



UK - USA Polocrosse Exchange Program 2023/24

What is this?

The UKPA are looking for two members who are interested in enrolling into an exchange program between the UKPA and USA Polocrosse association. The proposal is that the members will sign up to a two phase over two year exchange to give our members more opportunities to meet and play more international Polocrosse.

Phase 1. In 2023 host an inbound player within the UKPA season

Phase 2. In 2024 travel to the USA, to your exchange person and play in the USA Polocrosse season

What we are looking for?

We are looking at two members roughly 18-21 years old who are prepared to host an inbound USA Polocrosse player in 2023 season most likely anywhere from 6-12 weeks (up to nominees to provide an indication of preferred length) then travel to the USA in 2024 for a similar length.

The nominees should be keen Polocrosse players who attend/ prepared to attend regular club trainings and tournaments to allow our USA players the best opportunities to experience all the UKPA can offer for their time in the UK.

What would be required of you?

- To house and feed the exchange player whilst in the UK
- To provide a suitable horse (appropriate to the division being played, we will try to match exchange players to similar playing abilities to yourself)
- To transport exchange player to trainings and tournaments whilst in the UK
- To be responsible for entry fees or training fees for the exchange player whilst in the UK
- To make an active attempt to make club trainings and tournaments during exchange.
- To plan other fun activities/ sight seeing for the exchange player whether this is inside or outside of a club environment
- To pay for your travel and related insurance to the USA in 2024
- To carry out relevant travel documents ahead of travel to USA in 2024

What help is there?

In regards to the UKPA aiding this opportunity it has been agreed that to help reducing cost for our members during the inbound phase of the exchange the USA player will receive a 50% reduction in entry fee for the UKPA run events in the calendar (Early Season, UKPA Camp, Nationals) this is to help mitigate costs. The UKPA will also provide a free membership to the exchanged player which will give them the relevant insurance to train and play in the UK.

We strongly advise that you also approach your club to see if they are prepared to help with costs of trainings and club membership. It is our wish that you and your exchange player will become the heart and sole of your club whilst they are in the UK and therefore the first stage of that is discussing what this might look like in your club before you apply.

It is perfect acceptable to put the exchange players to work! Often in longer term exchanges the participants can expect to be asked to work for their upkeep so please keep that in mind if you or a local club member maybe able to use the extra help over the exchange.



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Why is the UKPA doing this?

We are looking to increasing our international relationships, this is to make the UK a more appealing prospect for international players to travel and play in the UKPA. This can lead to increase in our standards of play and more exposure of other countries styles of play. Other benefits we hope to gain is providing a framework where our young adults can travel to other countries whilst keeping our members playing at an age we have seen our largest drop off.

How to apply and how we will select a candidate?

If you are interested in entering into this exchange the first steps is to ensure you club is informed and can support you and your exchange player. The next step is to fill out the application form and submit this. Application must be submitted by 31st of December 2022

Once applications are submitted, the UKPA Executive will consider each application, take advice and guidance from you club regarding suitability and your current engagement with them. All this information will be considered before a final decision is made. You can expect verbal and written feedback on the success or unsuccessful application by 31st January 2023

Any Questions?

Please contact Chris Milburn for any further questions you might have? The UKPA are determined to increase our international opportunities and will assist you where every we can.

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