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Resource List

- USPC website www.ponyclub.org
- USPC Quiz web page www.ponyclub.org/Members/Disciplines/Quiz
- USPC Quiz Facebook Page www.facebook.com/QuizinUSPC
- USPC International Quiz Exchange Facebook Page www.facebook.com/USPCInternationalQuiz

Reminder: This is a new Rulebook for 2020. Additions, deletions and changes have been made since the last rulebook was issued. Be sure to read the *entire* publication carefully so you will be aware of all the rules for the upcoming rally season.

This rulebook should be kept in a 3-ring binder to allow for addition of revisions and new instructional sections. Do not remove pages from your rulebook; be sure to make copies of all forms and charts before writing on them.

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bility. Adult members and leaders should refrain from using alcohol or other substances that may adversely affect their judgment at any time that they are acting, or may be called upon to act in a responsible position.

A notation must be on the medical card/bracelet that a prescription medication is being used. This policy applies for the duration of the Pony Club activity. Duration of a Pony Club activity is defined in USPC Policy 0500 as being "A period of time beginning with the official opening of the activity and ending with the official closing of the activity."

Any underage Pony Club member found to be using, in possession of, or under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, or other age restricted or illegal substances during a USPC sponsored activity shall be disqualified and barred from further participation in that activity. Any adult Pony Club member found to be using, in possession of, or under the influence of illegal substances during a USPC sponsored activity shall be disqualified and barred from further participation in that activity.

Any adult attending, participating, assisting with, officiating or chaperoning at any USPC sponsored activity whose behavior is inappropriate or creates a potential hazard to the safety and/or well-being of Pony Club members, officials, mounts, or other individuals may, at the discretion of the officials in charge of the activity, be asked to leave and be barred from the remainder of the activity.

Smoking is strictly forbidden in and around stable areas.

Article 9—Mounts (Policy 0910.A)

Mounts used at a regional or interregional rally should be the participant's regular USPC mount, and be accustomed to being handled by its rider without adult supervision. A participant may use a mount other than the regular mount only with the advance permission of the DC/CA and RS.

Per USPC Policy suitable mounts are defined as follows:

1. Stallions are not considered suitable mounts.
2. Mounts must be serviceably sound, in good overall health and in condition for the activity in question.
3. Mounts must be appropriate for the certification level of the rider and must be at a level of training to participate safely in the activity.
4. Except as noted below, mounts must be at least five (5) years of age in order to participate in USPC competitive, instructional, and recreational programs and activities. In establishing the age of mounts, the first year is considered to be January 1 following the date of foaling.
5. Members holding a riding certification of C-1 and above may participate in all USPC activities on an appropriate mount at least four (4) years of age (See above). A mount must be excused from any activity if in the opinion of the instructor, examiner, or appropriate authority, it is unsafe either to its rider or to other riders or mounts.

Ownership of a mount is not a prerequisite for membership in USPC. The responsibility for obtaining a suitable mount for mounted activities rests with the parents or guardians of the individual member.

Article 10—Substitution of Mounts

For all mounted rallies (except Tetrathlon) mount and rider become eligible for Championships as a team. Therefore, a competitor must enter Championships only on the mount they earned eligibility on. In extraordinary circumstances, after becoming eligible for Championships, a substitute mount may be requested utilizing the appropriate form, by the regional supervisor and must be approved by the applicable discipline chair and the Vice President of Activities.

Any substituted entry must meet the same mount and eligibility requirements as the original entry.

No mount substitution may be made once a competition has commenced. Refer to 'Mount Substitution Form'

Article 11—Sharing of Mounts

In some disciplines and in some competitions, the sharing of mounts may be allowed. At regional rallies, the rally organizer in consultation with the RS may allow for the sharing of mounts by competitors. For Championships, requests for shared mounts must be submitted to the appropriate discipline chair, and VPA utilizing the Mount Substitution Form. Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, for approval or denial. Determination of shared mounts must take into consideration the discipline, competition schedule, and suitability of mount. Obviously, the welfare of the mount should be the highest priority in this situation and all competitors must agree that if the horse management, judges, technical delegate/steward, organizers or HM onsite feel that the health of the mount is in jeopardy at any time that they may be removed from the rest of the riding portion of the competition.

