

HORSE MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER 2009

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<http://hm.ponyclub.org>

New for 2009:

Required Equipment List - Equine First Aid Kit: a scrub with antibacterial properties will now be accepted along with antimicrobial and antiseptic.

Leather tabs on peacock stirrups: while recommended, they are not required.

Competitors who are rated C+ or H-B will compete at the C-2 level in Horse Management at rallies.

Portable music devices such as iPods and MP3 players are allowed in the stable areas and should be used docked to speakers. Earbuds and/or headphones are a safety hazard and if used may only be in one ear.

Longeing (HM11b): In addition to the list of "Individuals Authorized to Longe": Any competitor C-3 and higher, regardless of age, the adult owner of the mount, or an adult designated by the owner, please add: At the discretion of the Chief HM Judge, any competitor may longe his or her mount directly supervised by a non-competing adult approved by the Chief HM Judge.

Rope Halters: Horse Management recognizes both the popularity and potential uses for rope halters. For safety, every halter used in Pony Club activities must fit well and either be made of leather or have a breakaway device. Should members choose to use rope halters, a hemp twine or leather loop, tab, or section shall be added to provide a breakaway feature. The halter must be appropriately fitted as described in the HM10b "Halters" in the Horse Management Handbook and Rules For Rallies. Particular care should be paid to the noseband which is often generously sized on rope halters. Halters intended for training purposes are not designed for stall or tying use and should not be used as such.

Short-shorts, a definition: 'Short-Shorts' are not allowed as appropriate attire for rallies under Horse Management rules HM15 b and HM18 a (and does not apply to Tetrathlon approved attire). To give everyone a clear, simple way of determining if shorts are too short, we are going to use the 'Fist Test'. Many schools in the United States have instituted this method as their standard.

Fist Test for Shorts at USPC Rallies: The competitor stands up straight and points their fingers to the ground, then makes a fist. To be acceptable, the hem of the shorts should fall at or beyond the end of their fist, no shoulder hunching allowed.

HM Scoring For Teams without a Stable Managers (3 or 4 Riders): At the discretion of the Regional Supervisor and rally organizer, it is possible to have a three or four rider team without a Stable Manager. In those situations a 'Ghost Stable Manager' should be created to carry the Required Equipment and Daily scores.

Sample HM score sheet for a 3-Rider team at a one day rally:

3 Rider Team w/ Ghost Rider Competitor #	Turnout Score	Required Equip. Score	Daily Sheet Total	Total
1	0			0
2	1			1
3	3			3
4 (Ghost rider)	1.33 (4/3)			1.33
5 (Ghost Stable Mgr)		2	4	6
			Total	11.33

Rally Reminders:

Please keep your jewelry at home. HM rule 18a (amplification) says the only jewelry you are allowed to wear at a USPC activity are Medic alert bracelets and/or necklaces, watches, wedding bands, and/or stud earrings. Specifically not allowed are dangling earrings and jewelry/piercing of any kind in the airway (nose, lips, tongue, etc.) or facial piercings.

Please dress appropriately for USPC rallies and activities. HM rule 18a (amplification) says competitor attire must be safe, appropriate, neat and in good repair. It also states shirts must cover the shoulder (to the point of shoulder – no tank-tops), and also cover the midriff (no bare midriffs). These dress requirements are in effect the entire time a competitor is on the competition grounds.



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Reminders For Rally Organizers:

USPC Intent To Rally Notification Form - is now available online at <http://hm.ponyclub.org> - under "CHMJ/HMO" tab.

This notification must be sent at least four weeks before a qualifying rally occurs and the Chief HM Judge must be selected from the Current List of Nationally Approved CHMJ's or the region risks the rally not being considered qualifying.

Required Equipment Amplification is now available on the Horse Management website, <http://hm.ponyclub.org> under 'Rally Resources'.

HM Rally Evaluations - To help improve the rally experience for all members it is vitally important that you distribute and return to the USPC office HM Rally Evaluations. They are available online at www.ponyclub.org, under FORMS. Please destroy all old versions of the HM evaluation forms.

