



Horse Management Judge Training



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Goals of HM Judging

- To train PCers in sound methods of horse care and stable management, at home and away
- First and foremost, HM judging is educational
- HM judging at rallies helps us evaluate our HM program at a club/regional level

Who is who?

- Assistant Horse Management Judges (AHMJ)
 - Parents, graduate and current PCers, other volunteers
 - Observe, teach in barns
- Chief Horse Management Judge (CHMJ)
 - Approved by PC National
 - Current SoCal chiefs: Jill Watts (provisional)
 - Responsible for scoring and organization of the rally HM
- Horse Management Organizer (HMO)
 - Trains, recruits, hires, feeds, oversees judges
 - Current SoCal HMO: Carolyn McCarthy



What you need to be an AHMJ

- A desire to help teach PCers how to care for horses in a positive and fun way
- Correct attire: khakis (no jeans), belt, a regional polo shirt, appropriate footwear (shoes or boots that cover ankle, are non-cloth), a wristwatch, no inappropriate jewelry
- Other things to bring: sunscreen, a chair, pens/pencils, a small notepad



AHMJ's role at rallies

1. Safety
2. Teaching
3. Communication with Chief for scoring purposes (score sheets)



AHMJ's role at rallies

- Discuss, don't lecture. There are many ways to do things, and if a competitor has a good reason for a method, even if it differs from yours, that is usually fine!
- There should be NO surprises in scoring. All competitors should have a clear understanding of all comments on a score sheet. PCers should be aware of all problems/corrections before any notes are presented to the CHMJ for scoring purposes

The typical rally day

- **6 am:** Kids arrive, judges arrive. Judges briefing
- **6-7 am:** Kids set up trailers/barns. Judges wander barns, meet kids, offer help.
- **7 am:** Competitor's briefing. After this, HM judging officially begins. Parents must now be out of barns
- **7:30 am:** Jogouts and helmet checks
- **7:30-10 am:** First checks and equipment checks
- **8 am to 11 am:** Turnout inspections and 1st rides
- **8 am to 4 pm:** HM judging in barns and warm up arenas
- **10 am to 1 pm:** Turnbacks after 1st rides
- **1 pm to 3 pm:** Safety checks for 2nd rides
- **4 pm:** Last ride, judging stops
- **4 pm to 5 pm:** Judges supervise tackroom tear down
- **5 pm:** Awards, parents allowed in barns

The Chief always has final control over the schedule!



Competitors by rating level

- No matter what the Pony Club member's rating:
- The stall/tie area must be safe and clean
- The mount must have water, and
- All equipment must be in safe condition and the competitor must know how to use it.
- D1/D2 competitors may require direct assistance from AHMJ's and teammates to achieve this



Competitors by rating level: C3 and up

- C3 and up PCers are considered knowledgeable, competent horsepeople and should be treated as such
- Higher rating level = higher self reliance = higher accountability
- C3s:
 - May request a change in Turnout inspection time from the CHMJ, based on the amount of warm-up their horse needs
 - May be excused from official turnbacks at the discretion of the CHMJ
 - Are expected to do complete safety checks before presenting for inspections
 - Should always act as role models and mentors to younger PCers



First Checks– Setup and Safety



First Check- Set up and Safety

Stall/Tie-up Area (0-10 pts)

Properly secured

Correctly hung stall fixtures
(buckets, hay nets, etc.)

Properly bedded

Safe stall conditions

Stall Card

- **Properly secured: Horse:** Quick release knot (for exceptions ask Chief HMJ); lead rope not touching ground. **Area:** stall doors and trailer doors tied back or secured so they don't swing.
- **Correctly hung:** Correct height for horse; no sharp edges; turn snaps away from horse. Chains, twine, or snaps can be used for water buckets. Hay nets tied correctly (to itself, through bottom, with quick-release knot) and high enough that leg cannot get caught.
- **Properly bedded:** No rocks, nails, glass, etc. on stall floor (including next to trailer if one-day).
- **Safe stall conditions:** No sharp protrusions on trailer or in stall walls. Grooming kits and stall cleaning equipment out of horse's way.

Stall Cards Include:

- Rider's name + rating + rally #
- Mount's name, age, and sex
- Temp: Normal is 99.5-100.5 (look for obviously manufactured or switched TPR)
- Respiration: Normal 8-12
- Pulse: Normal 36-42
- Owner name and number + area code
- Home Vet and phone number + area code
- Home Farrier and phone number + area code
- Picture and/or description
- Stable vices
- Allergies
- Nutraceuticals, medications, or supplements(if given)
- Salt (if given)
- Chaperone Name and Phone
- Insurance, policy #, and phone #; may be on back of stall card (optional)

How to take TPR:

■ Temp:

- Shake down mercury or turn on digital thermometer
- Apply Vaseline
- Insert and attach clip to horses tail (mercury only, hold digital)
- If mercury leave in for 3 mins; if digital leave in until it beeps
- Mercury: turn thermometer until you see mercury; digital: read numbers

■ Pulse:

- Have watch with second hand
- Find vein under jowls or use stethoscope behind elbow (easier)
- Count for 10 seconds times by 6 or Count for 15 seconds times by 4

■ Respiration:

- Have watch with second hand
- Look at nostrils or at flank and count for 10 secs or 15 secs and times by 6 or 4.

Sample Stall Card:



“James”

Sex: Gelding Breed: Percheron/TB Age: 14 Ht: 16.3

Pulse: 42 Resp: 12 Temp: 100.3

Vet: Dr. Rasner Phone #: 951-926-4599

Farrier: Roger Rickard Phone #: 951-928-0665

Rider/Owner: Sarah Beal Age: 21 Rating: H-A

Pinny #: 11 Phone #: (909)720-9729

Chaperone: Marilyn Wagoner Phone #: 951-201-8355

Allergies: None

Vices: None

Feed Schedule:

AM: 6 lbs Oat Hay; 7 lbs alfalfa/Bermuda mix

PM: 6 lbs Oat Hay; 7 lbs alfalfa/Bermuda mix with

5lbs COB w/ molasses; loose salt

nutraceuticals: 1 oz yucca, 1 oz joint saver, 1 oz cortaflex powder

Feed schedule optional →

Horse Equipment:

Horse Equipment (0-5 pts)

Halter fit

Blankets, sheets, etc.