Article 12—Equine Drugs & Medication (Policy 0910.C)

Per USPC Policy 0910.C. DCs/CAs, RSs, rally organizers, officials and judges must be familiar with and enforce this policy. Parents and competitors must also be familiar with and abide by this policy. Failure to observe this policy will result in disqualification.

1. All mounts in a USPC sponsored activity shall be serviceably sound and healthy. Mounts should be free of medication other than dressings for minor wounds or scrapes, unless under treatment by a veterinarian. Medications and supplements may not be used to provide an unfair advantage over other competitors or to allow an unfit mount to be used.
2. Medication is defined as any substance that is not water, salt, electrolytes, or a supplement and is not considered a

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other competitors, their mounts, spectators, or others will be penalized accordingly.

- Any act or series of actions that in the opinion of the judge, TD, steward, member of the discipline ground jury can be defined as dangerous riding shall be penalized at the discretion of the discipline ground jury.
- If such actions are reported, the discipline ground jury shall decide if there is a case to be answered. If an individual member of the discipline ground jury observes such actions, they may eliminate or penalize the competitor forthwith on their own authority. There is no appeal against a discipline ground jury decision.

Article 15—Safety

USPC is committed to safety while recognizing that equestrian activities are inherently dangerous. **The USPC Safety Handbook is an excellent resource for more making safety a priority at all rallies and Pony Club functions.** This dedication to safety extends to requiring certain equipment be utilized during Pony Club activities and include:

1. Protective Headgear (Policy 0800.A): USPC requires members participating in mounted and some unmounted activities to wear a properly fitted equestrian helmet, securely fastened, containing certification that it meets the criteria established by the following international or national safety bodies: ASTM F1163 (North America), AS/NZ 3838 (Australia and NZ), PAS 015 (UK).
2. Safety Vest/Body Protector (Policy 0800.C): USPC requires members to wear a properly fitted equestrian body protector when jumping cross-country or solid obstacles during any activity sponsored by the USPC, its regions, registered clubs or riding center programs. USPC recommends wearing a body protector that is ASTM-certified (manufactured in US) or certified to the BETA Level 3 (manufactured in Great Britain).
3. Medical Armbands and Bracelets (Policy 0800.B):
 - USPC requires that members participating in any USPC affiliated mounted or unmounted activity, must wear either a Medical Armband or Medical Bracelet while participating in the activity. The member may choose which one to wear.
 - Medical armbands must include a current completed copy of the individual's USPC or USEA Medical Card. It must be worn on the upper arm. If the member has small arms, he/she may safety pin the armband to his/her upper sleeve. (Armbands are available for purchase from Shop Pony Club.)
 - Medical bracelets must visibly list these six items on them: name and date of birth, contact information, known allergies, current medications, and existing medical conditions. More information is acceptable, but these six items are required to be on the bracelet

- All officials on site at the USPC mounted or unmounted activity are encouraged to work with the competitors to remind them of this requirement.
- Any member at a USPC affiliated mounted or unmounted activity* found not wearing either a medical armband or medical bracelet must be removed from the activity until the member conforms to the policy requirements.
- * Tetrathlon competitors will not be required to wear them while actually shooting or swimming but must have them visible and next to them for these activities and must wear them at all other times.

4. Unmounted Footwear: When working in the barn or near mounts unmounted footwear must meet all the following criteria:

- Thick-soled , shoes/boots (short or tall)
- Cover the ankle
- In good condition
- Made of leather or synthetic materials
- Entirely closed
- Securely fastened
- Well-fitted to foot
- Sturdy construction (e.g., Ugg-type boots do not meet this requirement)

Examples: paddock/jodphur boots, rubber riding boots, rain boots/wellies, western boots.

Article 16—Heat Related Information

Heat Illness (Policy 0900): USPC requires all Pony Club volunteers in a leadership position within Pony Club and especially anyone involved directly with mounted or unmounted lessons or activities to complete the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) heat illness training module.

