

Section VI: Appendices

APPENDIX 9

Guidelines for Coaching at USPC Eventing Rallies

Copy as needed. One each to the Coach, the Organizer (who should consult the organizer's guide for briefing guidelines).

All teams may have a coach. Teams may share a coach. The name of the coach must be included on the entry form.

By agreeing to serve as a USPC Coach, you:

- Agree to be familiar with and observe all USPC By-Laws, Policies and Competition Rules.
- Agree to adhere to the USPC Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Policies in all actions and decisions.
- Agree to conduct yourself in a fair and courteous manner.
- Agree to confidentiality of discussions and actions.
- Agree to disclose any possible potential conflicts of interest.
- Give permission for a criminal background check.
- Agree to uphold USPC Policy 0500 Drug/ Alcohol/Tobacco. Coaches must refrain from using alcohol or other substances when they are serving in their "official capacity" as team Coach – refer to USPC web site ponyclub.org for full policy statement.

In all cases the coach must:

- Assist competitors in learning and understanding all rules pertinent to the competition.
- Read, sign, and return to the Organizer a copy of this form to indicate compliance to these guidelines.
- Wear the identification provided by the Organizer during the competition and while conducting course walks.
- Attend the official briefing for coaches.
- Assist any competitor who does not have a coach if asked by either the competitor, ring steward, or organizer.
- Be aware of the welfare of horse and rider.
- If a current Pony Club member, at least 18 years old and an H, H-A or A certified non-competing member.
- Someone other than the chaperone.

- At non-qualifying rallies and D rallies, experienced C-2 and above non-competing members who are younger than 18 may serve as coach if approved by the DC/CA/RS and Organizer.

The Ground Jury, under the rules governing unauthorized assistance, will penalize violations of these coaching guidelines.

The Organizer or ring steward may limit the number of coaches in a warm-up area at any given time. Any coach not adhering to the rules set forth in this guideline may be removed from his/her position for the duration of the phase and/or rally.

The duties of the coach shall be limited to:

- Accompanying the competitors during course walks for cross-country, jumping and any other time that the courses are open for walking.
- Warming-up competitors for the dressage, cross-country and jumping phases of the competition in the designated warm-up areas. (In addition, a coach may lead a horse into the start box on cross-country).
- Coaches may debrief riders immediately after cross country when the horse and rider have been released from the vet box and immediately after exit from competition arenas as long as it does not interfere with the safety and health of the horse or rider. Conversations must be limited to five minutes.

Competitors I will be coaching:

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE GUIDELINES AND THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Team (Region) _____

Coach Cell Phone Number _____ Coach Email _____

RS Signature _____