■ Blankets, Sheets, etc.:

- Flymasks, sheets, blankets, and ear coverings must fit the horse (but only if they are on the horse.)
- Procedure for blanketing: blanket is all unbuckled and folded, put on horse, partially unfold, do chest straps then fully unfold and do leg straps.

■ Halter fit: (should be clean)

- Must be breakaway; ie: leather, nylon with leather crown, or nylon with nylon crown and leather breakaway strap.
- Halter worn at all times
- Crown strap should always be tucked in
- Noseband should be no more than 3 adult fingers from nose bone
- Halter must have some form of ID (name or number of rider) on it at all times
- Flat nylon leadropes cannot be used for tying

Feed and Tack Area:

Feed & Tack Area (0-5 pts)

Feed Chart

Grain and stable equipment properly secured

Area neat and workmanlike

Equipment labeled

- **Feed Chart** (Only required at overnight rally. Recommended on stall card for 1-day rally, if horses are fed):
 - Type of feed
 - Hay/Grain measured by weight or specified volume measure (“flakes” are now okay!)
 - Free choice hay okay if noted
 - Supplements
 - Feed time
 - Salt?
 - Electrolytes?

- **Grain/stable secured:**
 - Mucking equipment secured (tied together, or in secured room)
 - Grain must be secured (bungee cords are not enough)
 - Feed must be pre-measured (and labeled with horse name/#, amount, and day/time of feeding) into breathable bags, or team must have a scale
 - Feed chart should be obvious and readable

Feed/Tack Area Con't:

Feed & Tack Area (0-5 pts)

Feed Chart

Grain and stable equipment properly secured

Area neat and workmanlike

Equipment labeled

- Area neat and Workmanlike
 - Functional
 - Everything easily accessible, easy to find
 - Every item should have a place
 - Neatness counts: bridles hung neatly, pads hung out of the way, etc
- Equipment labeled:
 - As on equipment checklist

Doing first checks

| Stall/Tie-up Area (0-10 pts) | # 11 | #12 | #13 | #14 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Properly secured | ok | ok | ok | tied w/ non quick release knot—fixed |
| Correctly hung stall fixtures (buckets, hay nets, etc.) | ok | ok | hay net low | ok |
| Properly bedded | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Safe stall conditions | Ok | ok | ok | ok |
| Stall Card | Missing TPR | ok | needs # | ok |
| Horse Equipment (0-5 pts) | 1 hole low | ok | ok | ok |
| Halter fit | -fixed | | | |
| Blankets, sheets, etc. | N/A | N/A | ok | tightened belly strap |
| Feed & Tack Area (0-5 pts) | Ok | ok | ok | ok |
| Feed Chart | | | | |
| Grain and stable equipment properly secured | Mucking equipment should be tied together, or put in secured room | | | |
| Area neat and workmanlike | Looks good | | | |
| Equipment labeled | | | | |

Initial Jog Out (0-10 pts)

Condition of horse, competitor attire, proper handling and procedure

Lateness

Make sure PCers see the sheet and are aware of any problems!

General Impressions:

Nice tack room!!



Equipment Checks





Equipment checks: general info

- Equipment checks can start right after competitors briefing
- Experienced PCers can set up a tack room in 20 min. At D rallies, things can take much longer– be patient, and offer to come back later if needed!
- Any team member should be able to show you all items
- Involve as many team members as you can (ie, have each one show you their grooming kit if possible.
- If time permits, make it a learning experience– discuss the use of each item with the PCers

- When in doubt, ask yourself: Could the item serve its purpose??

Equipment Checks

Equine First Aid Kit

- per team; easily accessible**
- all printed expiration dates current**
- sufficient supplies for all mounts on team**
- petroleum jelly
- veterinary thermometer with thong & clip or digital thermometer
- body wash or liniment
- Epsom salts
- alcohol
- antimicrobial/antiseptic scrub
- topical antibacterial or antimicrobial or antibiotic agent
- 4" sterile wound dressing
- 1 roll gauze (at least 2" wide)
- 1 lb. roll 12" absorbent cotton
- 2 flexible stretch adhesive/cohesive bandages
- 1 roll adhesive tape (1" min. width)
- bandage scissors (capable of cutting bandage)
- 4 leg bandages with appropriate padding for 4 stable wraps

■ Notes

- Thermometer must not be broken (mercury) and must turn on (digital)
- Need at least four 4" sterile wound dressing pads in sealed packages
- Would scissors cut a bandage?
- Check expiration dates for topical agent. At least 2 ounces.(Neosporin ok)
 - No date, assume ok
 - If has date, must be non expired
- Antibiotic scrub: ie, betadine scrub, nolvasan scrub, or betadine solution + liquid soap! At least 8 ounces
- Leg wraps: is padding adequate(pillow wraps ok), and do bandages have velcro or pin fasteners? No polo wraps
- Items should be labeled (team initials)
- Bandage scissors need blunt edges and capable of cutting through thick bandages
- Need at least one (1) pound carton of epsom salts
- No ace bandages – can cut off circulation

Equipment Checks

■ Notes

Human First Aid Kit

- per team; easily accessible**
- all printed expiration dates current**
- sufficient supplies for all team members**
- ___ band-aids
- ___ triple antibiotic cream
- ___ 3 pair latex or vinyl gloves
- ___ sunscreen
- ___ human bug spray

- Check expiration date on antibiotic cream/ointment– must be current
- Band-aids should be of reasonable quantity (at least a dozen) with different sizes (a few for blisters)
- Items should be labeled
- No over-the-counter medications (aspirin, decongestants, allergy relief, etc)
- No prescription pharmaceuticals, including inhalers and epinepherin autoinjectors
- Gloves should not be cracked or melted

Equipment Checks

■ Notes

Utility Kit

per team; easily accessible

___ hammer

___ nails

___ screwdriver

___ pliers

___ scissors

___ jack knife (capable of cutting rope)

___ leather punch

___ thumbtacks

___ duct tape

___ 2 Pony Club pins

- Be reasonable about labeling (ie, nails can be in a labeled box)
- Screwdrivers can be both Phillips and regular head (what if you have to remove screws already in a stall?)
- Jack knife should actually cut rope, and PCers should know how to open and close it!
- Nails should not be rusted or bent.
- At least a dozen thumbtacks

Equipment Checks

■ Notes

Tack Cleaning Kit

per team

- ordinary bar soap
- tack oil/conditioner
- saddle soap
- metal polish
- tack sponge
- cleaning cloths
- pail
- cleaning hook
- drying baskets for sponges
- boot polishing kit, if applicable

- Lots of items qualify as “saddle soap” or “tack conditioner” – if it serves the purpose, its fine!
- Cleaning hook and drying basket should be hung up, or they are useless
- Boot polishing kit: can be anything from a tin of polish and a buffing brush on up
- Ordinary soap should be obvious as such, and not as tack soap
- Tack sponges and cloths should be of reasonable quantity
- Pail should be at least 1 quart size
- Check labels!