At all USPC activities, rally officials must consider the:

- Temperature and humidity using the "Heat Index Chart" (Appendix II).
- Time of day and season of activity.
- Level of exertion necessary for participation in the activity.

The Heat Index (HI) or "Apparent Temperature" is the temperature the body feels when heat and humidity are combined. This reduces the amount of evaporation of sweat from the body and outdoor exercise becomes dangerous even for those in good shape. Please refer to Appendix II.

Steps to prevent heat related illness include:

- Providing unlimited cool water for consumption in ALL areas, especially riding areas.
- Make water breaks mandatory.
- Do not depend on thirst as an indicator of the need for water.

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- Avoid the hottest part of the day if this is an option.
- Consider shortening the length/level or exertion of the activity.

During rallies, the discipline ground jury (overall ground jury at Championships) is responsible for monitoring the Heat Index and taking appropriate action as necessary. Those actions could include, but are not limited to:

- Waiving of coats/jackets
- Banning of coats/jackets
- Altering of schedule

Any official can and should bring a potentially dangerous heat situation to the attention of the president of the ground jury. If coats/jackets are waived or banned the following processes should be followed.

Waived Coats/Jackets

When the temperature and humidity are recorded in the danger zone, removal of coats during warm up is MANDATORY.

If the rider wants to put their coat/jacket on for their competition round, then they may leave their neckwear and helmet cover on during warm up.

If the rider does not want to put their coat/jacket on for their competition round, then they must remove all neckwear and their helmet cover during warm up.

Additional Information

- When coats are waived, the competitors must be turned out per Competition Attire (including coats/jackets) unless they choose to compete wearing Basic Riding Attire.
- Riders must wear a collared shirt with long or short sleeves if they are not wearing a jacket.
- T-Shirts are not permitted.

Competitors must also remove neckwear and helmet covers on vented helmets if they do not wish to wear their jackets for their competitive ride.

Banned Coats/Jackets

When temperature and humidity are recorded in the danger zone and based on the decision of the discipline ground jury (overall ground jury at Championships) coats/jackets may be banned for the safety of competitors. If coats/jackets are banned then competitors must remove coats/jackets, neckwear and helmet covers for turnout inspections, warm up and for competition rounds.

Heat Illness Return To Play

A member believed by a leader, coach, parent or official of a USPC unmounted or mounted activity or competition to be suffering from heat illness shall be removed from play at that time and given appropriate treatment before being allowed to return to play.

Article 17—Concussion and Return to Play

Concussion (Policy 0900): USPC requires all Pony Club volunteers in a leadership position within Pony Club and especially anyone involved directly with mounted or unmounted lessons or activities to complete the concussion training module.

A member believed by a leader, coach, parent or official to have sustained a concussion during a USPC unmounted or mounted activity must be referred to medical personnel. Medical personnel in conjunction with rally officials and organizers will determine if a written release is required for the member to return to the competition.

Article 18—Unauthorized Assistance and Permitted Assistance in all Phases

1. Unauthorized Assistance: Unauthorized assistance is help and/or assistance during the competition from anyone other than other competitors, HMJs, and rally officials. Unauthorized assistance can occur in person or through the use of electronic communication, unless allowed by the specific discipline rulebook (e.g., coaches in certain situations)
2. If, in the opinion of the president of the ground jury, unauthorized assistance has been received by a competitor, that competitor may be eliminated from that phase of the rally, or in extreme cases, disqualified from the entire competition. If there is any question, the discipline ground jury makes the final decision. There is no appeal.
3. Permitted Assistance:
 - Adults may aid in the unloading of mounts and carrying of heavy gear into the stable area upon arrival, after which non-competitors must immediately leave the area.
 - **After a fall of a competitor or competitor dismounts, they may be assisted to catch their mount*, to adjust their saddlery, to remount, or to be handed any part of their saddlery or equipment, including whip, while they are dismounted or after they have remounted. Helmets must be replaced, and retention harnesses refastened before riders may remount.**
 - * **Exception for loose mounts in Games only:** In Games, a loose mount may be caught by any competitor or Official already in the arena when the loose mount is behind Lines A and C. However, only the mount's rider may enter the playing area to catch it.
 - A competitor may receive clarification of jumping penalties from an obstacle judge, e.g., after jumping a flag at a corner, the judge may clarify whether it was a run-out or not.
 - If bodily harm to mount and/or rider is imminent, assistance from anyone (Official or otherwise), without concern for penalties, is expected. Time permitting, the

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situation should be brought to the attention of an Official. If immediate intervention is necessary, then an Official will be notified as soon as possible concerning the situation.

