

APPENDIX A

ALPHABET SOUP: Things you will meet within Pony Club

- ASST HMJ** – Assistant Horse Management Judge
Helps the CHMJ at rallies
- ASTM/SEI** – American Society for Testing and Materials/Safety Equipment Institute
A very important sticker to have in your members' helmets
All helmets must be ASTM/SEI approved
- BBP** – Basic Balanced Seat
- BIP** – Basic Instruction Program
- BoG** – Board of Governors (Approximately 30 veteran USPC volunteers)
Sets policy
Approves new clubs
Approves regional officers
Governance
Nominating
Development
Establishes USPC direction through Strategic Planning
Communications
Finance
- CHMJ** – Chief Horse Management Judge
Is the lead Horse Management Judge at a rally
- CM** – Corporate Member
USPC Adult Membership
Required of BoG, RS, VRS, HMO, RIC, DC, Jt-DC, and others
- DC** – District Commissioner
“A District Commissioner ... shall direct and manage all matters in the club.”
(National Bylaws 8.7.b)
Is recommended by Sponsors, appointed by RS, and confirmed by the VPRA
- DNMS** – Does Not Meet Standard
Concerning a ratings section
- EBTH** – Everything But the Horse Rally
- ES** – Exceeds Standard
Concerning a ratings section
- FI** – Formal Inspection
Takes place at rally

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HM – Horse Management

A daily part of Pony Club involving the care of mounts

HMJ – Horse Management Judge

Horse Management Judge at a rally

HMO – Horse Management Organizer

Appointed by the RS

Works with RIC and RS to aid in developing a balanced instruction program for the clubs and region

Is involved with education and competition

IC OR CI – Instruction Coordinator or Coordinator of Instruction

Appointed by the DC

IMP – Incident Management Plan

This is a readiness plan for natural disasters that could occur in your area. It could also be for accidents, or other emergency situations such as thefts.

It is convenient and efficient to write up an IMP on a 3"x5" card to keep with the DC and other club leaders at meetings.

IO – Impartial Observer

Ensures fairness during ratings

JT-DC – Joint District Commissioner

Assists DC

Is recommended by Sponsors, approved and appointed by RS

LOO – List of Officers

Form submitted for each club

RS signature required for approval

Submitted with fall renewal packet and for any officer change or addition

MS – Meets Standard

Concerning a ratings section

NE – National Examiner

Examiners which have been approved by USPC to examine at the national level ratings (C-3 and above)

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NYC – National Youth Congress

Recognizes outstanding C-3 and up members
 Two days prior to the National Annual Meeting are devoted to NYC meetings, workshops, and networking, etc., for youth members and alumni
 Culminates with an Honors Banquet and induction of outstanding Alumni into USPC Academy of Achievement

PAC – Programs Administration Council

Is charged with insuring the effective administration of programs
 Is headed by the Executive Director of USPC
 Is a partnership between staff members and volunteer partners

PIP – Primus inter Pares or first among equals or first among peers, concerning ratings:

Is the lead examiner
 Has overall responsibility for the test
 Completes all paperwork
 Has the authority to make final decisions
 For national level tests the National Testing Committee selects PIPs
 At club level tests (D-1 through C-2) the DC selects the PIP

RIC – Regional Instruction Coordinator

Is appointed by the RS
 Works with RS in identifying club instructional needs
 The RIC also serves as a resource for DCs and ICs
 Assists DCs in recognizing and implementing appropriate mounted and unmounted instructional program
 Works with HMO

RS – Regional Supervisor

Is charged with the ultimate accountability for all activities in the region
 A liaison between national organization and the clubs within the region
 Recommended by the Regional Council
 Approved and appointed by the VPRA
 Confirmed by the Board of Governors

S&R – Standards and Ratings Clinic

SM – Stable Manager, part of a rally team

VPRA – Vice President for Regional Administration

Is the chair of Regional Administration Committee
 Is charged with serving as a source of information to RSs and VRSs
 And must propose guidelines and policies for the administration of regions and clubs

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VRS – Vice Regional Supervisor
Assists the RS
Recommended by Regional Council
Approved and appointed by the VPRA
Confirmed by the Board of Governors

USPC – United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

KC – Cross Country
Phase at Eventing rally
Jumps taken while riding in the open

Things you will meet which are not “of” Pony Club:

AHC – American Horse Council

MFHA – Masters of Foxhounds Association

NAYRC – North America Young Riders Championship

USDF – United States Dressage Federation

USEA – United States Eventing Association
Formerly known as United States Combined Training Association (USCTA)

USEF – United States Equestrian Federation
a.k.a. “The Federation”
Governing body for most horse shows
Formerly known as AHSA (American Horse Shows Association)

USET – United States Equestrian Team

USHJA – United States Hunter Jumper Association