Equipment Checks

Extra Equipment

per team

sufficient to fit all team mounts/members

cleaned to turnout inspection standards

___ 2 extra lead ropes, one with chain shank

___ halter(s) (adjustable)

___ complete bridle(s) with bit(s)

___ girth(s)

___ pair stirrup leathers & irons

___ 2 rubber bands & leather tabs for peacock

irons (if used by team member)

Notes

- Everything should be clean enough for a Turnout inspection for the highest rated member of team
- Check for different sizes of horses (bridles, girths, halters) and children (stirrups and leathers) Individual competitors may bring their own “extra tack” to be sure it fits their horse.
- Dressage saddles often take short girths– check
- Stirrup leathers may be leather or synthetic
- Rubber bands (Peacock) should not be cracked, brittle, or stretched out

Equipment Checks

Cleaning Equipment

per team

manure fork or shovel

rake or broom

manure basket or wheelbarrow

■ Notes

- These items are normally stored near the hitch of the trailer (1-day rally) or in the feed room
- They must be out of reach of horses
- They must be secured (with bungee cord or baling twine) when not in use
- Check labels! Team initials ok

Equipment Checks

■ Notes

Feeding Equipment

per team and / or mount

_____ ← Rider Numbers

feed charts (posted in feed area)

feed measure (pre-packaged or scale or scoop/can)

appropriate secured grain storage

Overnight rally *only*

- Appropriate grain storage is a container or room that can be safely secured
 - ie, trash can with chain, plastic box with snapping lid
- Feed measure
 - ALL feed can be pre-measured and pre-packaged (may not include prescription medication) OR as loose feed. Loose feed to include a feed measure (scale, scoop, can)
- Salt:
 - All horses must have salt block or loose salt indicated on feed chart, and provided if not pre-measured



Doing equipment checks

- Be friendly, be conversational. Pull up a chair (or bucket) in the trailer, and settle in
- Teach as you go
- Ask for explanations on unusual items
- Explain missing or problem items as you go— no surprises!
- Have a system to be sure you are thorough, but work with team members— check items off as they present them to you
- Make sure your name and the time is on the sheet
- Summarize at end for the team, and comment on overall neatness of the setup
- Show PCers the sheet, pointing out any problems. Make sure they know exactly where they stand before the sheet goes to the CHMJ for scoring. No surprises!

Doing equipment checks

Extra Equipment

per team

sufficient to fit all team

mounts/members

cleaned to turnout inspection standards

1 2 extra lead ropes, one with chain shank

✓ halter(s) (adjustable) Bit dirty

✓ complete bridle(s) with bit(s)

✓ girth(s) Long girth ok,
No dressage girth

✓ pair stirrup leathers & irons

✓ 2 rubber bands & leather tabs for peacock irons (if used by team member)

Grooming Kit(s)

per mount

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 ← Rider Numbers | |
|---|---|---|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| X | X | X | X | hoof pick |
| O | X | X | X | rub rag #1 very dirty |
| X | X | X | O | dandy brush - hard bristles |
| X | X | X | X | body brush - soft bristles |
| X | X | X | X | wet wipes or 2 sponges |
| | | | | #3 not marked f/d marked 'dock' & 'face' |
| X | X | X | X | rubber or plastic currycomb (capable of cleaning brushes) |
| X | X | X | X | body sponge |
| X | O | X | X | scraper |
| X | X | X | X | wash bucket - marked 'wash only' |
| | | | | #2,3 not labeled |



Jogouts



Jogouts

- An inspection by a panel of judges to check for soundness of the pony club mount. All horses are jogged out in the same area and inspected by the same judges.



Where and when is a jogout held?

■ Where

- On a straight, flat, hard surface (usually designated by the CHMJ)
- A holding area large enough for at least 10-15 horse to be hand walked safely around each other for warm-up prior to jogging out

■ When

- Before the riding portion of a rally begins (usually a designated time will be announced by the CHMJ)

What do the horse and rider need?

■ Horse

- Bridle fitted and clean
- Well groomed and feet picked out
- No leg boots/bandages or saddle is needed or allowed.

■ Rider

- Rally number
- Helmet- properly fitted and ATSM/SEI approved
- Gloves- recommended
- Whip- if needed
- Safe & Neat Attire
 - Neat slacks/skirt/walking shorts/riding pants and polo or other neat, workmanlike attire
 - short-shorts and/or jeans are not permitted
- Proper Footwear

Procedures for Jogouts

- Pony Clubbers are called by number to present their horse at a halt to the inspection panel.
- Inspection Panel (IP) asks Pony Clubber to trot horse to designated land mark, halt, turn horse away from themselves, and then trot horse directly back ending in a halt.
- IP then passes the horse, or asks the Pony Clubber to continue walking their horse to be re- inspected after all the other horses have been inspected.
 - If horse is determined to be unsound after a second inspection the Pony Clubber will be disqualified; however he/she may stay and assist his/her teammates
- IP is:
 - The chief horse management judge
 - The President of the ground jury
 - A veterinarian

Jogout Scoring

Initial Jog Out (0-10 Pts)

- Condition of mount, competitor attire, proper handling and procedure
- On time

This is a part of the new first check sheets

Second or third day Jog Out (if applicable) (0-10 Pts)

- Condition of horse
- Competitor attire
- Proper handling & procedure
- Lateness

This is on daily sheets for overnight rallies



Role of AHMJ's at jogouts

- Assisting PCers in getting ready, making sure they know the correct protocol
- Managing the walking paddock for safety and spacing
- Calling teams/PCers to present at correct time
- Doing helmet checks (fit and approval)



Safety Checks



What is a Safety Check?

- A check to make sure all the horse equipment and rider attire is in safe, neat, working condition.