- If a mount is ill or injured, the owner/agent of the mount will be called in to discuss care.

Article 19—Excused

1. Jumping disciplines may call this a “Technical Elimination”
2. To grant permission to, or request that a competitor leave the phase/round/game due to circumstances outside of the competitor’s control (e.g., illness of rider, illness or lameness of mount)
3. Decided by
 - Inspection panel at horse inspection
 - Judge
 - Discipline ground jury
4. May not ride; therefore, will not receive any riding score during the Excuse, but
 - May request a lameness recheck
 - Rider may request to compete in following phases/rounds/games after if illness passes.
 - Both the mount and rider shall stay on rally grounds (unless the mount is transported for medical reasons) and continue to participate with the team and continue to be scored in horse management.
 - If ill, mount will be moved to another area, if possible.

Article 20—Elimination

- Elimination means to exclude a competitor or mount, for cause, from judging consideration in a class/phase. Competitor not scored in a class due to a mistake (e.g., use of illegal equipment, violation of the rules of phase/rounds/ games.)
- After elimination, the discipline ground jury in consultation with the organizer, may allow participation in subsequent phases/rounds/games.
- Determined by judge or discipline ground jury.
- Refer to scoring of penalties for additional discipline specific reasons for elimination.

Article 21—Disqualification

1. Disqualification means that a competitor and his/her mount(s) may not take further part in the competition including in horse management.
2. It is applied at the discretion of the discipline ground jury.
3. Disqualification is a punishment for misconduct arising from a deliberate attempt to contravene the rules and regulations of USPC.

4. Includes but not limited to:
 - Cruelty (Article 13);
 - abusive or unsportsmanlike conduct;
 - **obscene or inappropriate language;**
 - the use of drugs (other than those prescribed by a physician), alcohol, or tobacco (Article 8);
 - rude and disruptive behavior;
 - cheating;
 - rough or dangerous riding;
 - knowingly riding a lame, sick, or exhausted mount;
 - misuse of equine medications (USPC Policy 0910.C);
5. If such actions are reported, the discipline ground jury shall decide if there is a case to be answered. If an individual member of the discipline ground jury observes such actions, they may eliminate or penalize the competitor forthwith on their own authority. There is no appeal against a discipline ground jury decision
6. Refer to scoring of penalties for additional discipline specific reasons for disqualification.

SECTION II: General Regulations

2. Competitors shall not be spectators in any phase of any division.

When allowed in the competitions area:

- Spectators need to enter before any phase begins and then remain quiet and refrain from talking or signaling during the competition.
- Spectators shall not communicate with competitors once a phase has begun or during the 30-minute inquiry period.
- Spectators may not help or give suggestions to competitors.
- Spectators will be promptly dismissed at the beginning of each inquiry and protest period.
- Spectators must not talk to or interfere with a judge or with the process of an inquiry or protest.
- Spectators shall not bring writing or recording materials.
- Cell phones must be off or on vibrate. Spectators answering a cell phone will be dismissed and not permitted to return.

The judge, room steward, table monitor, organizer, or technical delegate shall take measures to assure that the above standards are maintained.

Chapter 2—Competition Levels and Divisions

Article 27—Competition Levels

At regional rallies a competitor may compete in the level that matches their age and certification. Below are the most commonly offered levels at Quiz rally:

- Novice D
- Novice C
- Junior D
- Junior C/H-B
- Senior D
- Senior C/H-B
- H-B/H/H-A

Article 28—Competition Divisions

Competition divisions differ from competition levels in that competitors may be separated into divisions based on age, skill and/or other parameters. A competitor's age is determined by their age as of January 1 on the year of competition. See Article 5 for more details on age minimums.

