

# National Sporting Library & Museum Polo Classic FAQs

## Event Information

### **Are tickets transferable?**

Yes, tickets to the Annual Polo Classic are transferable. General Admission and tailgate car passes are easily transferable and can be utilized in any car. Pavilion tickets are also transferable; in order to ensure the proper transfer of tickets and ease of check-in please notify the NSLM when transferring Pavilion tickets. Please call (540) 687 - 6542 or email [info@nationalsporting.org](mailto:info@nationalsporting.org)

### **How will I know where to park?**

Your parking area and the entry gate will be clearly indicated on your parking pass both in writing and by color. Parking attendants will be on site the day of the event to help direct traffic.

### **Can I buy extra tickets at the gate?**

Only General Admission tickets may be purchased the day of the event. They will be sold for **cash only** at the gate for a premium at \$60 per car. Please note: presale of tickets will close August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **In the event of the cancellation of the Polo Classic, will I receive a refund for the cost of my ticket?**

No, the Polo Classic is a rain-or-shine event. As the sole fundraising event for NSLM, our organization depends on the funds raised through the Polo Classic to help us produce the exhibitions and public programming critical to our mission. In the event of a cancellation all ticket purchases will be 100% tax-deductible.

### **Are dogs allowed at the event?**

Yes, dogs are permitted at the event, but they **MUST** be leashed for the safety of attendees, players, and horses.

### **Are tickets required for children under the age of 12?**

Children under the age of 12 are included in the cost of General Admission and Tailgate purchases. However, tickets are required for children who will be participating in the lunch service at the Founders' Pavilion.

### **What is the dress code for the event?**

Dress code is "garden party" style. Men are encouraged to wear jackets and women nice trousers, skirts, or dresses. Additionally, the event takes place on grass surface with no hard flooring and as such shoes with pointed heels are not advisable.

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## General Admission Area

### **How many entries are included with my purchase?**

General Admission passes allow in 1 vehicle with up to 4 adults.

### **What are my options for purchasing food in the General Admission area?**

The General Admission area will feature a number of food trucks with assorted food types from which tournament-goers can choose. Beverages can be purchased in the hospitality tent. Spectators are also welcome to bring outside food and drink.

### **Will I be required to present an I.D. when purchasing alcohol?**

Yes, Virginia State Law requires that all alcohol purchasers present identification.

### **What areas does my General Admission pass allow me to access?**

General Admission passes allow access to the General Admission area and hospitality tent, as well as tailgate and tailgate tent areas.

### **September is sometimes a very warm month. Where can I go to find shade, water, A.C., or fans?**

There is no air-conditioning at the event. Spectators can find shade in the hospitality tent or under the trees in the General Admission area. Cold beverages will be for sale throughout the day at the hospitality tent. Additionally, there will be EMTs on the premises should there be any immediate concerns with overheating or sun exposure.

### **Other than driving my own vehicle, are there alternative methods of transportation to and from Great Meadow?**

No, Great Meadow is located in a very rural area with no access to public transportation. Furthermore, no individuals without a car pass will be admitted onto the property at Great Meadow on the day of the event.

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## Tailgate Area

### **How many parking passes are included with my purchase?**

Tailgate purchases include 2 parking passes, and tailgate tent purchases include 4 parking passes.

### **What are my options for catering my tailgate?**

Market Salamander is the exclusive tailgate caterer for the 2018 Polo Classic. They will be offering a variety of food options for attendees to order and have delivered directly to their tailgate space.

### **What time can I come and set up my tailgate space?**

The gates to the event will open at 10:00am, at which point spectators are welcome to start arriving and begin setup of their space.

### **How many people gain access to the tailgate area with the purchase of my tailgate or tailgate tent?**

Tailgate ticket purchasers will receive 2 car passes (1 General Admission pass and 1 Tailgate pass), while tailgate tent purchases will receive a total of 4 car passes (2 General Admission passes and 2 Tailgate passes).

### **Can my friend with a General Admission pass come to my tailgate?**

Yes, General Admission attendees are free to move around and visit friends in the tailgate area.

### **Can my friend who has a Pavilion ticket come and visit my tailgate?**

Yes, Pavilion ticket holders can access all areas of the event.

## Founders' Pavilion

### **How many parking passes are included with my purchase?**

Individuals Pavilion guests will receive 1 parking pass per seat; Pavilion table purchasers will receive 6.

### **Are plus-ones who have not purchased a Pavilion ticket allowed in the Pavilion to watch the play?**

No, only those ticket holders with a Founders' Pavilion ticket and whose name is on the check-in list can access the Pavilion for the duration of the event.

### **Are children allowed in the Pavilion?**

Children are permitted in the Pavilion. However, we ask that parents be conscious of other guests who are there to enjoy the play and lunch service.

### **What is the dress code for the Pavilion?**

Dress code for the Pavilion is "garden party" style. Men are encouraged to wear jackets and women nice trousers, skirts, or dresses. Additionally, the Pavilion tent is pitched on a grass surface with no hard flooring and as such shoes with pointed heels are not advisable.

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## **Polo Matches**

### **What time does play start?**

The first match commences at 11:00am.

### **What time does play end?**

The end time of play varies depending on the speed of each match, but the final chukker is scheduled to finish between 3:00pm and 3:30pm.

### **How many matches are being played at the Annual Polo Classic?**

Two matches will be played during the event. The first match consists of 4 chukkers, while the second match will be 6 chukkers.

### **When will the parade be taking place?**

At the start of each match an honor guard, the St Andrews Society bagpipe corps, and the match players will parade down the field. Additionally, between matches the Orange County Hounds will ride down the field.

### **What is the divot stomp and who is allowed to participate?**

The divot stomp occurs at the halfway point in each match. It is a classic polo tradition rooted in practicality but is a fun way to get onto the field. During the divot stomp, spectators are encouraged to come out onto the field to “stomp the divots:” use their feet to stomp the grass divots that have been made during the match back in place. This helps to keep the field in good shape for the following chukkers. All attendees are encouraged to participate.

### **Can I bring food and drinks onto the field during the divot stomp?**

Yes, you may bring food and drink onto the field during the divot stomp. However, for the safety of the horses and players, we ask that you do not bring any glass onto the field or leave behind any debris.

### **Is there a hat contest during the divot stomp?**

Yes, the Snazzy Hat & Dapper Dresser award contests will be judged during the second match divot stomp.

### **I want to watch the awards ceremony. Where does that take place?**

The awards ceremony takes place on the side of the field closest to the Pavilion. All attendees are encouraged to watch.

### **I am a horse lover. Can I pet or feed the players' horses?**

No, for the safety of the animals and our attendees we ask that you not try to feed or pet the players' horses.

### **Where can learn more about polo?**

The website for the United States Polo Association has lots of helpful information, outlining polo rules and traditions, as well as providing a “spectator guide”. The link to their website is

<https://www.uspolo.org/>