

Q What's New for Horse Management in 2010?

A The NEW Rulebook!

The USPC Horse Management Committee is pleased to introduce the *USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Rallies 2010*, effective as of February 1, 2010. There are three sections of the rulebook.

To be considered **complete** for the Required Equipment Checklist, members must present:

- Part 1 – *HM Rules at USPC Rallies*
- All Appendices (A – H), and
- 2010 HM Newsletter.

Members may also choose to include Part 2 (*Judges' Guide to the HM Program at USPC Rallies*) and Part 3 (*Organizing the HM Program for USPC Rallies*) as these sections contain information that may be helpful in preparing Members for the HM portion of a Rally.

Members and HM Judges are also encouraged to refer to the *2010 USPC Handbook: Then and Now* PowerPoint presentation (available at www.hm.ponyclub.org) for a quick reference guide to significant rule changes.

SIGNIFICANT RULE CHANGES FOR 2010

HM 6.h: Communication/Electronic Devices. Electronic communication devices (e.g., cell phones, computers, walkie-talkies) are allowed at USPC Rallies, however, there are guidelines regarding use:

- Electronic/communication devices may only be used in areas where direct interaction with horses will not take place (e.g., Neutral Zone, HM Office, team tack room).
- The use of cell phones and other communication devices is in accordance with the discipline rules for competition.
- Earbuds/headphones should be used in ONE EAR ONLY, so the Competitor can clearly hear what is happening around them.
- Under no circumstances may any Member have in view or hearing any media that conveys an inappropriate message that may contribute to a hostile environment for another Member or volunteer.

HM 6.i: Competitor ID During Rally. Competitors must wear their pinnie or other form of ID designated by the Rally Organizer as well as their Medical Armband containing their current USPC Medical Card. The USPC Medical Card is available on the USPC website (www.ponyclub.org) on the Forms page, under "M".

HM 7: Attire. Specifications for attire have been expanded to decrease confusion among Members, Parents, Judges, and Volunteers. Highlights include:

HM 7.a Helmet Requirements. Helmet fit and condition can alter its effectiveness. Refer to **HM 7 a.2** for guidelines regarding how to address unacceptable helmets at a USPC mounted activity. **HM Appendix G** provides information on helmet fit.

HM 7.b General Attire Requirements. USPC expects Members to dress in clothing appropriate to the discipline and activity. Members are expected to dress in a manner that conveys respect for themselves, others, our sport and organization.

- **Jewelry:** All visible piercings or other body jewelry-type adornments must lay close to the skin, i.e., stud or post. Because of the danger of entanglement in a barn or riding environment, no hoop or dangling adornments of any type on any visible body surface is acceptable. Members wearing any jewelry other than what is permitted will be asked to remove the jewelry. Any Member choosing not to remove the jewelry will be disqualified from the entire competition by the TD/Ground Jury.

- **Footwear:** Footwear while in the barn area must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Thick-soled, heeled shoes/boots (short or tall)
- ✓ Cover the ankle
- ✓ In good condition
- ✓ Made of leather or synthetic materials
- ✓ Entirely closed
- ✓ Securely fastened

HM 7.d Ceremony Attire. Competitor attire for unmounted USPC Ceremonies, if not specified by the activity Organizer, must be safe, appropriate, neat, and clean.

HM 7.e Attire for Horse Inspections (Jog Outs). Horse Inspection is often the first time the Judge(s) see Competitors and their mounts. Therefore, out of respect for the Inspection Panel and to make a good first impression, Competitor attire for Horse



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Inspections must be safe, appropriate, neat and clean and must following the requirements on page 10 HM 7.e.

HM 7.i Attire for Turnout Inspection. The chart detailing attire for Turnout Inspection has been updated, with the most notable changes occurring in Neckwear allowed for both Informal and Formal attire. Men may now wear solid white, black or navy neckties with a dress shirt when presenting in Formal attire. Members should also refer to discipline rules to determine if there are additional requirements regarding attire for a specific sport.

HM 8.d: Tack Adjustment. Tack, equipment and bits must be properly fitted and adjusted on the mount. If a HM Judge or designated-representative determines that a Member's tack fit may render it ineffective, then, with the Member's permission, they will assist the Unrated through C-1 rated Member with a tack adjustment. C-2 and higher rated Members are considered to be sufficiently skilled to adjust their own tack. Any questions about tack fit or condition should be referred to the Technical Delegate.

HM 10.d: Bandaging. Members, Unrated through C-2, must have a HM Judge check any bandages to establish if they are properly applied. Bandages may only be applied by the Competitor (Member) or the Owner of the mount or person designated by the Owner. If one of the latter individuals will be applying bandages, the CHMJ must be notified that this person will be entering the barn area.