- Rider attire
- Helmet adjustment
- Tack adjustment & condition
(correct for discipline & rating level)
- Horse protective equipment
(application, suitability & adjustment)

Procedures for Safety Checks

- Safety checks must be performed before each ride, every day (Turnout inspections are the safety check for the first ride, unless the PCer returns to the barn after)
- If a rider dismounts or needs to fix a problem that the safety inspector feels is unsafe, the pony clubber must be re-inspected by the SAME person that did their first safety check.
- Safety checks are usually performed in a designated area that is determined by the CHMJ.
- Simple tack adjustments (shortening stirrups, tightening girth, mounted or unmounted) do not require additional safety checks
- Helmet re-adjustments do require additional safety check

What to look for during a safety check.

■ For the horse

- Clean well groomed horse (including feet picked out)
- Girth should be tight
- All stitching on girth, saddle, bridle should be in safe condition (no loose stitching)
- Unusual tack should be explained
- Tack and boots should fit mount properly

■ For the Rider

- Helmet must fit and be approved
 - See next slide
- Rider should be dressed appropriate for rating level
- Must be wearing rally number
- All artificial aids should be worn(spurs)or carried (whips) to the safety check

Helmet checks

■ Helmet approved:

- have PCer remove hat, look for ASTM/SEI tags inside
- in some cases, the liner must be removed to locate them)

■ Helmet fit

- With chinstrap fastened, wiggle brim up and down. Forehead should wrinkle as the hat moves. If hat moved independent of forehead, hat is too big
- With chinstrap unfastened, have PCer put their head down– helmet should not fall off
- Check adjustment of lacing/wheel at back– should fit comfortably but snugly along back of head
- Chinstrap should fit comfortably, 1-3 fingers below skin

■ Judges may NOT adjust fit

- Only the parent/chaperone may take responsibility for this

No child may ride with a non-approved or non-fitting helmet!

Doing safety checks

USPC Horse Management Safety Check Sheet

| Comp. No. | Rider | Tack | Horse | Total Penalties |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 45 | Good | girth 1 hole loose | SMB boots low | |
| 18 | Spurs on backwards | loose stitching on stirrup leather, sent back for spare. Recheck-OK | Feet not picked out | |
| 84 | Good | Good | Good | |

PCers should be aware of all problems prior to scoring!



Turnbacks



What is a Turnback?

- A simpler “Turnout Inspection” after the riding phase is completed. Horse should be clean, and all tack wiped clean.
- Turnback standards vary with rating level, although a general standard of horse care applies at all levels



When & where?

■ When

- Usually one hour after riding phase is completed (this timetable is to be determined by the CHMJ)

■ Where

- Usually in the stable/trailer area, so it is easy to access the horse and tack without needing assistants.
- Some chiefs prefer to have PCers bring their horse and tack to the HM area

What to look for?

- Horse should be clean of sweat, dirt, and debris.
- Tack should be wiped clean of sweat and dirt.
- Riding boots (or half chaps) should be clean (D's & C-1's) and polished (C-2's-A's)- notice if boots are clean under laces and around sole stitching.
- Saddle pads and horse boots should be brushed free of hair, sweat, and dirt.
- Rechecks (especially on horses) are usually encouraged when needed

What to look for?

| Turn Back | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Category | Examples of Items the HMJ May Check | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mount | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clean and cooled out (indications of good care) ▪ No sweat marks ▪ No sweat and/or dirt between legs, in the girth area, on the belly, dock or around ears ▪ Studs have been removed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rider | <p>Riding boots (only checked if boots worn when mounted are different than boots worn in barn)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wiped clean, but do not have to be polished | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tack | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Bridle</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No sweat and/or dirt on undersides of noseband, brow band and flash (these areas were not seen at Turnout or Safety, since they were on the mount) </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bit</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned with no sign of grass or saliva </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Girth</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No dirt or excessive hair on either side of the girth </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Martingales and/or Breastplates</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No sweat and/or dirt </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saddle Pads</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No excessive hair on the underside (an attempt should be made to clean/brush the pad) </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saddle</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wiped off </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bell Boots and Jumping Boots</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned and wiped off with attention to the inside of the equipment </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Velcro Fasteners</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned of lint or grass </td> </tr> </table> | Bridle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No sweat and/or dirt on undersides of noseband, brow band and flash (these areas were not seen at Turnout or Safety, since they were on the mount) | Bit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned with no sign of grass or saliva | Girth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No dirt or excessive hair on either side of the girth | Martingales and/or Breastplates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No sweat and/or dirt | Saddle Pads | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No excessive hair on the underside (an attempt should be made to clean/brush the pad) | Saddle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wiped off | Bell Boots and Jumping Boots | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned and wiped off with attention to the inside of the equipment | Velcro Fasteners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned of lint or grass |
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| Bit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned with no sign of grass or saliva | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Girth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No dirt or excessive hair on either side of the girth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Martingales and/or Breastplates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No sweat and/or dirt | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Bell Boots and Jumping Boots | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned and wiped off with attention to the inside of the equipment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Velcro Fasteners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned of lint or grass | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Doing turnbacks

USPC Horse Management Turn-Back Sheet

| Comp. No. | Rider | Tack | Horse | Total Penalties |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 66 | Boots polished but dirt under laces | Bit could be cleaner Saddle, pad, boots good | Sweat behind ears— Recheck ok | |
| 71 | Beautiful! 😊 | Hair on saddle pad Jockeys on saddle flap | Sweat between hind legs Recheck ok | |
| 14 | Sweat on tall boots | Inside of bridle dirty Horse boots still some mud | Lovely job! | |

PCers should be aware of all problems prior to scoring!



Work in barns
“Daily sheets”



Work in barns (daily sheets)

- When you are not assigned to a particular task, you are on “barns” (or trailers!). If your child is competing be sure to ask CHMJ for permission
- Grab a small notebook and a pencil, and go for a wander
- When you see a problem, work with team members to fix it. Then jot down on your pad the following info:

- Your name
- The time
- The team name/numbers
- The individual's name/number
- The problem
- The correction

Examples:

KTB 2:30 pm

#44 (Fallbrook C team) water low—

Told team, they corrected

KTB 3:30 pm

18 (Poway D team) horse tied with non-quick release knot— taught correct knot, retied horse

- Periodically transfer these
- notes to the daily sheets in
- the HM office



Teaching vs Judging I

You are the Chief's eyes and ears inside the barn. You decide what info the Chief has to make her scoring decision!

