

## 2019 HORSE MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

There are a lot of changes this year. For the first time ever, the Standards of Proficiency, the Safety Handbook, and the Discipline Rulebooks have all been updated and made consistent across the publications. This is the result of months of collaboration between the Instruction Council, the Activities Council, and the Safety Committee.

There have been many changes to the Attire Section! The terms “formal” and “informal” do NOT exist anymore.

1. The Horse Management Handbook has been revised along with all the other discipline rulebooks for consistency across the disciplines. Section I in all rulebooks is the **USPC Rally Uniform Officiation Rules (UOR)**.
2. The **USPC HM Required Equipment Checklist Amplification** document has been moved to the website in order to make more timely adjustments. We strongly suggest that it either be printed, or downloaded to an electronic device so it is available for REFERENCE at rallies. It is still a very relevant source of information.
3. There has been a change in the descriptions for Excused, Elimination and Disqualification. This can be found in Articles 19-21 in Section I.
4. As of January 1, 2019, a properly fitted equestrian Body Protector (Vest) is now required to be worn during any USPC activity when the rider is jumping cross-country/solid obstacles. Articles 15, 46, 51, 157 and 158.
5. Felt color for H-HM certification has been changed from Lavender to Purple (same as H). Article 47. If you already have lavender felt, that is still acceptable.
6. Unmounted attire has changed in that now denim pants of any color are allowed (including Blue Jeans!) as long as there are no rips or tears. Shorts must be of mid-length or longer (no short-shorts) and modest length skirts are also accepted. Article 48
7. Ceremony attire is to be discipline specific, and we have revised the examples in Article 49. Shirts must be tucked in, and belts worn when there are belt loops on the pants or skirt.
8. Attire for Horse Inspections has also been revised in Article 50, including the statement that **blue jeans are acceptable for horse inspections in the Western Disciplines** – but not the English disciplines.
9. Basic riding attire (also called Exercising and Schooling attire) is described for all certification levels in Article 52. These descriptions match the revised Standards of Proficiency.
10. Attire for Turnout Inspection (Competition Attire) is now determined by the Discipline Rulebook. Article 54. Formal and Informal are no longer terms in our HMH vocabulary. Suggest that you reference the discipline rulebook before a rally so the appropriate clothing is worn for the Turnout Inspection.
11. Article 56 is a clarification that there must be one empty hole above each buckle on the bridle at the safety check to allow for adjustments, or in the event the bridle breaks.
12. Halter identification suggestion for alternative stabling options is in Article 60 for those instances where there is no stall number, or possibly even a trailer to describe.
13. Article 61 on Tack Adjustment describes that a rider may not be allowed to proceed to the riding phase until it is changed or corrected if the tack is not safe at the safety check.
14. At the request of the Activities Council, we have added information about acceptable options for securing mounts in Article 74. There is a larger, more detailed body of information in the Alternative Stabling Resources section of the AMPLIFICATIONS document located on the website through a link on the Horse Management Discipline page.
15. The Hay/Roughage, Concentrates/Grain & Supplements section has been revised somewhat in Article 94 to make it clearer for

the members. Salt was removed from the “Supplements & Salt” block because there was no mention of it in the text, but it is discussed in the section titled “Feeding at Overnight Rallies”.

16. Equine Drugs and Medications Article 100 is also meant to be clearer in description.
17. Safety Checks and Turnout Requirements in Article 108 describes the process for TEAMS to use to report to turnouts.
18. The entire Inquiry/Protest/Process has changed and is now consistent across the disciplines. The reason for the change is to utilize verbiage that is common across the governing discipline bodies. This can all be found in Articles 119 – 122. There are really no major changes – just a difference in what each step is called.
19. Section V is also consistent across the disciplines, and contains descriptions for the job responsibilities for all the rally officials.
20. Helmet Requirements in Chapter 19 have all been revised to match what is also in the Safety Handbook. We have a new statement on care and storage in Article 155.
21. Chapter 20 is all the new information about Body Protector Vests.
22. Article 161 - Required information for a stall card has been corrected to list everything that is actually on the template. Plus adding that an emergency contact number needs to be listed for Adult members.
23. For Feed Charts, we have removed the Date/Day line and changed it to AM or PM, with a note that if there are to be any daily adjustments to feeding based on what the horse does that day, it needs to be noted on the chart. In actuality, most mounts are fed the same ration from day to day and this better reflects actual practice.
24. We have ADDED a packing checklist to assist the members in tracking what they need to take with them to rallies, camps, clinics, etc. This is a suggestion, and is not being presented as a total list but rather as an aid.
25. The Horse Management Judging forms have all been revised. **TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK AT THEM BEFORE YOU GET TO RALLY** because there are some changes.
26. Of note, there are changes in the Turnout Inspection sheets; the First Check Set-up and Safety Sheets, and the Turnback sheets. Some of the changes are to make the forms easier for HMJs to use, while other changes are there to make it easier for the competitors to know the expectations.
27. The Required Equipment Checklist has been changed again for 2019. We have increased the required number of sterile 4x4s in the Equine First Aid Kit to a minimum of 8. And there are significant changes to the Tack Cleaning Kit to reflect the changes in saddlery and manufacturer recommendations for care.
28. Page 24 Corrections:
  - a. the title for this chart should read **“Hay/Roughage/Prepackaged Concentrates/Grain”**
  - b. add to Measuring that **1 flake = 5 lbs**
  - c. add to Acceptable packaging that **“Bulk in bales must be re-tied/closed after each feeding”**
  - d. add to Storing & Securing that **“Hay may be stored on top of cloth or plastic tarps to keep hay clean and dry”**
  - e. the word **Supplements** on the far left column should be a header.

The Amplifications Section has been updated. There are detailed explanations for the extra equipment for the Western Disciplines and information on the alternative stabling methods. We want to make this a “living” document and will be adding information to it throughout the years.