Novice D	10-11
Novice C	10-11
Junior D	12-17
Junior C/H-B	12-17
Senior D	18+
Senior C/H-B	18+
H-B/H/H-A	14+

Note: Rally divisions can be combined based on entry numbers and approval of the organizer and regional supervisor. Novice competitors can always compete up one division to fill out a Junior team and Junior competitors can always compete up one division as a Senior to fill out a team. Juniors can never compete down into the Novice division and Senior competitors can never compete down in a Junior division. Before combining Junior and Senior aged competitors on the same team, rally organizers must get the approval of the Junior competitor and their parent/legal guardian (Appendix IV).

D teams consist of any combination of unrated through D-3 Pony Club members. C/H-B teams consist of any combinations of C-1 through H-B. H-B/H/H-A members may form 2-person teams.

Unrated Pony Club members compete as D-1s and abide by D regulations.

Article 29—Championships Divisions—Minimum Age and Certifications

Competitors seeking to attend Championships must meet the age parameters and minimum certifications for their desired competition level as listed below.

Modified Novice D	D-2 & D-3 HM	10-11
Modified Novice C	C-1 HM & C-2 HM	10-11
Modified Junior D	D-2 & D-3 HM	12+
Modified Senior D	D-2 & D-3 HM	18+
Junior D	D-3 HM	12-17
Senior D	D-3 HM	18+
Junior C/H-B	C-1 HM-H-B	12-17
Senior C/H-B	C-1 HM-H-B	18+
H-B/H/H-A	H-B-H-A	14+

Note: Championship divisions can be combined based on entry numbers and approval from Vice President of Activities (VPA) and the overall organizer. There are no age and no certification exceptions.

Article 30—Championships Eligibility Process

Each individual Pony Club member who desires to compete at Championships must compete in a standard rally and be judged at the minimum Horse Management certification and same competition level in which they intend to compete at Championships. This constitutes the "individual eligibility" of the competitor, and there are no exceptions to minimum age or certification requirements.

Article 31—Eligibility Requirements for H-B/H/H-A Certified Competitors

Certified H-B, H, and H-A members wishing to compete at Championships do not have to participate at a regional Quiz rally but must have permission of their RS.

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Article 63—Points and Penalties

1. Points

Scoring for Quiz is on a positive point basis, utilizing the points system defined below. If any penalties are assessed during a phase, they are deducted from the phase score for the individual or team as applicable by phase.

Barn:

- A. Question at same certification level5 points
- B. Question at one certification higher10 points
- C. Novice D conference question1/2 regular value
- 4. Team questions20 points

Classroom:

- A. Question at same certification level5 points
- B. Question at one certification higher10 points
- C. Question at two certifications higher15 points
- D. Novice D conference question1/2 regular value
- E. Multi-part answersSee Appendix VI

Mega-Room:

- A. Only positive points count. Each correctly identified item earns one (1) point.
- B. Points are not subtracted for incorrect answers.

Stations:

- A. The value per station will be indicated on the question card or within instructions.
- B. Point value varies according to each question. Total maximum point value is 20 points per station.

Written Test:

- A. Only positive points count. Each correctly identified item earns two (2) points.
- B. Points are not subtracted for incorrect answers.

2. Penalties in each phase:

- A. No USPC pin1 penalty point
- B. No official name badge1 penalty point
- C. No number pinny1 penalty point
- D. Late arrival to phase10 penalty points
- E. Unauthorized assistance0-30 penalty points for first incident
- F. Unauthorized assistanceDisqualification for second incident
- G. Competitor as spectatorDisqualification
- H. Unsportsmanlike conductPenalty points assessed at the discretion of the discipline ground jury
- I. Frivolous or groundless protest5 penalty points per occurrence
- J. Competitor with a cell phone during a phaseDisqualification

K. DisqualificationNo further participation in the competition

L. Inappropriate attire ...3 penalty points per occurrence

Article 64—Inquiries, Protests and Appeals

Only competitors have the right to dispute scores and only competitors can participate in the process. Any non-competitor involvement in the process is considered unauthorized assistance.