Things that should always be noted for the chief:

1. Safety violations
2. Specifically scored things (ie, equipment checks)
3. Unacceptable behavior

Teaching vs Judging II

i.e., what to note on a daily sheet

D rally

- Give warnings for 1st offenses that are not safety related
 - ie, manure by horse, water bucket <1/2 full, grooming kit left out
- Allows PCers to fix problems without writing them down
- Give the benefit of the doubt

Qualifying rally

- Give warnings only for very minor problems
 - ie, 1 manure pile, water bucket 2/3 full
- Encourage fixing of problems, but still note them
 - ie, no number on stall card, saddle racks not labeled
- Expect high standards

1-day rallies– Horses

- Tied correctly
- Adequate water
- Hay nets correctly fastened, safe
- Nothing underfoot/within reach of horses
- Mucking equipment safely secured (tied together, at hitch of trailer, out of reach of horses)
- Minimal manure
- Horses handled correctly
 - leading with 2 hands on rope, horse at shoulder
- If horse is gone: halter neatly hung
 - Dangling halter from tied rope = improper tacking technique!

1-day rallies– tack rooms

- Overall neat
- No garbage around
- Items put away after use
- Bridles/saddle on racks, neatly
- Sponges/rags in drying rack
- Pads/boots allowed to dry, then put away
- Teamwork
 - Is one person working while other 4 sit around?
- All feed secured

1-day rallies– PCers

- Proper footwear
 - In good condition
 - Made of leather or synthetic
 - Cover the ankle
 - Entirely closed
 - Thick-soled
 - Securely fastened
- Attire
 - Safe, appropriate, neat, and in good repair.
 - Must cover shoulder (to point of shoulder) and midriff, no “short shorts
- Pinny/nametag
- PC pin (with or w/o felt backing)
- Jewelry: only
 - Medic alert bracelets and/or necklaces
 - Watches
 - Wedding bands, and/or
 - Stud earrings
 - No facial piercings

Overnight rallies– stalls

- People in stalls:
 - Horse must be on leadrope, even to fill buckets/muck out. Lead rope must be held or put over neck
 - Doors cannot be fastened shut
 - NO tying in portable stalls
- Horses in stalls:
 - Adequate water, minimal manure
 - Halters on
 - Door fastened securely
 - Leadropes accessible, neat
- At night:
 - “Top off” buckets filled with fresh water must be:
 - Left outside each stall at night for use by the night watch
 - Large enough to re-supply the water buckets left in the stall
 - Clearly labeled as a “top off” bucket to differentiate them from the wash buckets.

Overnight rallies– tack and feed rooms

■ Tack rooms

- Doors can be secured open when team is around, closed at other times
- Everything they need for the weekend must be stored in tack room

■ Feed rooms

- Doors must be secured shut at all times
- Mucking equipment in corner– need not be tied together if door is closed
- Grain must be secured (bungee cords are not enough)
- Feed must be pre-measured (and labeled with horse name/#, amount, and day/time of feeding) into breathable bags
- Feed chart should be obvious and readable
- Ask yourself: could I come in and easily feed all horses correctly?

Overnight rallies– horse handling

■ Tacking up

- In stalls or in aisle, usually in pairs (one holds, one grooms)
- No sitting while holding horses
- Must lead correctly
- PCers should all feed together at designated time

■ While riding

- No “using horse as chair”
- Safe and fair warm-up
- Careful cool-out
- After dismounting: run up stirrups, loosen girth, remove spurs

Daily Sheets

| Item | Penalty Range |
|------|---------------|
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|---------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Second or third day jog out (if applicable) (0-10 pts) | |
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Condition of horse, competitor attire, proper handling and procedure, lateness

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| Work in stables/tack area (0-15 pts) | |
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Sportsmanship

Stall Cleanliness

Cleanliness & tidiness of stable/tack area

Safe and efficient use of equipment

Efficient use of time

Competitor attire

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|------------------------------|--|
| Horse Care (0-10 pts) | |
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Safe and efficient grooming and handling

Feeding

Tacking & untacking

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| Work while mounted (phases other than cross-country) (0-8 pts) | |
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Mounting & dismounting

Warm-up safety

Cool-out procedures

Sportsmanship

Use of time while mounted

- Everything gets transferred to this sheet from notepads, safety check sheets, turnback sheets, and gets scored by chief
- Always put your initials and the time by each comment

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| Turn Back (0-7 pts) | |
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Horse

Tack

Rider

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| Safety Check (0-10 pts) | |
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Rider dress

Hat adjustment

Tack adjustment & condition (correct for discipline and rating level)

Horse protective equipment (suitability & adjustment)

Other things to know: Bandaging

- **Competitors, Unrated through C2, must have a HMJ check any bandages to determine if they are properly applied.**
 - Unsafe bandages must be redone
- **Bandages may be applied by the following individuals:**
 - Competitor
 - Owner of the mount, or
 - An individual designated by the owner.
 - HM Staff may NOT apply bandages.
- **Bandages may not be left on for more than 12 hours at a time.**
- **Competitors may go to Turnback inspection with bandages applied.**

Other things to know: Longeing

- **Longeing must follow USPC standards and safety procedures and may only be done with the consent of, and in the area designated by, the CHMJ.**
- **Proper Longeing Attire**
 - Approved helmet
 - Proper mounted/unmounted footwear
 - Gloves
- **Individuals Authorized to Longe**
 - Any competitor C3 and higher, regardless of age
 - The adult owner of the mount, or
 - An adult designated by the owner.



Turnout Inspections



Turnout inspections

| Item | (Point Range) | ES | MS | SBS | FBS | COMMENTS (GOOD / BAD) |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| D-1 REQUIREMENTS | | | | | | |
| RIDER | | | | | | |
| Pony Club pin and number | (2) | | | | | |
| No inappropriate jewelry | (0-2) | | | | | |
| Safe, neat & clean attire | (0-5) | | | | | |
| Appropriate attire | (0-1) | | | | | |
| MOUNT | | | | | | |
| Neatly brushed | (0-6) | | | | | |
| No shavings, burrs, etc. in mane or tail | (0-5) | | | | | |
| Feet well-trimmed and/or shod | (0-2) | | | | | |
| Feet picked out | (0-2) | | | | | |
| TACK | | | | | | |
| Safe | (0-10) | | | | | |
| Neat | (0-5) | | | | | |

Everything is on the sheet!