HM 10.h: Longeing. Individuals authorized to longe include:

- Any age Competitor C-3 and higher,
- The owner of the mount or person designated by the owner. The CHMJ must be notified that this individual will be entering the barn area,
- At the discretion of the CHMJ, any Competitor, if directly supervised by a non-competing adult approved by the CHMJ.

HM 13: Feeds and Feeding. The rules associated with Feeds and Feeding have been expanded to provide clarification and decrease confusion regarding expectations.

- HM 13.d contains a chart that outlines expectations regarding the measurement and storage of hay/roughage, concentrates/grain and supplements. **HM Appendix H-3** provides a sample Feed Chart that includes all required information.

HM 14: Equine Drugs & Medications. USPC follows USEF rules regarding equine drugs and medications. USPC recognizes that mounts may be on medication for different reasons. Any mount requiring a drug or medication must have a Prescription Form or Veterinarian Letter from the prescribing Veterinarian (**HM14.c**). A sample Veterinarian Letter containing all required information is provided in **HM Appendix F**. The Prescription Form or Veterinary Letter must be given to

the CHMJ upon arrival on competition grounds and will be kept on file in the Rally HM Office.

HM 14.f: Administering Equine Drugs & Medications. In general, C-2s and above may administer drugs and medications only to their own mounts without direct supervision. C-2s and above may not be responsible for administering drugs and/or medications to another Member's mount without consultation with the CHMJ. C-1s and under must consult with the CHMJ prior to administering the drug or medication to coordinate supervision and/or assistance.

HM 15.a: Horse Inspections (formerly called Jog Outs). The rules associated with Horse Inspections have been expanded to provide clarification and decrease confusion regarding expectations for Horse Inspections.

HM 15.b: Safety Check & Turnout Inspection. At all USPC competitions, prior to each and every riding phase, a complete Safety Check of each Competitor's mount, equipment and attire must take place. Turnout Inspection will serve as the Safety Check for the first riding phase of the competition. Riders who fail to report for Safety Check prior to riding will be eliminated from that phase.

**** NOTE:** *There are no longer any ratings-based exemptions from Safety Checks.*

HM 15.c: Turnbacks. The rules associated with Turnbacks have been expanded to provide clarification and decrease confusion regarding expectations for Turnbacks. HM 15.c includes a chart that outlines expectations regarding care of mount, tack, and rider's boots following the final ride of each day in a competition.

**** NOTE:** *There are no longer any ratings-based exemptions from Turnback Inspections.*

HM Appendix D-2: Required Equipment Check List. There is only one form for the Required Equipment Checklist for both One-Day and Overnight Rallies. There are slight changes in the Required Equipment List that Members, Parents, and other Volunteers should note when preparing Rally kits:

- Equine First Aid Kit: Epsom Salts are no longer required.
- Human First Aid Kit: Must include 1 extra medical arm-band and blank USPC Medical Card.

**** NOTE:** It is strongly recommended that Members refer to the Required Equipment Amplification to learn more about why certain items are included in a kit and HM expectations regarding amounts. This resource is not a mandatory component of the USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Rallies 2010, however, teams may include it as a resource.

Go to HM.PonyClub.org → Rally → Required Equipment Details.

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CORRECTIONS

- Incorrect References/Corrections/Clarifications:

| Page | Rule | Item |
|------|--------------|---|
| 2 | HM 1.b | HM 1.1 should be HM 1.a |
| 4 | HM 3.a | Scribes are not considered AHMJ's |
| 10 | HM 7.d.e.f | HM 7.2 should be HM 7.b HM 7.6 should be HM 7.f |
| 21 | HM 12.e | Appendix D, Form 2 should be HM Appendix D-2 |
| 80 | Appendix D-1 | Top right corner should say "White," not "Ivory" |
| 81 | Appendix D-2 | Tack Cleaning Kit should say, "Saddle Soap or Leather Cleaner" |

NOTES FOR RALLY ORGANIZERS AND HM JUDGES

- **USPC Intent to Rally Notification Form** – is now available online at <http://hm.ponyclub.org> under the "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 USPC Approved CHMJ's or the Rally may not be recognized as a qualifying competition for Championships.
- **HM Rally Evaluations** – To help improve the Rally experience for all Members, it is vitally important that you distribute and return HM Rally Evaluations to the USPC Office or appropriate person. They are available in HM Appendix E. Chief HM Judges are strongly encouraged to submit their evaluations online at <http://hm.ponyclub.org> under the "CHMJ/HMO" tab.
- **HM Score Sheets** – HM Appendix D includes all of the Score Sheets required for the HM portion of USPC Rallies. Forms D5-a, b, c (Turnout Inspection Sheets) are the same forms as those from Addendum A in the 2007 Horse Management Rules for USPC Rules for Rallies, therefore, these forms will be continued to be used for the 2010 competitive year. All other forms are new. There are also worksheets (Appendices D-3, D-6, and D-7) to help guide Assistant HM Judges in collecting notes in the stable area for transfer to the Daily Sheet (Appendix D-4).