- Competitors may only inquire about their team/individual scores.
- Inquiries are encouraged if there are any scores with which the team does not agree or understand, or if they feel a mistake has occurred. Any disputes regarding scores are to be made following the procedures as stated in the governing documents.
- All inquiries, protests and appeals must be made in a polite and courteous manner. Abuse of these procedures or rude behavior may be penalized up to and including elimination and/or disqualification.
- The process will include verbal inquiry, written inquiry, written protest and written appeal.

Quiz Verbal Inquiry

Verbal inquiries may be initiated if the team captain/individual competitor does not agree or understand, or if they feel, a mistake has been made. Verbal inquiries are made to the judge/monitor in charge of the phase.

Inquiries must be:

Initiated at the end of each round/table. The judge/monitor will note the question and mark the score sheet with an "I", and the phase continues. At the end of the phase, the coordinator (or in Classroom, the judge) will ask who has an inquiry. Verbal Inquiries are made in person by:

- The team captain, if competitor is on a team. The competitor involved may go with the team captain.
- The competitor involved (if competing as an individual).

During the 30-minute Verbal Inquiry Process:

- All spectators must leave.
- The team then remains sequestered in a designated place until the phase coordinator's decision is presented.

Quiz Written Inquiry

Written inquiries may be initiated if the team captain/individual competitor disagrees with the phase coordinator's decision on a verbal inquiry. Written inquiries are made to the technical delegate/steward via the rally office.

Written Inquiries must be:

- Made in writing, using the official Quiz Written Inquiry/Protest Form (signed by the team captain/individual competitor), containing the references to the rules covering the reason for the inquiry Section VI, Chapter 24, D

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- The team may request the reference material be made available only in the rally office while completing the protest form and then include the reference on the protest form.
- The team must be sequestered during the preparation of their inquiry.
- Delivered within 30 minutes of the phase coordinator's decision to the rally office.

Written Protest to the Discipline Ground Jury

If a team does not agree with the technical delegate/steward's decision on a written inquiry, they may advance a written protest (utilizing the existing written inquiry/protest form) to the discipline ground jury.

The decision must be made while the team is sequestered and within 10 minutes after the TD/steward's announcement of the decision to the team.

Written Protests must be:

Initiated by:

- The team captain, if competitor is on a team. The competitor involved may go with the team captain.
- The competitor involved (if competing as an individual).
- Made within 10 minutes of the TD/steward's announcement of the decision to the team.

Frivolous Protest

- During a rally, each team is allowed one "free" inquiry to the technical delegate. After the first, the TD may present to the discipline ground jury any inquiry presented in which the decision of the judge was upheld and which the TD deems frivolous and not in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Any inquiry deemed frivolous, may be assessed 5 points by the discipline ground jury.
- If any score change results, the chief scorekeeper must be notified by the official making the decision and changes recorded scores.

The discipline ground jury will meet, review the written inquiry/protest form, make a decision, document the decision on the original written inquiry/protest form, and report its decision.

THE DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINE GROUND JURY IS FINAL AT REGIONAL RALLIES.

Written Appeal to the Overall Ground Jury/ Appeal Committee

(AT CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY)

If a team does not agree with the discipline ground jury's decision on a written protest, they may advance an appeal (utilizing the existing written inquiry form) to the overall ground jury/appeal committee.

The team's decision to appeal must be made while the team is sequestered and within 10 minutes after the announcement of the discipline ground jury's decision to the team.

Appeals must be initiated by:

- The team captain, if competitor is on a team. The competitor involved may go with the team captain.
- The competitor involved (if competing as an individual).

THE DECISION OF THE OVERALL GROUND JURY/APPEAL COMMITTEE IS FINAL AT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Article 65—Scoring of Excused

Excused competitors/mounts will receive same score of zero score for any round/phase from which they are excused. Competitors may rejoin the competition as soon as they are able.

Article 66—Scoring of Elimination

Appropriate and sportsmanlike conduct is expected per the USPC Member Code of Conduct. Unsportsmanlike behavior, rudeness, unruly behavior, and/or unauthorized assistance may be assessed elimination penalty points or possibly be disqualified at the discretion of the discipline ground jury.