Turnout inspections-D's

D-1 REQUIREMENTS – RIDER:

Pony Club pin and number (2)

No inappropriate jewelry (0-2)

Safe, neat & clean attire (0-5)

Appropriate attire (0-1)

D-2 REQUIREMENTS – RIDER:

Pony Club pin and number (2)

No inappropriate jewelry (0-2)

Safe, neat, clean attire (0-5)

Appropriate attire (0-1)

D-3 REQUIREMENTS – RIDER:

Pony Club pin and number (2)

No inappropriate jewelry (0-2)

Safe, neat & clean attire (0-5)

Appropriate attire (0-1)

■ What is safe and clean attire for D's?

- a club polo shirt, tucked in
- a belt
- britches or jodhpurs (with knee straps or pant clips)
- Hair neatly secured away from face/number
- a correctly fitting helmet
- clean boots
- a PC pin and number
- No jewelry except watches or stud earrings, medic alerts...no facial piercings
- Half chaps are now okay (smooth or suede)

Turnout inspections-D's

D-1 REQUIREMENTS - PONY:

Neatly brushed (0-6)

No shavings, burrs, etc., in mane or tail (0-5)

Feet well-trimmed and/or shod (0-2)

Feet picked out (0-2)

D-2 REQUIREMENTS - PONY:

Clean (no obvious dirt) (0-5)

Well brushed (no obvious sweat) (0-3)

Eyes/nose/lips/dock wiped off (0-3)

Feet well-trimmed and/or shod (0-2)

Feet picked out (0-2)

D-3 REQUIREMENTS - PONY:

Clean (no dirt) (0-4)

Well brushed (no sweat) (0-3)

Mane & tail brushed (0-2)

Feet well-trimmed and/or shod (0-2)

Feet picked out (0-2)

Eyes/nose/lips/dock wiped off (0-2)

- What is neatly brushed/groomed?
 - No dried sweat (check belly, behind ears, between hind legs)
 - The hand test– pet the horse all over, and your hand should end up reasonably clean
 - Check obvious dirt points– hocks, elbows
 - No shavings/hay/dreadlocks or mud in mane and tail
 - A Little dust is ok for D's
 - Eyes, nose, dock: no crusty or dried material

Turnout inspections-D's

D-1 REQUIREMENTS -

TACK:

Safe (0-10)

Neat (0-5)

D-2 REQUIREMENTS -

TACK:

Safe, esp. stirrups, girth, stitching (0-10)

Clean, no obvious jockeys or heavy dust (0-5)

D-3 REQUIREMENTS -

TACK:

Safe (0-5)

Properly adjusted (0-2)

Stress points clean (0-2)

Stirrup pads, if used, clean (0-1)

No jockeys or dust (0-3)

Bit clean (0-2)

- What is safe tack?
 - Girth tight, elastic safe
 - Leather not cracked
 - Stirrup leathers
 - Billets
 - Stitching intact
 - Stirrup leathers
 - Stirrup bars down
 - Synthetic reins must have breakaway capability
 - Peacock stirrups with rubber bands outward
 - Bit on correctly, fits
 - Kimberwicke curb chains

Turnout inspections-D's

■ USPC Tack Rules

- Girths must have at least two buckles on each end, and must be fitted with 2 holes above/1 hole below on billets when tightened
- Buckle/billet guards are required except on saddles with long billets.
- Stirrup irons must be one (1) inch wider than the rider's
- Fillis stirrup irons must always have stirrup pads.
- Synthetic bridles and reins must have a breakaway section.

Turnout inspections- D's

D-1 REQUIREMENTS -

TACK:

Safe (0-10)

Neat (0-5)

D-2 REQUIREMENTS -

TACK:

Safe, esp. stirrups, girth, stitching (0-10)

Clean, no obvious jockeys or heavy dust (0-5)

D-3 REQUIREMENTS -

TACK:

Safe (0-5)

Properly adjusted (0-2)

Stress points clean (0-2)

Stirrup pads(if used) clean (0-1)

No jockeys or dust (0-3)

Bit clean (0-2)

■ What is neat tack?

- No obvious dirt/hair
- Stirrups correctly run up
- Straps into keepers
- Horse boots fit properly, on correct way
- Bridle fits correctly
 - Height of noseband, height of bit

■ What is clean tack?

- Anything that comes off on your hands/ fingernails is dirt!
- Jockeys = raised black circular plaques of dirt/grease/oil, which scrap off with a fingernail

Turnout inspections-D's

D-1 REQUIREMENTS -

TACK:

Safe (0-10)

Neat (0-5)

D-2 REQUIREMENTS -

TACK:

Safe, esp. stirrups, girth, stitching (0-10)

Clean, no obvious jockeys or heavy dust (0-5)

D-3 REQUIREMENTS -

TACK:

Safe (0-5)

Properly adjusted (0-2)

Stress points clean (0-2)

Stirrup pads, if used, clean (0-1)

No jockeys or dust (0-3)

Bit clean (0-2)

■ Bit:

- no crusted material
- Look at junction of rings

■ Bridle

- check inside cheek pieces
- check reins where they rub against the neck

■ Saddle:

- check for jockeys on flaps, especially where leg rubs, and under stirrup leather
- Check for obvious dust under saddle shirt, along knee rolls
- D3 only: check points where metal meets leather (stirrup leathers, cheekpieces)

Turnout inspections-D's

- What is NOT required at the D level:
 - Supple, conditioned tack (unless it's so stiff as to be unsafe)
 - Hairnets
 - Polished boots (clean, yes, but not polished)
 - Shiny spurs and metal
 - Clean sheaths/udders
 - Minimal dandruff
 - Pulled manes
 - Tangle-free tails
 - Healthy coats with no loose hair
 - Matching tack

Turnout inspections-C's

C-1 REQUIREMENTS – RIDER:

Pony Club pin & number (2)

No inappropriate jewelry (2)

Safe, clean, neat attire (0-3)

Appropriate attire (0-1)

Clean boots (0-2)

C-2 REQUIREMENTS – RIDER

Pony Club pin & number (2)

No inappropriate jewelry (2)

Neat, safe, & clean attire (0-2)

Appropriate attire (0-1)

Boots polished, in good repair (0-2)

Spurs, if used, polished; put on properly(1)

C-3 REQUIREMENTS – RIDER

Pony Club pin and number (2)

No inappropriate jewelry (2)

Safe, clean, & neat attire (0-2)

Appropriate attire (0-1)

Boots polished, in good repair (0-2)

Spurs, if used, polished; put on properly (1)

- Attire for C's
 - Correctly formal or informal (next slide)
 - Stock ties (pre-tied are allowed)
- Boots clean (C1) and polished (C2/C3), including cracks and under laces
- Hairnet NOT required
- Spurs put on properly (end of straps to outside of foot)
- Half chaps must be smooth (no suede for Cs), and must match boots color
- Jodhpurs must have garters or straps
- All D rules still apply (belts, etc!)

