 Wilpitz Rd, Brookshire, TX 77423

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/m3G9DmzJ1Dmixz5c6>

We will be able to accommodate up to 8 teams to play and provide horses for up to 6 teams during this tournament. Games will consist of 2 chukkers lasting 7.5 minutes each. Players will advance through the tournament as games are won/lost. In the event that we have less than 8 teams sign up to play, we will release an updated game schedule at that time.

We will still be playing 7 games as scheduled below if less than eight teams sign up, there will simply be an adjusted bracket where more teams are able to play each other.

Please see the schedule for the weekend below:

November 4, 2023									
8:30	10:00-10:30	15 min drag	10:45-11:15	15 min drag	11:30-12:00	15 min drag	12:15-12:45		
Horses and volunteers arrive at venue. Arena gets chalked, horses tacked	Game 1: Team 1 vs Team 2		Game 2: Team 3 vs Team 4		Game 3: Team 5 vs Team 6		Game 4: Team 7 vs Team 8		
Each game consists of two 7.5 minute chukkers									
November 5, 2023									
8:30	9:45-10:30	15 min drag	10:45-11:15	15 min drag	11:30-12:00	15 min drag	12:15-12:45		12:45+
Horses and volunteers arrive at venue. Arena gets chalked, horses tacked	Stick and Ball Session		Game 5: Winner of games 1 and 2		Game 6: Winners of games 3 and 4		Finals: Winners of games 5 and 6	Awards/Packup	

Here is the link to the **live** game schedule and horse assignments (subject to change based on horse availability and participant entries):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17PiHlunaf48PsFLSSaPzOS0JIpDU4pM0NtVJTNvm3DQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Alumni Requirement:

Our goal for this tournament is to have the vast majority of participants be club/team alumni. However, if an extra player is needed to fill a team, we are open to making exceptions to participate on a case by case basis. Please reach out to Yada van Noort to inquire about additional player participation.

NOCSAE Helmet Requirement:

Players are required to wear NOCSAE approved helmets when riding in the tournament (not required for stick and ball session). We have 6 club owned NOCSAE helmets that will be distributed to players as needed throughout the tournament.

Individual Entry:

Participants may enter into this tournament individually and be assigned to a team of other individual entries. Participants may also fill out individual registration and request other players to participate on the same team for the tournament

Team Entry:

Participants may submit a team entry through the link above and play in the tournament with their team. Game times and assignments will be made and updated in the above game schedule link as entries are submitted.

Stick and Ball Session:

We will be providing the opportunity to participate in a 45 minute stick and ball session at the start of day Sunday morning (9:45-10:30am) for those who would like to support the club and ride our horses, but do not wish to play in the tournament. Fill out the entry form above and select the "stick and ball" option. We will be able to accommodate 12 individuals to stick and ball during the assigned time on Sunday morning. You may also bring your own horse to stick and ball at this time if you would like.

Tournament Fees:

Individual Entry Fee: \$150

Team Entry Fee: \$450

Stick and Ball Entry Fee: \$50 if riding one of our horses, \$30 if bringing your own horse

Once you have completed the registration form above, you will receive an email with the entry fee payment link.

Horse Usage Fee: \$40/chukker/player (each game will consist of 2 chukkers)

Horse usage fees will be collected in person at the tournament via cash or check. Please note that if your team advances through the tournament, a horse usage fee will be charged for each chukker/game played.

For example, if your team loses their first game and is finished after that, you will be responsible for paying \$80 in horse usage fees. If you advance to the next stage in the tournament, you will then be responsible for an additional \$80

in horse usage fees for the second game.

Only the entry fees and registration forms must be completed in advance of the tournament.

Awards:

The following awards will be granted after the tournament concludes:

- Winning Team
- BPP
- MVP
- Sportsmanship
- Outstanding Alumni

Winning teams for each game will be determined on win/loss ratios and number of goals-scored. A shootout may be used in the event of tied ratios and points scored on a per-team basis. MVP, Outstanding Alumni, Sportsmanship and Best Playing Pony will be decided by a group consisting of members of the TAMU Polo Officers. Additional members of the deciding group may include other individuals who have observed the entire game and umpires. Some awards are voted on by spectators, players and/or committee and not subject to points

Participant Expectations:

Participants should arrive on time for their games and if bringing their own horses be ready and tacked by the start of the game. We will have volunteers ready to hotwalk horses between each chukker and assist players in mounting and adjusting as needed. Officers and current club members will be present and ready to assist in keeping up flow of the tournament throughout the day.

We are excited to see everyone playing back with the club again as the weekend rapidly approaches!

Please email yadavannoort@tamu.edu with any questions.