Unauthorized Assistance

1. Examples of unauthorized assistance are as follows:
 - A. Prior access or review of the Official Quiz Question Set for any reason.
 - B. Talking during a competition phase except when given instructions and permission to do so.
 - C. The presence of study materials, note taking material, and/or recording equipment during a phase.
 - D. The acceptance of suggestions or assistance from anyone other than an official or teammate during a phase and/or the inquiry or protest process.
 - E. Competitors with a cell phone during any phase could be disqualified from competition.

The discipline ground jury may assess penalties for inappropriate behavior and/or unauthorized assistance as follows.

FIRST infraction:

- Zero to 30 penalty points subtracted from the individual or team's total score (determined by the TD).
- Forfeit of the right to appeal judgment of answers.

Article 67—Scoring of Disqualification

Competitors (or teams) who are disqualified from competition shall have all their scores from the competition stricken. If the disqualification of a competitor causes an already short team, to become a shortened team, then shortened team ghost scoring will apply. Disqualified competitors and their horses may not take further part in the rally, and may be asked to leave the grounds. A disqualified competitor/team may not receive an award.

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Article 68—Team Scoring

1. Based on the number of competitors, teams may or may not have a drop score. Four person teams will drop scores based on the parameters listed below per phase. Three member teams will keep all three scores from each phase.

A. Barn:

- The 3 highest individual scores at each Barn stall and the score of the team question are totaled for each round. Thus, the lowest individual score for each 4-person team is dropped at the end of a Barn stall.
- The scores of both members of a 2-person team of H-B/H/H-A members are totaled for the phase.
- At the end of the phase the total scores for each Barn stall are totaled.

B. Classroom:

- The 3 highest scores of each team are totaled for each round. Thus, the lowest score for each 4-person team is dropped at the end of a round.
- The scores of both members of a 2-person team of H-B/H/H-A members are totaled for the phase.
- At the end of the phase the total scores for each round are totaled.

C. Mega-Room:

- The 3 highest individual scores for each table are totaled for the entire phase, not overall individual scores. Thus, the lowest score per table is dropped for a 4-person team, so that the Mega-Room phase score reflects the best scores per table for the entire team.
- The scores of both members of a 2-person team of H-B/H/H-A members are totaled for the phase.

D. Stations:

The team scores from each station are totaled for the entire Stations phase.

E. Written Test:

- The 3 highest scores of each team are totaled for the entire phase. Thus, the lowest score for each 4-person team is dropped in the Written Test.
- The scores of both members of a 2-person team of H-B/H/H-A members are totaled for the phase.

2. In extraordinary circumstances when a short team (three competitor team) becomes a shortened team (two competitor team), prior to the start of competition, the following team scoring will take effect.

A. Barn:

- The scores of both remaining members of the team are averaged to become a third ghost score for the team.

B. Classroom:

- The scores of both remaining members of the team are averaged to become a third ghost score for the team.

C. Mega-Room:

- The scores of both remaining members of the team are averaged to become a third ghost score for the team.

D. Stations:

- The team scores from each station are totaled for the entire Stations phase.

E. Written Test:

- The scores of both remaining members of the team are averaged to become a third ghost score for the team.

Article 69—Individual Scoring

While rallies are normally scored only as teams, there are some instances when the tabulation of individual scores is necessary. To determine an individual's score:

1. Add together the individual's Barn (individual questions only), Classroom, Mega Room and Written Test scores. (Do not include Stations or any team Barn questions)
2. The winning individual is that individual who has the highest total score after all scores have been added.

In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken first by the best Written Test score, then by the best Mega-Room score.

Article 70—Posting of Scores

Depending on the length of the rally, scores may be posted multiple times during the rally or just once. Any time scores are posted there is a 30-minute inquiry period where competitors can inquire regarding the scores (see Article 64). After the final inquiry period, the only changes that can occur are if a transcription error has occurred. Following the final inquiry period, final scores for all competitors must be posted for review by competitors, parents, coaches, etc.

Anytime scores are posted during the competition, there will be an announcement of official score posting and time.