- Horse Management Rally Evaluation - Competitors (one per team)
- Horse Management Rally Evaluation - Officials

Horse Management Impartial Observers Job Description - now available at www.ponyclub.org, under FORMS, HM: Horse Management Impartial Observers Job Description.

2007 Horse Management Rules For USPC Rallies - Additions, Deletions and Clarifications: (first printed in the 2007 Horse Management Annual Newsletter)

FORMS - (available on <http://www.ponyclub.org>, under 'Publications', then 'Rulebooks')

Addendum A: Includes new versions of:

- Appendix D, Form #2A - USPC HM Required Equipment List Overnight Rallies - All Disciplines
- Appendix D, Form #2B - USPC HM Required Equipment List One Day Rallies - All Disciplines
- Appendix D, Forms #3A, B and C - USPC HM Turnout Inspection (D1-A)

HM1 – Governing Documents. Clarification: Competitors are required to have only Part 1 of the Handbook along with any addenda and the current annual newsletter (as is stated in the Preface and Acknowledgments page vi of the Handbook and in Part 2 HM 14d Required Equipment). They may choose to have the entire Handbook or Part 1 and Part 2 of the Handbook but they are required, at a minimum, to have Part 1 of the HM Handbook, addenda and the newsletter in addition to the other documents listed in HM1.

HM 8b (Part 2) – Communication Devices. Clarification: This does not include boom boxes or MP3 players or other forms of playing music but is specifically intended to include those means of communicating with others outside of the immediate team and/or barn. The question has been raised about laptop computers being used during down time for watching movies, working on homework etc. The HM Committee believes that the intention is to prevent competitors from having a means of communicating with others for the purpose of gathering assistance and if a laptop computer is being used by a competitor the CHMJ will have to determine if the use is acceptable and may decide to allow the use provided it does not have internet capability at that time.

HM 12a (Part 2) - Work In The Barn Area; Safe and Practical; Stall Guards:

Change to read: Stall guards are used if the:

- The CHMJ allows competitors to use stall guards even when the stalls have doors, or
- The stall does not have doors. If there are no doors, then some method must be used to secure the mount safely in the stall, such as:
 - Stall guards ['two or more' deleted]
 - Stall grates

HM 13a (Part 2) - Feeds & Feeding; Feed & Hay; Pre-Packaged Feed:

Addition to this rule should read as follows:

- **Plastic is not allowed for pre-packing of feed except for the plastic bags specifically made for packaging feed and often used for feed with high fat content (holes for aeration thus releasing humidity and reducing risk of mold/mildew forming) are allowed.**

HM13c (Part 2) - Feeds & Feeding; Water: Change to read: All mounts must have a constant supply of fresh, clean water. • Competitors must hang a sufficient number of heavy duty buckets that are large enough to provide a sufficient water supply for the mounts at all times including those periods the competitor may be unavailable or off the grounds and unable to check the water (e.g., while at lunch or throughout the night). **Two (2) or more buckets should be hung if necessary to ensure that there is an adequate supply of fresh water at all times. In unusual situations, such as the use of a muck bucket for water, the competitor must discuss this with the HM staff.**

HM 16c (Part 2) - Saddlery & Bitting; Tack Exceptions:

Currently reads: Buckle/Billet Guards; Buckle/billet guards are required • They must cover the buckles on the girth. Should read: Buckle/billet guards are required, **except on saddles with long billets.**

- They must cover the buckles on the girth.

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HM 18 a (Part 2) Required Attire: Page 29 – The box titled Jewelry at USPC Rallies should be titled “Jewelry at USPC Activities”

- In this box under “Jewelry Not Permitted” add: jewelry in any facial piercing; dangling earrings or jewelry of any kind with exception of Medic alert jewelry.

Page 31, chart “Proper Attire for Turn Out Inspections” - In the row for pants – column for “D” Rated Members, add: **If Jodhpurs are worn with Jodhpur/ paddock boots, rider must wear:**

- Knee straps (garters), and/or

- Pant clips