Turnout inspections-C's

| Proper Attire for Turnout Inspection | | | |
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| Item | D Rated Members | Informal Attire | Formal Attire |
| | Unrated and Ds must be safe, neat and clean | Whether attire is considered formal or informal is determined by the combination of jacket, neckwear, color of pants and boots. | |
| Helmet | Approved helmet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any color with or without cover | Approved helmet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black or any conservative color Not permitted: Brightly colored or decorated helmets, except in Games | Approved helmet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black, or With a black helmet cover |
| Jacket | A jacket is not required. If worn, any color or pattern jacket is acceptable. | Any color or pattern jacket except: Solid black | Solid color jacket (no pinstripe or pattern); only appropriate colors are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Navy blue Dark gray (charcoal), or Hunt colors |
| Shirt | Collared shirt with short or long sleeves; any color, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turtleneck Polo Ratcatcher Dress shirt | Collared shirt with short or long sleeves; white or any color: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riding shirt (ratcatcher) Dress shirt, or Turtleneck* (see neckwear) | Riding shirt (ratcatcher) with short or long sleeves; white |
| Neckwear | Neckwear is not required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional: Choker, necktie or stock tie | Neckwear; white or any color: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choker Stock tie, or Necktie *Neckwear not required w/turtleneck Optional: Plain stock pin | White stock tie with a plain stock pin fastened through the knot |

Turnout inspections-C's

| Proper Attire for Turnout Inspection | | | |
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| Item | D Rated Members | Informal Attire | Formal Attire |
| Pants | Any color: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Breeches ▪ Jodhpurs, or ▪ Riding tights | Breeches or Jodhpurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any conservative color ▪ If Jodhpurs are worn with Jodhpur/paddock boots, rider must wear: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knee straps (garters), and/or - Pant clips | Breeches; only appropriate colors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ White ▪ Canary ▪ Tan ▪ Buff |
| Boots | Appropriate mounted footwear; any color: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tall boots ▪ Jodhpur/paddock boots alone, or ▪ Jodhpur/paddock boots with smooth or suede half chaps or leggings | Appropriate mounted footwear; either black or brown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tall boots ▪ Jodhpur/paddock boots, or ▪ Jodhpur/paddock boots with or without matching full-grain <u>smooth</u>, leather half-chaps or leggings | Appropriate mounted footwear; only black: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tall dress boots ▪ Tall field boots, neatly laced, or ▪ Jodhpur/paddock boots with matching full-grain, <u>smooth</u> leather half-chaps or leggings |
| Belt | Required if pants have belt loops. (optional in Games) | Required if pants have belt loops. (optional in Games) | Required if pants have belt loops. (optional in Games) |
| Gloves (optional) | Optional: If worn, any color is acceptable. | Optional, but if worn, appropriate colors are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black ▪ Brown ▪ White | Optional, but if worn, appropriate colors are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black ▪ Brown ▪ White |

Turnout inspections-C's

C-1 REQUIREMENTS – PONY:

- Well-groomed, reflecting regular care (no sweat or dirt, healthy coat) (0-3)
- Little, if any, dandruff (0-2)
- External areas around sheath/udder clean (0-2)
- Feet well-trimmed and/or shod (0-2)
- Feet picked out (2)
- Eyes, nose, lips, dock clean (0-2)
- Mane and tail brushed (0-2)

C-2 REQUIREMENTS – PONY:

- Well groomed (no sweat or dirt), healthy coat (0-3)
- No dandruff (0-2)
- Sheath or udder showing regular attention (0-2)
- Feet well-trimmed and/or shod (0-2)
- Feet picked out (2)
- Mane and tail brushed (0-2)

- Eyes/nose/lips/dock clean (0-2)

C-3 REQUIREMENTS – PONY:

- Well-groomed, reflecting regular care (no sweat marks or dirt, healthy coat) (0-3)
- No dandruff (2)
- Sheath/udder showing regular care (0-2)
- Feet well-trimmed and/or shod (0-2)
- Feet picked out (2)
- Eyes, nose, lips, dock clean (0-2)
- Mane and tail clean and tangle-free (0-2)

- Everything should show regular care:
 - Coat
 - Sheath/udder
 - Mane tail (dandruff, tangles)
 - feet
- No dirt, no dust
 - Check face, top of croup, poll, hocks

Turnout inspections-C's

C-1 REQUIREMENTS – TACK:

Safe (0-4)

No jockeys or dust (0-2)

Suppleness reflecting regular conditioning (0-2)

All stress points clean (0-2)

No cracked leather (0-2)

Metal clean & polished (0-2)

C-2 REQUIREMENTS – TACK:

Safe (0-3)

No jockeys or dust (0-2)

All stress points clean (0-2)

No cracked leather (0-2)

Metal clean and polished (0-2)

Suppleness reflecting regular conditioning (0-2)

C-3 REQUIREMENTS – TACK:

Safe, clean, supple, reflecting regular care,
no jockeys or dust (0-4)

All stress points clean (0-3)

No cracked leather(2)

Metal clean & polished (0-2)

No residue in holes or lacings (1)

Saddle pad clean & brushed, if applicable (0-1)

Properly adjusted (0-2)

- Suppleness and conditioning is key
- New tack is not an excuse!
- No jockeys/dirt/sweat anywhere
- Check detail areas: cracks behind cantle, in front of pommel, under skirts, etc
- No film/residue on tack or metal



B/A Turnout inspections

- You should be able to put on a pair of white gloves, go all over the horse and tack, and have them end up white, free of hair, dust, dirt, or dandruff