Article 71—Placing of Teams

1. The winning team is that with the best (highest) final score after all phases are added together.
2. Ties
 - A. At the beginning of the first Classroom phase in a division, a written team question will be given to every team for the sole purpose of breaking a tie.
 - B. If a tie remains, the teams that are tied will be given a timed written team question. The team with the fastest time and most correct answer will be the winner.

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Appendix V USPC Quiz Rally Technical Delegate's Evaluation and Report

(This form is also available electronically on the USPC website.)

*=information required; circle yes or no when you see **(yes/no)**.

TD/Steward's Name * _____ Phone * _____

TD/Steward's Email Address * _____

TD/Steward's License number and affiliation _____

Organizer's Name * _____ Phone * _____

Organizer's Email Address * _____

CHMJ Name* _____ Phone * _____

CHMJ Email Address * _____ Number of AHMJ's* _____

Rally Information

Region * _____ Rally Start Date * _____ Rally End Date * _____

Rally locations (please include all if multiple) _____

Is this a standard rally? * _____

Did you have a CURRENT copy of the Discipline's Rulebook? * **(yes/no)**

Did you read the rulebook prior to attending the rally? * **(yes/no)**

Was the entire rally conducted according to these rules? * **(yes/no)**

Did Horse Management function according to the rules? * **(yes/no)**

Did you have any problem with a stated rule? * **(yes/no)** If yes, please tell us why. _____

Did you have a situation for which there was not a stated rule? * **(yes/no)** If yes, please describe the situation. _____

Did any competitors receive Yellow Cards given during the rally? **(yes/no)** If yes, how many and why? _____

Were any competitors disqualified during the rally? * **(yes/no)** If so, please tell us who and why _____

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Was the rally well-organized? **(yes/no)** Please describe _____

Were the facilities suitable for all phases of the rally? **(yes/no)** If no, please describe areas of concern. _____

Were the organizers and other officials friendly and supportive to competitors and each other? * **(yes/no)**

Was sufficient personnel provided to manage all phases? * **(yes/no)**

Were medical personnel & equipment (EMT, ambulance) on the grounds during mounted activities and on call at all times? * **(yes/no)**

Were any accident reports filed * **(yes/no)**

For the duration of the rally, was safety placed as a priority? **(yes/no)** Please describe _____

Were the communications suitable for all phases of the rally? (yes/no) If no, please describe areas of concern. _____

Were briefings held? (yes/no) Please describe. _____

Was the rally a learning experience for all competitors? * **(yes/no)** Please describe _____

Do you feel you were given all the materials to do your job effectively? * **(yes/no)** If no, please describe why not. _____

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Rally Competitor Numbers

Please utilize the lines below to indicate what competition divisions were offered and the number of teams and competitors in each.

	Level/ Division*	Number of Teams*	Number of Competitors*	Number of Competitors with D-2 Certification above 10 years of age*	Number of Competitors with C-1 Certification above 12 years of age*
Novice D	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Junior D	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Senior D	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Novice C	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Junior C/H-B	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Senior C/H-B	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
H-B/H/H-A	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other (please specify)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

President of the Ground Jury's Name * _____ Phone * _____

President of the Ground Jury's Email Address * _____

President of the Ground Jury's Experience (Please describe) _____

Did you review all questions created for use in the Barn, Stations and Mega-Room to make sure they were certification appropriate? * **(yes/no)**

Prior to this Quiz Rally, were you aware of the correct procedures and rules for EACH Phase of Quiz? * **(yes/no)**

Please indicate (circle) which Phases were held. To be considered a standard rally four phases must be completed, of which Classroom and Written Test must be two of the four phases.

Select * Barn Classroom Mega-Room Stations Written Test

Please provide us some additional information about the phases. _____

Barn—How many rounds were completed? (1 round = 3 individual question stalls and 1 team question) _____

Classroom—How many round were completed? (3 rounds are mandatory for a standard rally) _____

Mega-Room—How many round were completed? _____

Stations—How many round were completed? _____

Written Test—Did you utilize the test provided by the National Quiz Committee and distributed by the National Office? **(yes/no)**

If different divisions completed different numbers of rounds, please describe below. _____

Did you review the room set-up prior to the competition? ***(yes/no)**

Was a reference library made available to competitors for inquiring? ***(yes/no)**