

New for 2008:

- ▲ Competitors who are rated C+ or H-B will compete at the C-2 level in Horse Management at rallies.
- ▲ The *Required Equipment Amplification* is now available on the Horse Management website, <http://hm.ponyclub.org> under 'Rally Resources.' Visit our website for other great articles, including 'Nutraceuticals - Why Every Pony Club Member Should Read The Labels.'
- ▲ Rally Organizers: There are two new Horse Management evaluations, one for **competitors** (#9A, which replaces the one found on page 98 of the 2007 Horse Management Handbook) and one for **officials**, #9A-2. Both can be found on the USPC website, www.ponyclub.org, under 'Publications,' 'Rulebooks,' 'Horse Management.' These evaluations are due at the USPC national office within ten days of the rally. *Please destroy all old versions of the HM evaluation forms.*

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.

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)

Competitor/Officials HM Evaluation Form - 2008: Can be copied Competitor/Official back to back. Please destroy all old versions of the HM evaluation forms.

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.



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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.

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