Doing Turnout inspections

- Be friendly
- Be systematic, so you can be consistent
- Explain everything as you go— no surprises when PCers see the scores! Show them the sheets as you fill them out, encourage them to see for themselves what you are seeing. Encourage them to “do their own formals”
- Encourage them to think about the next level (“that’s fine for D-3, but for C-1 you would need...)
- Write everything down, good and bad, with enough detail for chief to understand
- Differentiate between SBS and FBS.
- Summarize for PCer at end, and find something positive to say
- If possible, sit with Chief while he/she scores to be able to answer questions

Doing Turnout inspections

Rider Number/Name Jane Smith Rating D3 Judge Katy Barglow

Key: ES (Exceeds Standard); MS (Meets Standard); SBS (Slightly Below Standard); FBS (Far Below Standard)
Riders are expected to meet their own as well as the lower level requirements.

| Item (Point Range) | ES | MS | SBS | FBS | COMMENTS (GOOD/BAD) |
|-----------------------------------------|----|----|-----|-----|----------------------------------------|
| D-3 REQUIREMENTS - RIDER: | | | | | |
| Pony Club pin/name tag or number (0-2) | | ✓ | | | |
| No inappropriate jewelry (0-2) | | ✓ | | | |
| Safe, clean & appropriate attire (0-4) | | | ✓ | | boots dirty |
| Neat (0-2) | | ✓ | | | nice correct formal attire! |
| PONY: | | | | | |
| Neatly groomed (no sweat or dirt) (0-3) | ✓ | | | | very clean! ☺ |
| Well brushed (0-3) | | ✓ | | | |
| Feet well-trimmed and/or shod (0-4) | | ✓ | | | |
| Feet picked out (0-3) | | | | | |
| Eyes/nose/lips/dock wiped off (0-2) | | | ✓ | | dock dirty, nose crusty |
| TACK: | | | | | |
| Safe (0-5) | | ✓ | | | |
| Properly adjusted (0-2) | | | ✓ | | girth one hole loose, noseband too low |
| Stress points clean (0-2) | | | ✓ | | metal marks on stirrup leathers |
| Stirrup pads, if used, clean (0-1) | ✓ | | | | very white! |
| No jockeys or dust (0-3) | | ✓ | | | fairly clean, some dust in cracks |
| Bit clean (0-2) | | ✓ | | | bit very shiny! ☺ |
| Totals | | | | | |



Vet Box



Vet Box: What is it?

- The Vet box is the area where a child immediately reports to after pulling up from XC.
 - Designated area protected from sun and weather and removed from spectators and confusion.
- The Vet Box usually will have a Veterinarian and an HMJ.
- The Vet will take the mount's TPR to clinically evaluate the mount's condition.
- Then after evaluation of the mount(with any directions from Vet) the competitor will begin cooling out their mount.
- The Vet will do a recheck of the mount after 10-15 mins before permitting the mount to go back to the barns for final cool out.

Pulling up after XC

- All riders must, after completing the course, report to vet box. This includes riders that were eliminated, disqualified or who retired on course.
- Competitors gradually come to a walk, report to HMJ or Vet (competitors DO NOT have to ask to dismount).
- Stand at the head of (but not in front of) the mount and stand quietly, be attentive, and observe the Vet when he/she takes mounts TPR.
- Attend primary needs/check for major injured or distress after Vet has finished.
- Remove tack as efficiently as possible (and spurs if worn)

Cool out Procedures after XC

- Cooling out should be done appropriately according to mount's condition and the weather.
 - Examine mount for cuts, abrasions, loose or pulled shoes
 - Walk mount in large circles and keep safe distance from others.
 - Sponge and sweat scrape mount to remove sweat and lather. Encourage heat loss through evaporation.
 - Gradually offer water to mount
 - Continue sponging and scraping
 - Cover mount appropriately according to weather(cold or windy)

Duties of HMJ's in Vet Box

- Must be familiar with pull up procedure after XC
- Keep competitors going to the Vet for checks
- HMJ must not be passive..... that means not just noting problems and penalties. HMJ must help child if problems arise. The welfare of mount and rider are most important.
- Watch mounts and children for signs of distress. (Sometimes riders need more care than horses.)
- If HMJ in vet box sees distress in child or mount after the vet has released them, then the HMJ must alert the HMJs in the stable area.

Penalties assessed in Vet Box

- **Improper pulling up after the finish**
 - Up to 15 points per team
- **Improper cooling out procedures**
 - Up to 20 points per team
- **Poor condition of mount**
 - Up to 15 points per team
- **Distressed Mount**
 - Up to 15 points per team
- **Failure to report immediately to the Vet Box**
 - Up to 10 points per rider

USPC Work Sheet for Finish of Cross-Country Test

Upon completing the test, competitors should gradually pull up to a walk and present themselves to the HMJ or veterinarian. Then, under the supervision of a Horse Management Judge, perform any preliminary measures needed for the comfort of the horse. If eliminated, competitors must ride or lead horse to the vet box.

Upon return to the holding, THE CONDITION OF THE HORSE WILL BE JUDGED BY A VETERINARIAN THROUGH PERIODIC CHECKS OF THE PULSE, RESPIRATION, AND DEGREE OF SWEATING (unless otherwise instructed by rally officials).

At the completion of these examinations, the competitor will be given permission to return the mount to the stable area.

| Number | Time | 1st Check | Time | 2nd Check | Time | 3rd Check | Comments |
|--------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 44 | | / | | / | | / | Did not immediately report to vet/HMJ |
| 76 | | / | | / | | / | Failed to remove spurs/loosen girth- Had to be told |

Vet fills out this part

Final Thoughts

- ASHJs have the best job at the rally. We get to meet all the kids, all the horses, and be right in the thick of things
- HM scores are 100% controllable— PCers can't always control how a ride will come out, but they can always control their horse management
- Be friendly, be fair, be consistent. Explain and teach and you go, and allow PCers to share their knowledge with you



Final Notes

- Be familiar with the rulebooks
- Avoid judging your own child, and your own club
- If you don't know something, admit it, and ask
- Try to be non-intimidating. Be friendly, try to use PCers names instead of numbers when possible
- Communicate constantly with other AHMJ's, and the Chief: communication = consistency in judging

Finally

- Questions/comments? Want a copy of this talk?

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Thanks for coming, and
see you at the rallies!